

To the Marchioness  
Mimastee.  
27. merid. 1687 Madam;

I have put y<sup>e</sup>. f. to a trouble (which I did suppose should be the last upon this subject. But inspirations having carryed me to a new by-way, from whence I do not see how to ~~be~~ bring my self upon the right path of truth without y<sup>e</sup>. gracious assistance, I doe presume this second time to <sup>inform</sup> ~~write~~ y<sup>e</sup>. f. of what I have found out since y<sup>e</sup>. f. have pleased to bestow a most judicious sheet of paper upon my ignorant curiosities. In order of y<sup>e</sup>. f. determination, I did conceive, if the matter enclosed in the bottom part of these bottles should be a sulphurous liquid Gunpowder, that without question fire would worke upon it and make it active. But, madam, I have found myself so farre short of my opinion, that firing one of these bottles to the reddist sight of heare, I have not onely seene it without any effect, but also being cooled againe, I have wondred to see all <sup>and shalld</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>spirits</sup> so that I could brake of the whole taile of pieces down to the belly without any motion more then y<sup>e</sup>. would see in an ~~the~~ ordinary piece of glasse. Having also broken a sample and not observed the little hollow bubbles ~~that~~ within it, I have not found the least appearance of any liquor or oily substance should have been enclosed therein. If y<sup>e</sup>. f. thinketh <sup>it</sup> worth his paines to consider of these circumstances, It may bee that by degrees she will bring herself to the true notice of the mystery. I am the bold in importuning <sup>unto</sup> ~~you~~ <sup>you</sup> w<sup>th</sup> these trifles, for as much I remember y<sup>e</sup>. f. would declare <sup>unto</sup> me that being to day of an opinion in matters of Philosophie, she would not be bound to it that ~~the~~ to morrow she might not make choice of a better. I leave all to her most ingenious perspicacity, and w<sup>th</sup> <sup>the</sup> ~~her~~ gracious leave do signe me y<sup>e</sup>.