

Once more my dear Jefferson I resume my pen to
converse with you - I should have wrote to demand
from what cause your silence proceeded, had I
had an instant that I could dedicate to friendship,
but impossible, for this month past I have been in
a continual bustle, we enter into all the amuse-
-ments of the gay metropolis, are foëver in a crowd
of an evening, making & returning visits, of a
morning studying our dress (instead of the trapezi-
-oid & for the arté) &c: judge then my D^r girl,
if I can find much time for writing, tho' believe
me, I would rather pass it with my D^r Jef, than
(as I am obliged), with ten thousand people totally
indifferent to me, but - apropos, I am making
you apologies when I require come on the con-
-trary from you - however, I am in a good humor
for scribbling, will therefore continue my epistle
until dinner time, & then Jef Adieu pour long
temps. You love description, I will attempt one
of a brilliant assembly I was at, il y a deux jours.
I followed my chaperone into the brilliant apart-
-ments of Mrs Stephenson, they were crowded with
well dressed beaux & belles, the light, the company,

the variety of agreeable objects, all seemingly pleas-
-ed with themselves & those about them, cannot
fail to put ones spirits into an agreeable flutter.
I had excellent partners, (for we changed every two
dances), was very much admired, (that you can-
not wonder at, as there were many people of
taste there) vastly pleased with my dress, which
was really elegant & came home at five 'clock
in very good humour, with my own sweet person,
but in a very bad one with my poor maid, who
as I was very tired, appeared slower in her mo-
-tions than usual. I have been reading over the
descriptive parts of my letter & find them abominably
written & I often wish for your imagination which
has such a commodious faculty of embellishing the
bright side of a prospect, but however, I must say
(I should beg you to agree with me was my letter
to), that I am in the dullest humour that
ever was - however as equal spirits & temperance
entirely out of fashion I'll console myself,
especially, as I hope my friend will pardon me,
I forgot to tell you I stood next to Beikens all
the evening, she look'd very handsome & was
universally admired - a letter - or rather

six or seven I have perused your ladyships
half a page in answer to three letters, one of
which was eight pages, as I detest cameneke
however, I shall say nothing more on the subject, but
for the future write short ones & receive long an-
-swers. I am much obliged by your kind wishes for
my future welfare, I am to be married about the
20th of next month, am very busy in the preparations;
the carriage is charming dark blue with gold
spots & Lamé cloth blue with yellow lace to
suit the liveries; Diamonds, an immense
large star for the hand ring, necklace & earrings
are likewise diamonds & my watch, bracelets
& etc are of pearls, one bracelet my mother's pic-
-ture, the other my father's - & Mr. Carson's picture
as a false memento - all I can tell you concern-
-ing him is, that he is of an excellent family,
his father is brother to Lord Leynham, whose title
& estate Mr. Carson in all probability will have.
His name originally was Roper, he has lately
changed it for an estate, he would be a Baronet,
were he not a Catholic - but this will luckily
not prevent his being Lord Leynham, should
the present heir kick the bucket, Mr. C. is re-

marably sensible & handsome, very tall & thin &
has a remarkable quantity of hair, do you remember
my resolutions. I beg you will write to la Frue
immediately & tell me the title of les cocue
d'onard in which is Euphemia. Adieu, I
am very sorry to hear of Polly's illness, I will
write to her next-post. My kind love to all my
friends, Bellecour la Charriere, Dash shall
hear from me very soon. Tell M^{de} Crofton how
grieved I was to hear of her illness, Beikens told
me of it at the ball. If you love me jef, your next
will be at least 8 pages & all in French -
Ask why M^{de} de St. does not answer my letter,
I wrote her an immense one au objet a mon
marriage, tell her as she has wrote to Beikens,
I think she might likewise condescend to write
to me -