

that could possibly give you the least uneasiness & receive
this as an answer, simply, to your letter and not as
anything in the least possible degree, the feelings of
affection, friendship, papers, or with
the to give you a just
idea of how much I could possibly of
knowing you that I have not forgotten you, for I did
not think you would be so unkind as to suspect
of such unfeeling & ungrateful conduct: but simply
in hopes that by answering yours / not promptly I
shall I should induce you to keep up a regular
correspondence. I have had feared any longer that
I & our friends connections that a letter from you
would give me any satisfaction I am afraid I
should not have received that letter which did in-
deed, without the slightest flattery give me the great-
est joy, & which being an undesigned intrusion (as you
term it) affords more pleasure than any other
letter I could have received: for you must
allow that from a that you have succeeded in
what a pretty letter. But I suppose I must clear
up the matter by not receiving your letter.
I am sure you know Emma that

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then go you excuse me of having nearly lost my
heart in one quarter. I am closely besieged in snobs
as for you must know that next Sunday I
leave the city with Mr. Paulding & Master Philip
for a long journey. We leave here for Boston
but I cannot tell what place may not be hav-
ened by our first come, out of the direct line.
The Uncle & Nephew as you call them are con-
stant & kind visitors at our handsome August
establishment, for before August we never heard the
word handsome mentioned. but Emma if you were
only here I should be willing to give up my jacket
& pass a dozen Augusts here. I suppose you
have heard of the man age at the South. they all
attended it from Bridge Street. & have now returned
& brought the birds with them. Mr. Edgus does not
look so gloomy, he has learned to smile since
he has been married, but I suppose he was
in love in the north & Emma you & I
know from experience that love is ^{an} awful com-
panion when the person to whom we give it
does not return our affection. After this long
distraction, our love I think it is going to
be turned to begin to talk about marriage but

I should like to know Cousin Emma why
you did not think it right or consistent
to mention the names of your mother or
sister in your letter. I am sure nothing
could have interested me more than a
line about the welfare of my little second
cousin. In answer to your kind words what
pleasure would I have received the ship-
est ~~words~~ or message from her although
I have not seen her so many long years.
Perhaps she has forgotten, the little torment
but I can assure her that I will never for-
get her. though I am afraid if I should
see her I should be tempted to call her
Miss Whiskian. Oh Emma I have grown as
grumpy & light headed since your departure
as I was before you came. as I have no
longer my dear cousin to be my example.
Phil send you his best, best, love, but
I think he ought to follow the good ex-
ample of ^{his} Sister & send you his love in
a letter. but I suppose he likes sending
it by proxy. Emma excuse your grumpy
cousin every thing that she has done

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