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1782

My dear Madam

I think myself very much obliged by the favor of your Letter & the elegant little Copy of Verses enclosed; They are plain and feminine; one stanza particularly strikes me for its simplicity & tenderness. I am sorry to find that a subject which I esteem innocent, is by you considered ~~as~~ of so black a nature as to sully the purity of your Paper. I however think your Judgment is hardly fair; The materials on which it was formed, were very imperfect and ill arranged. If I denied a Lady the bodily strength of a Lion or the mental Power of a Newton, I still considered her as endued with Qualities of equal Estimation & in her Sphere of much greater Consequence. I never pre-

sum'd to warn your Sex against a Flight
to Parnassus, altho I think you must
allow that a Lady flattering in the air
would be no very comely sight - I wish
merely to detain her on Earth with a
Liberty of ranging wherever she pleads on
English Ground; & do you really then
think the Limit too narrow? I desired
you to suspend your Opinion till you
saw a correct Copy, which I shall now
be happy to shew you: my other Verses
are not yet proper for inspection, in
truth they are scarcely to be call'd my
own since the Subject is borrow'd: I
am not satisfied with the imitation,
such as it is however, it shall always
be at your Service - I am myself
ever pleas'd to know how a Friend
thought at any period of time, I wish'd
therefore to have receiv'd some Produe
tion of Miss A instead of Mrs

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Shendans Verses, whatever may be their merit.
Mr Fisher has represented to me your situa-
tion at Windsor; it requires very great Stea-
diness of mind to be content & great Health
of Body to endure the fatigue of it: If it
is possible for any one to be content, you
are, I think, that Person - but I fear you
are not sufficiently careful of your health;
don't huff me & I'll be silent on this subject
Indeed my dear Miss Hamilton I did not

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