

7. NAM 11/3/26

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June 19th 1785

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Dear Mrs. Dickenson

I am so truly charmed at the delightful privilege of addressing you by the pleasing name of Sister, that I am afraid you will think me very giddy, & incoherent in my congratulations - I assure you my Dear Madam, I look upon this event as the most fortunate of my life, as it will be the means of introducing ^{me} to a person whose superior merit will be my chiefest ambition to imitate - My Brother will expect me to be infinitely thankful to him for having given me an opportunity of knowing you, indeed, I am persuaded I shall never have it in my power to repay the obligation, but you may (if you please, tell him) I think it an honor to be related to a man, who has had the fortune to engage the affections of the most amiable

of her sea. Elizabeth intended to have written to
you, had not her ill state of health prevented her.
she desires I will present her most affectionate regards
& flatter herself you will pardon an ~~apology~~ omission
which nothing but indisposition could have prevailed upon
her to be guilty of.

I am Dear Madam

with the most sincere thanks

J Dickinson

I should be much obliged to you to mention to my brother
that I had began of a letter to him, but a violent headache
has interrupted my intentions. The weather is so hot that
it is almost insupportable - I intend to write by Tuesday's
post -