

To the Lady  
Madam.

38

14. Dec. 16. I have left y<sup>e</sup> some daies to give y<sup>e</sup> leisure for the  
meditation of y<sup>e</sup> self, after the <sup>late</sup> flow of affliction God  
almightie hath bene pleased to strike y<sup>e</sup>. Willhall. now  
that y<sup>e</sup> Lad<sup>e</sup> hath had the time to consider all what  
belonged to the matter, and what I am sure, Madam,  
y<sup>e</sup> have outthought many a night before hand, seeing  
the <sup>case</sup> grow nearer and nearer, these lines are  
not to be applyed but ~~to~~ to put y<sup>e</sup> Lad<sup>e</sup> in mind  
of what y<sup>e</sup> have studied so long, and care of what  
we have sung so many times together. *Stomatus*  
*U non aperis os meum, quoniam tu fecisti.* I  
have bene dumb, and have not opened my mouth; because  
Thou hast done it. If ~~to~~ to this maine consideration  
y<sup>e</sup> Lad<sup>e</sup> will joyne a naturall one, which is that  
of the great eye of y<sup>e</sup>. worthe mother, and another  
supernatural, which is the blessed removing of *Ev*  
into eternal joy out of a tempestuous world in which  
she hath bene weatherbeaten as we all know, I make  
no question but y<sup>e</sup> will looke w<sup>th</sup> a travellin eye  
upon Gods gracious disposition, and prayre <sup>like</sup> *in* name  
so as living and dying we are all bound to doe.  
my prayers shall be employed to that effect,  
and I will as long I live so.