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Dublin Barracks
19th Feb. 1885.

My Dear Sister,

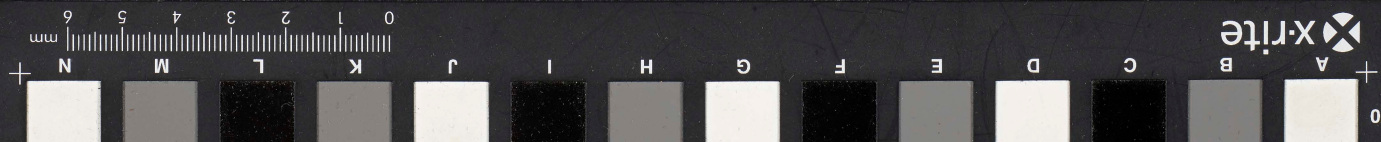
Tho' every paragraph
of your letter requires an express answer
or opinion yet I must begin this epistle
with my most favourite subject Self.
Imprimis, I am actually Major to the
King's Own Regt of Foot and am now strutting
about with all the affected dignity of my
New Office. My Commission is dated the
end of last Decr tho' it did not arrive
in this Country till about Ten days
ago. But this is the least part of the
satisfaction I experience, for be it known
to you that I am decidedly in the way
of being saluted Father. About the Month
of August (if Maria continues to do as
well as she has done) I expect to be
disturbed with the squalling of the
little Imp. I shall almost detest the
Brat for being born in this Country

as I have not yet brought myself
to admire its Inhabitants. I hope this
does not proceed from a Narrowness
of Ideas. I do not find myself more
partial to a Scotchman than to an
Englishman, but I confess I feel that
tho' I may be pleased with the plausi-
-bility of the Irish, yet I can neither
trust nor love them. In the course of my
Military Life I have formed intimacies
& affections for people of the three King-
-doms, but out of that Number I cannot
reckon many of this Nation. There is an
attention wanting in the formation of their
principles when young, which they themselves
do not seem to improve as they advance
in life, or to take any pains to correct.

Your situation is truly unpleasant.
I could say more on the subject, did I
not conceive it would add to what you
already feel. I sincerely hope old M^r D. may
be expeditious in the settlement of his
Affairs, or that he may be speedily released
from the troubles of this World and conveyed
to happier Mansions in the next. Either
of which circumstances will forward
your happiness, and consequently give me

real satisfaction. As to your Club Election I
will endeavour to instill such principles
of good Government into him that you
will find it most prudent quietly to sub-
-mit to his Authority which is & ought to
be despotic. Such is the Authority es-
-tablished in my family. By keeping a
steady Reim you prevent your horse
from stumbling; by keeping your Wife
in good Order & due subordination you
prevent the habit of Disputation which
never ends well. Maria & I have never
yet ^{quer} ~~reconciled~~ & I have not an idea
^{that we} ~~shall~~ ever shall.

As to your Cousin Mrs Stratford
she is a complete composition of
Rage & Pearl Powder. I will not say she
has lost her Character but I am justified
in saying she is not suspicious. I am
not acquainted with her & indeed have
only been once in Company with her.
I did not wish to be introduced. Pray say
many civil things in both our Names to
the Stormonts. I do not write this imper-
-tinently, but I really mean it, as I confess
I thought them attentive to me last



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Winter. As to yourself you cannot doubt
the sincerity of my good wishes. My prob-
ables you will believe, here equally
so. Best respects to Miss Anne Clark & Co.
Ever your faithful & affectionate friend
and mother