

As it is impossible for you to doubt
the sincerity of my affection, so you may
judge, when you have read this, what are
my present painful sensations - My
friendship for you is as great as ever filled a
human breast, & I am going to give you
a proof of that friendship; to show you
also the confidence I have in you. I
dare tell you such things as will give
harm without apprehending any diminution
of your love towards me; As your friend, your
true friend I look upon it as my duty to
inform you of it. I think y^e. sh^d. not pay Mr.
those friendly & particular attentions you
have so long done. I well know how pure
y^e. mind is, but any beloved friend the
world is not liberally just - how shall I
proceed, yet my heart tells me I ought.
Your servants may remark your being so
often alone & so frequently alone with this
young man, sitting up reading together when
your husband & children are retired. ~~Let~~
~~the~~ ^{to} ~~conf.~~ his always sitting being seated
near you - y^e. having been so frequently
attended by him without your son, to whom
he belongs, being of y^e. party &c &c. They may
say that you are attached to each other - You
are my friend too amiable & too young, &
alas! too often apparently unhappy - This
will strengthen conjecture & give weight to
calumnies - let me by one favour & present
friendship conjure you to treat this
young man with more distant civility -
It is absolutely necessary that you should
do so. Never more accept from him those
particular attentions, w^h. may & perhaps
have been noticed by others. Never my
beloved friend accept of his company
when your husband or children are not pre

present. Again I have acquitted myself
of a painful task - a task imposed by
love & friendship - I cannot but
that you should notice to me the
contents of this paper - accept of it
my much esteemed & valued friend
as the poorest offering ~~affection~~
offering of a seat affection

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By

M^{rs} Carter's advice & approbation who said -
Though you may love your friend it is
your duty to try to save her.

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