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Devon Water 3<sup>rd</sup> October  
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I received my Dear Sister's Note two days ago. I should have answered it by return of Post, had I not been prevented by being obliged to attend to Col. Leakin (Groom of the B. Chamber to the B. of Cumberland) an Old Friend of my Grandmother's who has been with us some days. Having contrived to make them play Cards together, I have made use of the leisure moment to make an Apology for my having answered your Last rather pettishly.

Every Man has a sore side. You have accidentally more than once touched the tender part. I have suspected that some questions you have asked me were in consequence of hints dropped by our Cousins. You have once or twice

asked me at Breakfast why I did not getting into a scrape, instead of and  
employ myself more actively in my of one.  
Military Line? As you are perfectly I believe I shall not move  
acquainted with the state of my from this Country till the latter end  
Finances, & likewise with the at of this or the beginning of next Month.  
attempts I have <sup>made</sup> to push myself forward The Colonel of the 35<sup>th</sup> wrote to me de-  
in my Profession, I felt hurt that siring to know what part of Scotland  
you should suppose I had not done I should wish to remove to. Not having  
everything proper, to prevail upon a choice, I left it entirely to him to  
the Commander in Chief to remove fix my Quarters & mentioned my  
one from a Line of Duty by no means desire to remain here till next  
agreeable to my Disposition. Our Cousins Month. As I have received no answer,  
have frequently asked the same he will probably let me stay where  
Questions. I have been distressed by I am & resolve on my future desti-  
them, as I have considered them as nation at his leisure. I hope you  
oblique hints that I might have a will make use of the Dranks you  
want of Spirit. Upon this subject, I now have for me as fast as you  
have the consolation of knowing, that can. It is a pity they should be wasted.  
I ever performed my Duty in the When do your family remove to Gov?  
Field to the satisfaction of my Superior Adieu. Believe me ever whether in  
Officers and to the approbation of my or out of a Pet Your sincere friend  
own Præsent. Upon some occasions I and affectionate Brother M  
have been thanked for my services.  
Forgive <sup>me</sup> My Dear Sister, I feel I am again

