

To the Lad. Menda
12 Killigrew,

13 Sept. 1723

For all our unhappy distractions I hope you
have the good sense to suffer a public duty and
a private friend and steward ^{to} inquire after your
^{previous} good health and disposition. I do not pretend
madam, to say you trouble yourself with a large court.
Let me but know have the happiness to know
if you will be still in order and in exercise: It
is the best service and to me the most welcome
demonstration of your well being. For which I pray
God almighty to keep and preserve you for many
years, wishing always you.

I take the boldness
to give you a couple of my young
productions, to show you
I am still ^{sick of} ~~well~~
my mad musical humours
and am not like to ^{be cured of it} ~~give it up~~
but will my last breath.

Your Lad.
Most affec^d duty
and obedience