

+ Miss D presented at Court

71, Queen Street
10th June 1808

My Dear Sister,

Be comforted. People come to your time of life, having the gout for the first time, never have it very severely. I rejoice, however, that it has paid you a visit; as you will now know how to feel for your friends, when you see them in Lambs Wool Stockings, and Cloth Shoes. I expected, that the want of Exercise, added to the increased quantity of Meat and Drink, which I unavoidably swallow during the General Assembly, might have induced the gout to have paid me a visit. It has, more kindly been pleased to spare me, and I trust will continue to do so, as I propose going to Lord Studdington's next week.

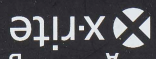
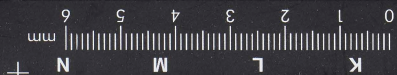
That Louisa has been presented, I think perfectly right, and had her Gouty Mother gone with her, I should have been better pleased. If the Queen should accidentally

see Mary her great Speech to Louisa
will be "you are not so broad as your
Mother" I have not the least doubt
that the Princess eyed her from head
to foot, and, if she could, would have
found fault with her. I say don't seem
to have said anything kind of you,
or to have sent any kind of message
to you. I don't approve of this. Why
ought to have pretended at least, to be
interested about you. As for old Liz, she
is certainly smitten with Mr. Dickenson.
Lady Clancaring, perhaps, may have imbibed
the same tender passion, & therefore, for
your Peace of Mind, avoids your company.
I have not the least doubt, that her
Ladyship was so intent on her Cards,
at Lady Liz's party, that she knew not
either Mr. Dickenson, or your Daughter
was in the room. Lady Eliz. Macgregor
Murray, makes a Tour of the Cumberland
Lakes before she arrives at Larrick Castle.
(By the bye, that same place ought to have been
mine, had not my grandfather's imprudence
sent it into the Market). I think of going
there in the course of the Summer. Sir
John M. Murray has built a good house on
the property since he purchased it. I do not
think Captain Murray healthy, and should
not be surprised, to see her Ladyship a
Young Widow. I have written thus much
to you; it is proper, that the remainder
of this Sheet of Paper should be addressed

to your Husband, who is certainly your
better half, for I will be bound, he could
not have persuaded you, to have finished
a Letter for him. So, Adieu.

My Dear Sir, Should it be publicly known
that you took up the Pen to finish your
Wife's Letter, when she chose to go a bad-
ding, all our Wives would rise in rebellion,
and attempt to make Juries of us
all. But, I protest against your conti-
nuing to indulge her, in any of her un-
reasonable fancies. The accounts from
Manchester are very unpleasant indeed.
No sooner, did the news reach Edinburgh

than the Devils immediately
circulated the reports of immi-
nent riots at Glasgow. That
there are people wicked
enough to wish for such disturbance,
both in England & Scotland, I firmly
believe. But, I trust, there is still left
so large a portion of good sense, in the
bosom of the People, that the Demons
will not succeed in creating that Con-
fusion they aim at. Our Manufacturers
have remained very quiet, and I hope
will continue to do so. I am really glad
that our Cousins have behaved properly,
& that the Queen has seen Louisa. Her
Majesty owes her some kindness, for the
poorment her Mother had, in her service.
I wish she had graciously condescended,
at least, to have expressed her approbation.



Love from all here to you & yours,
I ever am, your faithful
humble servant

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of Mrs D. I wish I had been of the Presentation Party, that I might have fixed my eye on the L^{dy} & possibly have brought back to her recollection, the manner, in which, she used to talk to me, about Mrs D.
Adieu, My Dear Sir. With love