

Alphonsus of Aug. 1670

To the Lady
Biffard

I had the fortune to find amongst a thousand the
 gracious letter y^e. Lad^d. was pleased to send me wth
 these papers concerning the opening of her R^{ty} Highness
 the Dutches of Orleans her miserable body. I hope, mad^m.
 y^e. Lad^d. will excuse the goodnes ~~to~~ ⁱⁿ to forgive
 or to forgive my former negligence about that packet,
 and, as for the matter, to receive her my humble
 thanks for the ^{satisfying} ~~information~~ ^{of my} curiosity
 about ~~the~~ ^{that particular} Having perused all ~~the~~ ^{steps} dilations I fell ^{on}
 considering, Madam. What a pittie it is, the ^{dead} ^{and}
 constitution of a Lady. Breast and Liver cannot be
 dissolved but after she is dead and torn in pieces.
 y^e. Lad^d. hath need more then I, but it may be
 she never fell upon the Book w^{ch}. is in our find
 how at first our common Doctors w^{ch}. were created
 open, so that every part ^{of breast and belly} could be distinguished and
 curd as occasion would require: But that those
 two great pinners growing weary of wear they
 should have more ~~invented~~ ^{got} ^{curdy} ^{over} a Lac^y
 and ~~laced~~ ^{with the} lacing, their skins, as now y^e. doe y^e.
 while bodies, ~~the~~ Adams Lac^y was found so much
 too long and as ~~it~~ ^{is} ^{to} ^{short}. of w^{ch}. ^{inconvenience}
~~in~~ ^{is} ^{the} ^{case} ^{of} ^{all} ^{mankind} ^{and} ^{both} ^{sexes} ^{to} ^{this} ^{day} ^{and} ^{to} ^{the} ^{next}
 a visible ~~mark~~ ^{mark}. As for my part, Madam
 I could wish things had been left as they w^{ch}.
~~was~~ ^{was} ^{at} ^{first} ^{and} ^{not} ^{thus} ^{altered}
~~consideration~~ ^{and} ⁱⁿ ^{my} ^{mind}

w^{ch}. I could expound y^e. at large, if there did not ~~stick~~ ^{stick}
 something else in the ~~way~~ ^{way} ^{of} ^{the} ^{language}
 dictionary, w^{ch}. I am unproficient in. So I must ~~have~~ ^{have} ^{to} ^{make}
 a dictionary, and having my anatomical picture with y^e. Lad^d. ^{with} ^{consideration}
 to attend y^e. ^{am} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{most} ^{constant}