[1784] April 5 Ann Gherardi to Daniel Gherardi

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Indeed my dear Brother, I have no inclination to laugh, I fear you are too much intended to make a joke of the matter, besides I am really concerned for the happiness of the young lady, the old Gentleman and all the family what a cloud will hang over the poor old Man for the remainder of his Days, I mean should the present report be true, that there is some thing strange in the affair is certain, but I can not yet believe she will ever make so strange a connection, I am not in the least surprised at your thinking the family were particular to you and I verily believe had it been realle to Miss you would not have met with any objections. That a young Man disengaged and constantly in Company with so fine a girl, should feel an attachment for her I think quite natural, but why a girl should encourage one while she was engaged to another I am at a loss to conjecture. I shall expect by my Father a letter giving an account of every thing that has happened since your last, the girls desire their love and thanks for all the good things you sent them, I am much pleased to find you are like to have as much business as you can do, I shall be oblige to you to send me a Cap if there is any in town that you think handsome, but dont give more

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