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To the Lady Madam;
Madam;
I had the honour to receive so ~~many~~ good solutions given by

Y^r. Ex^t. upon divers questions mooved, in a whole afternoon she was
pleas'd to ^{bestow} ~~spend~~ upon my unworthie conversation, that I am turning to
schools wth ^{all} speed, humbly ^{beseeching} ~~desiring~~ Y^r. Ex^t. will be so bountifull to
my ignorance, as to instruct me about the ^{natural} reason of these wondrous
glasses, which, as I loved Y^r. ^{madam} will fly into powder if one breaks but
the least top of their tails: ~~breaking~~ ^{breaking} where, without that one
they are hardly to be broken by any ^{weight} or strength. The King of France
is as yet unresolv'd in the question notwithstanding he hath been curious
to move it to an assembly of the best philosophers of Paris, ~~concerning~~
the microscope of his Kingdom. Y^r. Ex^t. hath no cause to apprehend
they blow of these little innocuous gunnes. If ^{you} ~~she~~ ^{madam} did, a souldier may
hold them close in his fist, and Y^r. Ex^t. selfe can break the little end of their tails
without the least danger. But, as I was told to tell Y^r. Ex^t. I should
be loth to ~~bring~~ ^{believe} any female face should rigne amongst so much
out-masculine wisdom as ^{she} ~~we~~ ^{to} admire in her. I pray God to bestow
Y^r. Ex^t. a daily increase of it, and ^{to} ~~desire~~ ^{to} ~~gaine~~ ^{gaine} that amongst those
admirers I may strive to deserve by ~~way~~ ^{way} of my unwarthy service the honour
to be accounted Y^r.

some body to paye with them
I will strive my best to
of a language so as
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Y^r. Ex^t. will paye
of the great age of Y^r. worthy mother, and another