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not having done as I ought. I pay my Compliments to Mr Bensley more sincerely than thro' this Channel; I should have done it before, if it had not been owing to a little thoughtlessness, which, among people who are well acquainted with y. Brother, is said to strongly mark his Character; too often much to merit, to attract the epithets of Polite to generous, or attentive to particular

Francina Augustina [Cheston] Bensley

You do me but Justice My D. Sister in Believing, that hear of your Happiness, gives me real pleasure, and that the change in y. Situation, has occasioned Not the least in My Affection: On the Contrary I admire the disinterestedness of the action, & wish I had it in my Power to follow the Example: I do Not any Eye Witness of Many Instances of Matrimonial Happiness Yet I am clearly of y. Opinion where Affection is the Ingredient only Happy State in the World; that Sentiment However Need Not make you apprehensive I am in any immediate Danger; My Present Situation Secures me from becoming a follower of the blind Deity; Secluded as I am from the company of Fair Sex in this place, and Not Seldom in other parts of the Province where I am well acquainted