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My very dear Friend's letter which I received an hour ago made me happier than I can express. Had I known how to direct to her I should not have waited till now to have inquired after you and given you some account of myself. Without delaying a Day longer I avail myself of the necessary information your letter contains, to write to you, beginning with the subject which gives me most pleasure to dwell upon, your happiness. The description you give of your present situation and the Characters of those amiable People so nearly connected with you, breathes the spirit of happiness and enjoyment. Indeed my dear you are particularly marked amongst the fortunate, for however truly amiable was the object of your choice, however truly he was that of your affections, what a mere ~~accident~~ chance had you to find minds consonant to his and your own in the other ~~part~~ members of his Family. You are so certainly among the very rare instances where so many advantages are united that I cannot help wondering when I think of you, & thanking God most sincerely for having thus fixed ~~your~~ happiness where it is so well deserved & will be so gratefully enjoyed. To give you any

regular account of myself since we parted, I must
begin it soon after that with my going to Town
on the 17th of August - The Day after that Dr. Baileys
I went down to Dr. Carlisle's who is at D. Place near
Windsor - you know it - I spent that fortnight between
her and St. Leonards, but chiefly at the last place -
after the Dr. of the 1st September I went for a few
Days to Richmond Park, & stayed the rest of the
three weeks, till the Coronation, with Dr. Carlisle -
we had Company in the House both the time before
and part of the last time, during which we made
several very pleasant parties both by Water & Land
went to Staines, Cliveden, Park Place near Menley,
Gen. Conway's you know, & one of the finest I ever
saw - we passed some part of every Day on the Water
which was quite delightful, then the pleasantest
walks & drives into the Forest - the latter end
of my visit tho' was what I should have enjoyed
the most, as I was left quite alone with Lady
Carlisle, but that my dear Bell was so unwell
that I could not bear a distance from her without
suffering infinitely from anxiety - My own health
however was perfectly good, and the exertions I
always make to keep up my spirits, prevented me
from receiving any other injury than that to my
feelings - I came here on the 23rd and had the
satisfaction of finding Bell infinitely better, come
down stairs, and free from some of her complaints -
she still eats & sleeps little, but since I came her
spirits are much improved - I shall take her away
with me on Wednesday, for a few Days to Town, &
then to pay some visits to our Friends -
Thank you a thousand times my very dear Friend
for all your expressions of kind & friendship, which
tho' perfectly unnecessary & superfluous to my conviction
are still very pleasing & gratefully - I should be
truly happy to see you, tho' I do not want you
enough to make you leave your peaceful & happy
home - I shall return here no more this year, my
Father leaves this on the 31st and London on
15th of November - They mean to spend the
~~at St. Leonards~~ in France, but where they have
yet fixed - There is a trial preparing for me -
a separation from my beloved Sister and best Friend
of six Months. It will of use to her, tho' it is
my comfort, or at least my hope - When do you
think of coming to Town? I suppose no plan
of that kind is fixed - I shall not be a fixture
in London till after Xmas - adieu my dear
pray return my love to Mrs D - not meaning
that I do not accept of it, but that I am quite
ready to pay ~~back~~ in kind - I hope he is quite
well, Bell desires her love to you & would have
written had she been well - My Father's best
love to you both - adieu your sincere & affectionate
sister



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For Mr. Chapman
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