

✓ 2. Look April 29<sup>th</sup> of 1790

Dear Miss

I had y<sup>e</sup> pleasure of receiving  
y<sup>e</sup> kind favor, and hope my last letter, has convinc'd  
y<sup>e</sup> y<sup>e</sup> it was now neglect on my part, not answer-  
ing y<sup>e</sup> spirit, as nothing can give me more real pleas-  
ure y<sup>e</sup> hearing often, from y<sup>e</sup> Dear. Lett & have that  
of seeing y<sup>e</sup>, and y<sup>e</sup> long'd for sight, & hope is not at  
such a distance as to sometime ago imagin'd it to be, & can't  
to much admire y<sup>e</sup> Deal, and great trust in y<sup>e</sup> Divine  
providence, wh<sup>ch</sup> to always look'd on as y<sup>e</sup> most solid  
beginning any foundation, of this kind I could have  
& build more on y<sup>e</sup> success of it from y<sup>e</sup> poor way  
it first its rise y<sup>e</sup> any means, it has pleas'd  
God to give me at present to carry it on: & can't  
express how much I suffer to think of all y<sup>e</sup> severe  
trials y<sup>e</sup> have gone thro', and am sensible its  
more painfull to meet y<sup>e</sup> when shou'd expect

every thing to forward such a good work; yet the Almighty permits  
this to try y<sup>e</sup> petitioners, and to hasten this Establishment, and  
to draw a future benefit from it, as y<sup>e</sup> faults we disagree in  
others we take generally to mend in our selves; & dare say it will be  
y<sup>e</sup> peculiar care of y<sup>e</sup> y<sup>e</sup> being this foundation, to inspire  
always to others to do all in their, to forward other Establishments  
as in all appearance several may spring from this, its in y<sup>e</sup> light  
look on their old manner of acting in both Convents, and  
to say self it does not discredit me, as I believe its all for  
our good; its rather others might not think as I do, which makes  
me sometimes imagine y<sup>e</sup> disappointments I have met, about they  
young ladies, going a board to have happen'd for y<sup>e</sup> best, as very  
probably they might have lost their vocations, had they seen  
these behaviours in our regard: as to what you mention  
to me about being propos'd here, as y<sup>e</sup> worthy friend and  
his uncle approves of it, and as its y<sup>e</sup> own desire its highly  
pleasing to me also, and think it wou'd be going to a very  
or a very <sup>great</sup> as you say not reap any advantage by it hereafter,  
and I upon wou'd be very disagreeable to they ladies you are  
with y<sup>e</sup> any body intended for this place shou'd propos'd  
them, as they may always have a dread of their returning back  
to y<sup>e</sup>, on y<sup>e</sup> whole I hope you have come to y<sup>e</sup> best  
resolution in every respect: there is nothing in Mr May  
power he ownt do, to induce to yet leave for y<sup>e</sup>  
former Mistress coming over if he can't succeed, by writing  
he is so good as be resolv'd to go over him self, tho' he can't  
be spent even for a few day, from y<sup>e</sup> place his presence

is necessary here, yet he has it so much at heart to see it  
vanish for'd, he does not think any thing a trouble he can do to  
remove it; we all admire y<sup>r</sup> amiable Zeal and protestant to leave  
her own Country, & flatter me self y<sup>t</sup> you and she will be aptly  
recompens'd when you see, all y<sup>e</sup> number of souls y<sup>e</sup> she be y<sup>e</sup>  
means of saving, on the universal good not only to this Country and  
very probably to others; & beg y<sup>e</sup> will tell her to shou<sup>d</sup> have words  
to her to acknowledge my thanks and gratitude to her, when & that  
of her consenting to, here, only the want of not wanting y<sup>e</sup> <sup>French</sup> <sup>friend</sup> more  
the fear of my letter being read before it came in to her hands  
or with y<sup>e</sup> help of war of my friends & cou<sup>d</sup> have read a French  
letter, and at y<sup>e</sup> same time assure her of my respectfull  
Complements: it gave me a vast deal of trouble, to see my  
Cousin had such a violent fit y<sup>e</sup> may well imagine if I thought  
she had hersein, & never wou<sup>d</sup> have being much a fool as any  
way to think they durst, wou<sup>d</sup> ever permit her to receive y<sup>e</sup>  
habit among y<sup>e</sup>, it makes me on y<sup>e</sup> to think how disagreeable  
it must be to y<sup>e</sup> to have her, in y<sup>e</sup> house as they have an notion it  
to a disorder y<sup>e</sup> is taken, we can't foresee what will rep it plain god to  
affect us with or at what time wish her native air may agree better  
with her, for her own sake and ours for a better Mrs. steps for  
the poor Children & fancy wou<sup>d</sup> be easy to get, she was indefigible bon

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Mr. Woodman's letter  
received by Mr. Talbot  
on Monday the 10th  
of February, and I beg  
to inform you that  
I have received the  
same. I am, Sir,  
very respectfully,  
Yours,  
D. D.



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P.S. As you & Miss Coppinger has been also very anxious  
at not hearing from any of her family to most beg ye favour  
of you to tell her to hand yesterday from you and they are  
all well, and her Cousin in this town, and at ye same time  
to give her of my affectionate Compliments. I am Sir & Miss