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The night before last an immense packet arrived, directed to Miss Napier. My eldest Sister having taken unto herself a helpmate & gone to Dumfries, & Harriot being in the Country, I had the presumption to break open the seals, but how great was my surprise when out dropt a Lockit, a Book, a Note for Miss Napier & a large paper directed for me. Young the Bell & the Servants assured me they did not know where the packet came from, ~~as~~ it was brought by a Porter. I then made bold to open the paper directed to myself, which inclosed a most beautiful purse which I suppose came from You, if not, I have given you credit for a piece of work universally admired & read with impatience till Mr Hunter in course of Post writes me something Pendant au dénouement. The Writing upon the different covers, appears to be yours, tho' I can hardly imagine you would

treat me so cavalierly, when I consider
that this is the third letter I have
wrote to you without obtaining
an answer. If the purse is of your
fabricating, I return you a million
of thanks for it & shall preserve it
among ~~the~~ small collections of my
Valuables. The book I presume belongs
to Mrs Hunter & shall send it to her
by the first opportunity; the Lockit I
have retained till she informs me
what is to be done with it.

I have given over all
thoughts of seeing you this Summer.
I before told you of my disappointment,
& people above are now almost as
little remembered by me as I seem to
be by them. My military Ideas have
for some time been at rest, and I
find myself happy in being well
received by some few friends ^{who} ~~are~~
Esteem, & who profess a regard for me.
This week brings about a Marriage
between two of those, for whom I en-
=ertain the most sincere friendships.
L. Y Sophia Hope / a Cousin German of my

fathers the younger than myself has
consented to give his hand & heart next
friday to Lord Binning, eldest Son to
Lt. Gladinton & a near relation of mine.
They are the most amiable pair I
ever knew & even the busy public appear
to be happy at the thoughts of their
future felicity.

Adieu. when you have
leisure, pray let me hear from you.
How does the good Lord Gortry? Miss M. Clarke?
The little Baronet? & our Cousin of Stormont?
I approve of the Letter to the Duchess of D.
and remain sincerely

Your affect. Friend
N^o.

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