

of your speaking in the morning - Hannah we will have what we want for a week or two but it will be better if you could write to all your dear friends the next week. Hannah we will have what we want for a week or two but it will be better if you could write to all your dear friends the next week.

My dear dear wife I should not act in conformity
 my feelings if I did not snatch every opportunity of chatting with
 you. to tell you that my love is increasing is an old theme
 which has at least one charm to recommend it and that is
 truth - Indeed it is no longer problematical, but as generally
 acknowledged as I am known - I have been this morning
 lounging to W. J. F. with J. F. R. and finding we visited Mr.
 Isaac's improvements, which must however conclude with
 being highly improvement - Our conversation naturally
 turned upon hiding the business, when Mr. R. in his
 humorous way, address the following Impromptu Petition
 to the Sun - "Shine warm than sun, grow faster & sleeker & sleeker."

"And hide the fakes the fakes and the fakes"

Send you them my darling entirely under the care for you
 may be afraid they are not published - we had a pleasant
 chat & his company in some degree bequits the tediousness of
 the hours of absence - On my return I breakfasted with him
 & have since been basking in the sun between him & Mr. R. -
 where you may be well persuaded I was well satisfied - Indeed
 my beloved Jid, I feel convinced of the great acquisition to your
 Society, & could be very very happy, were you with me - by
 Heaven Hannah you shall never be so long absent from
 William again, it discomposes, it ruffles, it makes him
 unhappy, & that you would not willingly make him so
 therefore you must leave him no more - Mind you that
 and let it be remembered from henceforth & for ever more

My Father is better, but still very languid, & so much indeed
he wants your presence to cheer him here or to be all, as
we all pray for your speedy return. I am writing at this moment
writing in the full expectation of receiving a long letter from
you this evening, shall I be disappointed? If the Post has been
told you have long ere this received welcome morning salutations
and if it is kind, it was so intended - indeed my beloved heart
we have supposed that my feelings could ever have become so
indescribable as at present, for a moment whilst I seem happy
but I awake to real misery, and fancy that I have not finished
my battle, that I have not received that, true darling object of
all my pursuits - If I formerly felt philosophically cool, I
now feel rapturously fond, and do not you my dearest girl, I am
well assured you, the well I could not that it were otherwise
Love me as well as I love you, I will be satisfied for what can we
with a rapid beyond completion - to become indifferent to children
would now be the most villainous of murders, and so you smile
oh I am assured that it is at the conviction you shall always
love him with truly conjugal affection - The affection my dearest
Harriet of a cover is perfected in a husband for my former
ardour & affection bear no comparison with my present
equal of attachment - I have been my dearest girl, I am
but few things of late, I have just skimmed the review the
Magazine Voyage is well reviewed, the story of the women receiving
an Inquisitorial Power over Mr. Parry should have been omitted
& should not have been left by the success and duty to raise

it has delayed my times of that I should have occasion to, a deal of good & delicate
that I would like to see you more often, and I am sure my feelings will be
The cause, I make themselves at best the best of bads -
Dearest should have drawn a veil around it, & Harriet should
have prevented the reviewers from extracting it - The Anthology
contains few things worth reading - the times of Mrs. Child
the Pastor done by her husband in poetry, but give whether
our mind had not seen them ere your beauties were
immortalized - It is a conjecture, I would not wound the
feelings of any by pointing out the resemblance to any but my
standing wife, from her I could keep nothing secret -
In the Magazine our friend Dr. (Dr. also Johnson is defending
Smith's system of national wealth - I would that he
had said sufficient personal, to detain him at home
I have lately read the fair of Wakefield how amusing, how
happy is the tale, it is surely natural, beautifully so, I alternately
smile very and again rejoice that I have still simplicity enough to
weep over the wrought story, & smile at natural beauties - It shows
me that I am the more worthy of her whom I love, of her to whom
my whole life is consecrated - that the ingenuities of simple
unadulterated country manners, are not yet exterminated, is it
not a Proof, that I have still virtuous sensibilities, which if
properly directed, may be productive of utility & good - I would not
be vain, nor down of myself to myself i.e. to you, make me so
loving is so important as the knowledge of ourselves, & surely
this is experimental Information - I am - to our friend
returned from W. G. F. where we drank tea, & were as happy as
you absent it was possible you could feel - I have received your letter
how kind how affectionate, did I write an unit myself indeed he did
with 1000 for when thinking of my Harriet he is all in love

It confesses he had been ruffled, & it was as you suppose about
your not calling at the adjourn'd. House, & from thence the conversation flew
to the more abstract tho' no less important subject of Personal secrets, &
from thence to the conclusion that I had not left you sufficiently your own
Free Agent - and was this time my Hannah, my heart joined my Tongue
in the denial & you will not wonder that I wrote so strongly - You may da

Wm Pitt
17th Feb 1800
Edinburgh
Middleton
Mrs Pitt
17th Feb 1800
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you may be assured - if any in the City
of this week it may not be till after
midnight - So Mr Pitt's
M Pitt
May 1800

were more guilty of our Error than wish'd correct, & we have lived as one of
we always will - It was the apparent fear of showing up your letter that ended
the conversation, but it is past & I am happy - Be not disconcerted my beloved
think for yourself, nay more I would that you would act for yourself - for
I am convinced that we shall then act alike - indeed indeed myself
we will think if possible alike & act so too - My Father's intention was
good, & I am ready to confess my fault in being so much ruffled - Your
charming letter this evening has delighted, how excellent, how kind to
write so fondly to William, yet he loves he adores you & would that the time
was come when he might again press you to his Bosom & assure you
of his love for it is now absent than ever indeed it is increasing & it
already past the bounds of calculation, Oh my darling Hannah I could
laugh & sing she quite were you present, but absent I am your most
affectionate loving friend & faithful Lover & Husband W. Pitt
written 5 May 1800