

Dear Miss James

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Mary tells me to write for her this time, as she is up to the ears in a new shroud. She thanks Margaret and she thanks you for your attentions to Mrs Reynolds. 'Tis a pity that tumble was not into a coal pit. This is my sentiment not Mary's. For the thinking about her plagues & haunts my sister, and sometimes makes me ~~very~~ not very comfortable. Sometimes I wish God Almighty had a nice vacancy for an old woman. Heaven cannot be full. How she'd flutter up to the sky in a new pair of wings, mincing, & jiggling all the way, & getting at the length of the journey - I should see her earthly remains in a fortnight and then -

Spirit of Burke & Hare assist me -

One pang - there gulph it down - Mrs Grimshawe, Mrs Reynolds wants you to come & lay her out -

She makes a beautiful corpse -

What beauty, good humour, sense, & learning, once informed the lump of clay -

O cruel death why didst thou take  
Elizabeth Reynolds? For thy sake  
Thou shouldst have spared her 7 years more  
Or taken me, grim Death, before  
Her soul in heaven has its reward  
She rests in Islington Church Yard

When you say Lawyer, I suppose you mean an Attorney. There are two sorts of Lawyers, 1<sup>st</sup> Barristers or Counsellors and 2<sup>nd</sup> Attorneys, sometimes called Solicitors. The latter

many weeks, having been laid up with a vile tooth ache.

We both shall be most glad when you can make  
a holiday & are with many thanks &c.

Yours truly  
C. L.

Remember us always kindly to your mother & sisters

are to the former what Apothecaries are to Physicians. The former prescribe law, the latter make it up in doses according to the forms of the Courts.

Now I will tell you something you don't know. Confinement for Debt is not for punishment, tho' it acts as such. 'tis a legal fiction or make-believe, by which the person of the Debtor is secured to make his appearance in the Courts when he shall be proceeded against for the Debt. Therefore it is that confined debtors can only get a day-rules or day's holiday in term time, because they are supposed to be ~~always~~ answering the claim against them in Westminster Hall. Now as an Attorney is supposed to be always in the Law Courts about his Client's business (a Client is a sort of Patient in the hands of his legal adviser) an Attorney cannot be arrested. But you may have your action for Debt against him in Westminster Hall, by putting your case into any other Attorney's hands. If a very small sum, go to the Sheriff's Court. But the Attorney can tell.

Likewise no Member of Parliament can be arrested whether Parliament sits or not, till a Parliament is dissolved, & he is no longer Member. A member of Parliament is supposed to be always busied about the good of the nation.

In Banco means In Bench or on the Bench, where what they call the Court (one Judge or more) is sitting. 'tis called King's Bench because 'tis the King's chief Court of Law. When a Queen is reigning, 'tis call'd the Court of Queen's Bench. BANCU in Latin is Bench. My is venturing out on her second walk of any length for