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Stilton, 11th March 1783

My Dear Sister,

I am arrived here safe, but not quite so rich as when I left London. To make the matter as short as possible, I was stopped & robbed last Night about Seven O'Clock by two Highwaymen who took my Watch, gold Chain & Seals & my Servants Watch. Fortunately we had only a few Shillings in our Pockets, & they did not perceive (owing to the Dusk) my strong Box at the bottom of the Chaise in which was £47 in Cash — They likewise took a pair of Pistols out of the front pocket which were unloaded, but had the pistols ever been loaded the attack was too sudden to take them out of their Cases. My loss all together amounts to very near £55 — The good Old Lady la=mented my Misfortune, but did not administer any solid Comfort. Your pocket Book was in their hands but they returned it, taking it I presume for a Bible. I left Deuin Water this afternoon & hope to sleep at York tomorrow. Adieu. Ever your sincere friend & affectionate Brother N