

M^r Patison - at

M^r Thornthwaite, No 2, Patison Street, 7010

W. P. & Co. Cheapside
London
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W^m Ann Scullard

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My Dear M^r Patison

I should be highly ungratefull was I not sensible of your kind
& polite attention to me on every occasion, but to shew ^{that you} you are not
faultless, I am going to reprove both you & your much esteem'd

Mother, for depriving ^{me} of so great a pleasure as your Company
all difficulties would have been remov'd by a ^{post} conveyance. But your
having had a bad cold, it would have been wrong to have kept
the Stage - my Carriage is at all times ^{ready} to fetch you & yours
I am sorry to give up the expectation of seeing you at the Grove

You take great pains to give me ~~the~~ ^{the} pleasure
of making M^r Patison, but I must ^{assure} you my Dear Mad^m O to be sure
yet not proof against ~~against~~ flattery, tho I always find myself
affected in proportion to the judgment of the ^{is not} flatterer. I think
in the composition of human Nature ^{we} for could see ourselves

exactly as we appear to the World for many of us seem to live happy
however I shall venture to take a dose of this Poison by pursuing my
to for I wrote yesterday, when Mr. Dunsford came in.
self - it will hurt less than in youth, tho' I must own it is pleasant
to the Task. —

^{now to}
But to be serious, I don't like to think of the distance which soon will
be ~~between~~ ^{of my friends} between us - The Society is my supreme felicity, its the cordial
of old Age, I must stop my pen, I can go no further, but to bid you an
unwilling adieu I conclude with my affectionate regards to you
all, & believe me your sincere friend
A Scullard —

I long to see your little Boy