

I cannot conceal the Concern I feel at not hearing from you, my Dear Friend, who I had flattered myself would have been a constant Correspondent during my Absence. I am ambitious of bearing the Name of your Friend, and am therefore ingenious in finding out Excuses for your long Silence. But unfortunately in this Remark an Apology presents itself to my mind which I am not extremely unwilling to admit. An Indisposition has too probably prevented your writing to me.

Believe me, my Dear Friend, however sensibly pleased I have ever been at hearing from you I had rather compute your Silence to a short lived Forgetfulness than to that Cause. I say, short lived, for I cannot help flattering myself your Heart would have soon condemned you for it; and you would have returned with warmer Sentiments in my favor than you had before felt. To complete my Unhappiness I have not received the least Intelligence of the Person who you know is so dear to me since my Arrival. After what had passed between Lord Stirling and myself I fondly hoped I should not have wanted that Consolation from him at least. My Targuine wishes sometimes soared higher - But if I have been disappointed in this I can scarcely find it in my Heart to condemn her unheard. An Excess of Delicacy, the Restraint of Friends, or perhaps your Refusal to transmit

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her Letter on the Causes which have deprived me that Satisfaction.
Whatever the Cause be, my Dear Friend, ~~if~~ you have the
least Degree of Ehem remaining for me inform me by the
first Opportunity. Heaven is my Witness I have done nothing
to deserve her Inattention. My Heart never conceived a
Thought that I did not communicate to her; and Lord
Heding knew more of my private Affairs than any one
existing except yourself: I am therefore at a Loss what to
think of the Neglect shown me. If you, my Friend, have
been the Cause by not transmitting her Letter, far it be
from me to condemn you. You would not I am sensible
be accessory to debarring me the Pleasure of hearing from
without sufficient Motives; but I could have wished
to have had them explained to me, and to have received
by a few Lines from you some Account of her. It would
have been no small alleviation to me in my present
Situation, which I assure you, my dear Friend is attended
with many Trials. I have wrote to Lady K. by this Opportunity
under Cover to her Father. My Dear Friend, seek, I entreat you,
some Means of discovering the Reasons of an utter Silence
from any of her Friends. If she has so little Attention
to what I suffer as to communicate them to me herself,
tell her I entreat her to make them known to you.
Oh! my Friend, I little deserve such Neglect.
If she knew how much I suffer in being obliged to act

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a double Part with those I love. to prevent any Obstacles being thrown
in my way to my going in America, she would not I am sure
add to my Pain — yet I shall think no sacrifice too great if
she can think me deserving her. To attain that situation there is
no Effort but what I will make. Repeat, my dear Friend this
Assurance to her. Exact yourself for one who sincerely loves
you and who will never act in a Manner to forfeit your
Esteem. The Daily Expectation I was in of hearing from
you made me defer writing to you before — But after so many
days having arrived without a single Line I was deprived of
the hope of receiving a Letter.

I beg you will tell your Father that I believed
her Letter to Lord Hillsborough. I have Reason to think the
Ministry will make a point of his taking his Seat.

With Respect to my own Affairs I am hardly able to form
an Opinion whether my Proposals will be adopted. I think
however I shall be able to accomplish the Purchase of I
mentioned to you: but I trust to your Discretion not to make
the least mention of it. — Have you a mind to atone for
Neglect hitherto? write to me frequently, and if anything
occurs that I can do for you or Mr. Livingston make
me your Factor, for be persuaded nothing can give me
greater Pleasure — ~~My father~~ Accept my cordial
wishes for yours and Mr. L. Happiness and believe
me, my Dear Friend, Your very affectionate
Humble Servt.
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