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To the Lady
Biffan

I had the fortune to find amongst a thousand the
gracious letter of y^e. Lad^{ty} was pleased to read me wth
these papers concerning the opening of her R^{ty}. Highness
the Dutches of Orleans her miserable body. I hope, mad^{am}.
y^e. Lad^{ty} will have the goodness ~~to~~ ^{to} forgive
or to forgive my former negligence about that paper,
and, as for the matter, to receive here my humble
thanks for the ^{satisfying} ~~information~~ ^{of my} curiosity
about ^{that particular} ~~the~~ Having perused all ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{the} relations I fell a
considering, Madam. What a piteous it is, the ^{best and} ~~best~~ ^{best}
constitution of a Lady, breast and liver cannot be
discuss'd but after she is dead and torn in pieces.
y^e. Lad^{ty} hath read more than I, but it may be
she never fell upon the Book w^{ch} is in my hand
now at first our common Persians w^{ch} we speak
of, so that every part could be distinguished and
cur'd as occasion would require. But that those
two great sinners growing weary of wear they
should have more ^{of breast and belly} ~~of~~ ^{got} ~~cur'd~~ ^{over} a Lac^y
and ~~laced~~ ^{with the} lacing their skins, as now y^e. doe y^e.
like bodies, ~~but~~ Adam Lac^y was found so much
too long and as ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~France~~ to shew of w^{ch} inconvenience
in 1648 all mankind ~~was~~ ^{and both} ~~to~~ ^{to} this day ~~doe~~ ^{doe} ~~wear~~ ^{wear}
a visible ~~mark~~ ^{mark}. As for my ~~part~~ ^{part}, Madam
I could wish things had been left as they were
~~but~~ ~~shall~~ ~~be~~ ~~as~~ ~~they~~ ~~were~~ ~~at~~ ~~first~~ ~~but~~ ~~now~~ ~~we~~ ~~see~~ ~~the~~ ~~consequence~~
~~consideration~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~kind~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~kind~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~kind~~

W^{ch} I could expound y^e. at large, if there did not ~~stick~~ ^{stick}
something else in the ~~figure~~ ^{figure} to ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~explained~~ ^{explained} without the help of
a dictionary, w^{ch} I am unprov'd of, so I must ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~oblig'd~~ ^{oblig'd} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~make~~ ^{make}
an ad, and having my anatomical picture with y^e. Lad^{ty} ^{with} ~~with~~ ~~consideration~~
to assist you I am ~~as~~ ^{as} ~~faithfully~~ ^{faithfully}