1768 Oct.-Nov. James Gheston

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[illegible] inquiries. Whether if you
[illegible] or negligence prevented [illegible]
The fact really was, I was desirous of communicating [illegible]
=thing agreeable & my disappointment chagrind & mor=
=tified me so much that I was afraid to put pen to pa=
=per. I do from my heart give up all pretensions to pe=
=netration, where a cl-nd insinuating female is in
the way and I shoud actually cut my throat if an
artfule one (N.B.S.) had not been equally imposd on.
but enough of a subject which has already ingross
too much of our attention, with You I invoke <u>indif</u>
<u>rence</u> & have infinitely more reason as the object w
prompts ~~the~~ my wish, never encourag'd me to ~~the~~ <u>hope</u> – You w
wonder how I have found out your <u>late taste for poetry</u>
But that wile cease when I tele You I have been a
=ligans. The Ladies ~~you~~ be sure wonder at your Ta
For my part I am pleaid that any thing can in
You to poetry, How different our sentiments you
=temn the passion with the <u>indifference</u> of a Stoic
~~Lovers~~ in tenderness have recourse to pleasantry &
Yes S – – a I wile love Thee – tile some other Angel
takes the fancy & then pleaid remembrance shale m
You were worthy of my passion – Thank You for y
wishes, a hint of that nature whin your C-g a
in question w.d have made every artery tremble,
<u>This</u> I impute to your revenge. I am pleaid however that y
can laugh even tho my jaundied face excite it –
Nor does your present pallow complexion console me, as I am
sure mine must be doubly tingd from the same caus
before the dog days are at an end, You may tele Bob
Christie I had the pleasure to leave Miss Milligan wele
on Thursday, this wile afford you a laugh, which is al
least better than tartar Emetic Adieu Gheston as I
expect shortly to see You I shale say no more at present
than that I am Yours &c. Wm Carmichael
[illegible] to the Col. to [illegible]