

Albion 7 of Aug. 1670

To the Lady  
Biffard

I had the fortune to find amongst a thousand the  
gracious letter y<sup>e</sup>. Lad<sup>d</sup>. was pleased to send me w<sup>th</sup>  
these papers concerning the opening of her R<sup>ty</sup>. Highness  
the Dutches of Orleans her miserable body. I hope, mad<sup>m</sup>.  
y<sup>e</sup>. Lad<sup>d</sup>. will take the goodnes ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~it~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~for~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~forget~~  
or to forgive my former negligence about ~~that~~ <sup>that</sup> ~~paper~~,  
and, as for the matter, to receive her my humble  
thanks for the ~~conducing~~ <sup>satisfying</sup> of my curiosity  
about ~~the~~ <sup>that particular</sup> ~~Having~~ <sup>Having</sup> ~~perused~~ <sup>perused</sup> all ~~the~~ <sup>these</sup> ~~relations~~ <sup>relations</sup> I fell a  
considering, Madam. What a piteous it is, the <sup>dead</sup> ~~dead~~ and  
constitution of a Lady. Breast and Liver cannot be  
divorced but after she is dead and torn in pieces.  
y<sup>e</sup>. Lad<sup>d</sup>. hath need more then I; but it may be  
she never fell upon the Brook w<sup>ch</sup>. is in me find  
low as first our common Parents w<sup>ch</sup>. were created  
open, so that every part <sup>of breast and belly</sup> could be distinguished and  
cut as occasion would require. But that those  
two pieces growing w<sup>th</sup>. variety of wear they  
should have more ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~got~~ <sup>got</sup> ~~cut~~ <sup>cut</sup> ~~one~~ <sup>one</sup> ~~a~~ <sup>a</sup> ~~lace~~ <sup>lace</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup>  
and ~~lace~~ <sup>with the</sup> ~~lacing~~ <sup>lacing</sup> their skins, as now y<sup>e</sup>. doe y<sup>e</sup>.  
white bodies, ~~but~~ <sup>but</sup> Adams lace was found so much  
too long and as ~~it~~ <sup>it</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~be~~ <sup>be</sup> ~~done~~ <sup>done</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~inconvenience~~ <sup>inconvenience</sup>  
in ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~world~~ <sup>world</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~best~~ <sup>best</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~cut~~ <sup>cut</sup> ~~it~~ <sup>it</sup> ~~off~~ <sup>off</sup> ~~at~~ <sup>at</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~very~~ <sup>very</sup> ~~day~~ <sup>day</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~her~~ <sup>her</sup> ~~death~~ <sup>death</sup> -  
a visible ~~mark~~ <sup>mark</sup>. As for my part, Madam  
I could wish things had been left as they w<sup>re</sup>.  
~~but~~ <sup>but</sup> ~~will~~ <sup>will</sup> ~~be~~ <sup>be</sup> ~~all~~ <sup>all</sup> ~~as~~ <sup>as</sup> ~~they~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~w<sup>re</sup>~~ <sup>w<sup>re</sup></sup> ~~at~~ <sup>at</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~very~~ <sup>very</sup> ~~day~~ <sup>day</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~her~~ <sup>her</sup> ~~death~~ <sup>death</sup>  
~~consideration~~ <sup>consideration</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~my~~ <sup>my</sup> ~~faithfulness~~ <sup>faithfulness</sup>

# w<sup>ch</sup>. I could expound y<sup>e</sup>. at large if there did not ~~stick~~ <sup>stick</sup>  
something else w<sup>ch</sup>. I ~~ought~~ <sup>ought</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~write~~ <sup>write</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~a~~ <sup>a</sup> ~~foreign~~ <sup>foreign</sup> ~~language~~ <sup>language</sup>  
a dictionary; w<sup>ch</sup>. I ~~am~~ <sup>am</sup> ~~unhappy~~ <sup>unhappy</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~do~~ <sup>do</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~so~~ <sup>so</sup> ~~I~~ <sup>I</sup> ~~must~~ <sup>must</sup> ~~have~~ <sup>have</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~make~~ <sup>make</sup>  
an ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~having~~ <sup>having</sup> ~~my~~ <sup>my</sup> ~~anatomical~~ <sup>anatomical</sup> ~~figures~~ <sup>figures</sup> ~~with~~ <sup>with</sup> ~~y<sup>e</sup>. Lad<sup>d</sup>. w<sup>ch</sup>. w<sup>ill</sup> <sup>w<sup>ill</sup></sup> ~~consideration~~ <sup>consideration</sup>  
to ~~attend~~ <sup>attend</sup> ~~you~~ <sup>you</sup> ~~am~~ <sup>am</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~faithfulness~~ <sup>faithfulness</sup>~~