

Yours &c
(Miss Nichols)

Dear Emma,

I am almost afraid
that you will not read this when
you see who it is from, but I can
assure ^{you} dear Emma I have felt
sad enough about my bad con-
-duct. On Aunt Beebe's return
from down town, I found she
had made an engagement for me
early on yesterday morning with
Mrs Morgan, which not only affected
myself but many others particularly
Aunt, and which it seemed my
duty to perform, accordingly I prom-
ised to go, but thought it would
not interfere with my intended

visit to Miss Shannon for
knowing that Miss Stors was
to be called upon I thought
you could step over to Mrs
Hamersley's and then I could
accompany you. This I intended
to have said to you
before going down town and
came down stairs expecting
to go immediately and see
you, but just at that moment
Mr Glyde came in and sat
some time, Cousin Julia was
waiting for me to go out with
her also and so off I went
entirely forgetting to see you
and it was not until reaching
GreenwichSt that you entered my
mind. At first I thought of
returning but found that would

make me too late for both
engagements and therefore
I determined to go and tell
Eliza I hoping that you would
be at her house.

I am very sorry Emma for
I know that it must have
been the means of breaking up
your day. I can make no
apology but having presented
the true state of the case
must trust to your goodness
for forgiveness. I would come
and see you about ^{it} but we
have a dress maker at our
house and I can hardly
take time to scratch this
your careless but fond
and affectionate

Mary Ello