

Dear Madam

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one, who will not only render my family uneasy, but disgrace it; one, whom, though he was not ashamed to marry, he is ashamed to name. He only writes me, that he is set off for Scotland with the only person with whom he thinks he can be happy; and that he has no doubt of being so, having had an opportunity of comparing her with others whom he approved, and finding in her some thing still more agreeable.

I was discontented and displeas'd at this intelligence; but, heavens! what a shock was it to me, when, upon enquiry, I found that it was with a common kept mistress he was gone off! If I have any consolation, it is that I have had

*Yours affectionate
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