

To the Lady's ^{own} Copie

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Madam.

For all our being publique ^{in:mi?} ~~enemies~~ I hope we doe not cease to be
private friends. upon this confidence I am bold to trouble y^r. Lad^d —
onely wth two questions. The fist is, how y^e doe, Madam, both y^e
Lad^d. and S^r. William, and if y^e doe not use to sweeten the
bitter displeasures of these times wth some Harmonious practise
as I can tell y^e u^r ^{du}, and never will give over ^{with} till I breathe
my second question is what kind of life are leading y^e next
neighbours, lately arriv'd and settled, as we were, ~~at~~ ^{at}
Altona, being departed from ~~the~~ ^{H. and} on a suddain, without
taking their leave of the Princess Elisabeth. Many
odd and extraordinarie reports are brought from
Hedne, as, for example, that the handsomest of the
y^{oung} ladies of Sommersdyck should be married wth M.
Labadie, and that many such marriages are a contriving
amongst. that Colij Societij, upon proable proofs, —
whether parties are, or are not, found fruitfull and fitt
for generation. I can give no credit to any of these
tales, till I see them verified by y^e. Lu^w and I hope
Madam y^e will excuse this curiositij, and take the
pains to give me a particular account of what
I may relate for an undoubted truth,
we doe live here, by the grace of God, in good health
but my poor sister of S^r. Arinland, w^{as}. ^{good y^e is} ~~was~~ ^{covered}
wth a catarraete, so that now she hath no use at all
of sight, and beareth this affliction wth a most
incomparable wisdom and patience. my daughter was —

latelij brought a bod^{of} a most pretij giddle but in the same
time it hath pleased God to deprive her of our Lowly
Sussjon her eldest daughter, to our universal and
most sensible grief as y^r Lad^t may consider, the child
in this age of nine years being grown to a rare and
wonderfull ripeness of witt and judgement. But,
Madam, S^t Will. Swann will tell y^r what signifies
that passage we have many ~~times~~^{times} sung together in
Psalm, obmutui, et non aperui os meum, quoniam
scitasti. and this is my rule in all such occasions
My eldest sonn as I believe y^r Lad^t knoweth,
serveth his High^{ness} in the same qualitie I have
serv'd his forefathers so many yeares. The youngest of
all hath been lately preferred by the Prince his
goodnes to the dostamp of Torcum ende Don Lande
van Arckel. w^{ch} is one of the best places to be
possessed in this Prvince, giving him session
and voyce in the Assembly, of the states of Hollan
dore, Madam, y^e have ^{an} account of my domestick affairs
Let me ~~returne~~ to my two questions, and obtain
the favour of y^r Lad^t solution upon both and
y^r will infinitely oblige

Madam

y^r Lad^t

and y^e

M^r Casembroot presents her most unwilling enemie
humble service to y^r Lad^t humble and affectionate friend
we doo ^{use} all to make a ^{and} servant
certain noise together with
for y^r original, and my ~~dearest~~
I am ~~confident~~ y^e would not disapprove.