

Chancellor, Longwood

My Dear Ellen

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I am extremely happy that you are so, & that my
amiable cousin has demonstrated the fallacy of an opinion
I lately entertained that no attachment would induce
you to give up the convenient & independant condition of
a single woman. At so critical a moment, as the present
is, to form a plan "for richer for poorer", and to disclaim
the power of events over your situation, is I confess very
respectable; and it has the more merit in my eyes
because it differs so much from the state of the young
people you live with. Miss Elliot if I can trust to all
I see & hear of her & to a certain prepossession I have from
the strong resemblance ⁱⁿ disposition & manner which she
bears to her mother, will abundantly repay you for
all you give up, & it is very fortunate that the only
objection which could possibly occur to the Match

that you might both of you have done better in regard
to ~~circumstances~~ ^{circumstances} ~~circumstances~~ ^{circumstances} your reciprocal Guilt & makes
each of you a fortune with respect to the other.

You are in high favour at this moment with Lady
Sayre & Mr. W. who at the same time admire your
good looks. Mr. Jenkinson sends his compliments to you
& seems pleased with your Mabel as a prospect
of clear weather. The consideration I have of it is still
more interested, you have long possessed the greatest share
of my confidence & friendship; for some time past I must
fairly own I had lost sight of you amidst the
dissipations of one part of the World & the bustling
intrigue of another. I had begun a Letter in a very
morning to tell you so, but I have given it
to the flames as I am very sure now that I shall
recover you again & owe the obligation to my cousin.

I am heartily sorry for Ed's going, which comes
at an unfortunate moment, for be the news you are

by this time possessed of good or bad, Vigour & Decision
will be equally wanted in the cabinet.

Mr. W. has had two colds since his arrival
here which have interrupted the course of the waters
so that it is difficult to say whether they agree
with her or not - Her journey did her good but she is
not from well & yet decided ag. going to the Southward.
Lady Sayre is vastly better & grows off every day the
Hairs of the West Indies - All the Party present a
thousand & a thousand compliments to Miss & Edith
& you, and talk of you from morning to night.

I ever am,
My Dear Eden,
Your most aff. Friend
Al. Wedderburne
Langdon