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Mrs Mollison's
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Dear Sir

I received your letter of ye 30th August by which I am sorry to find the great disappointment you have met with in regard to Miss D-s; because one Woman has deceived you, you must thro a slur on our whole sex, fie, but I must scold you I will make some allowance for the Ill humour you must be in with all our sex; after having been so unsuccessfull in your amour, with one whom you thought the most accomplished of her sex; but do not quite dispair things may turn out better than you expect, but if they should not, & you have no hopes of Miss D-s being yours when you recieve this, take my advice & examine well our Fair Country Women, & I dont doubt but you will find one more deserving of your affections than her you have so ill bestowed them on. Lady Mary Hay took the Leave you gave her, of bestowing herself in marriage to whom she pleased for in less then a week after I received yours she gave her hand to one Colonel Scott, a Man of large estate in Scotland. Your Friend Miss Roberts is married, to a Mr. White of Liverpool, he has also a very great fortune. I dont know of any other marriage of your acquaintance. We have at last lost poor Mr. Clerk poor man he suffered much before he died, you may remember how ill he was when you was here, but he was much worse for above a twelve month before he died his disorders at last ended in a dropsy which carried him of. I was very sorry when I read that part of your letter concerning Lancelott Lee & Richmond, but he is no more, we must therefore forgitt all his faults, he died on his Passage to India. His & Mr. Clerks death comeing so close on one another goes very hard with my Mother, I never saw her so dull for so long togeather

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