

To the Lady  
Effard. D.

is this now  
main Lord  
sub. van (Hind)

Madam;  
If I may trust to the ~~friendly~~ relations of this  
new year ~~Land~~ ~~ambassador~~ being a person of public  
faith y. Lad. Earl has pleased to send me word  
by Lin. y. con. less resolution should be to honour  
me w. y. favorable <sup>days</sup> ~~all the time~~ of y.  
Life. If I had the presumption, Madam, to  
promise y. with some <sup>such</sup> mutual assurance of ~~the~~  
kind from my <sup>hand</sup> ~~side~~, first of all what a <sup>poor</sup> and  
contribution would it be ~~required~~ and then,  
how friendly and how slow a one from a Colleague  
who by you to live <sup>before a</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>quite</sup> Elizabeth <sup>days</sup>! So  
Madame; ~~of~~ ~~what~~ ~~side~~ so ever I do look upon my self  
I find nothing to my word ~~but~~ ~~an~~ ~~empty~~ ~~land~~ ~~full~~  
of ~~ab~~ ~~emptie~~ ~~thanks~~ ~~for~~ ~~the~~ ~~great~~ ~~favor~~ ~~of~~  
favour, w. <sup>of</sup> ~~being~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~way~~ y. Lad. Earl

<sup>at the same counting out</sup>  
 I<sup>ye</sup> will also persi<sup>l</sup> ~~with~~ <sup>in</sup> the same  
 humour, and suffer me by this occasion to send <sup>madam</sup> ~~you~~  
 my most hearty wishes, towards the good journey  
 y<sup>e</sup> are undertaking. God almighty send y<sup>e</sup> his  
~~grace~~ <sup>grace</sup> blessings, All shall be as friends ~~to~~  
 and to my d. 7. 17, because I Moray,

Madam.