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Sept[ember] 5 - met the girls com[ing] to say din[ner] w[a]s ready - S[at] d[own] to din[ner] at 5- In the ev[ening]g, from 6 3/4 to 8, M- [Mariana] and Lou and little Ch[arles] Milne and I saunt[ered] along the N[orth] sands as far Scorby Mill - darkish wh[e]n we g[o]t b[a]ck - mean[in]g to go to bed soon, ca[me] up to my dress[ing] r[o]om at 9 50/60 b[u]t Lou ca[me] and talk[e]d to me 1 1/2 hours ab[out] 1 th[in]g or oth[er] and I d[i]d n[o]t g[e]t to bed till 10 min[ute]s before 12. π [Mariana] had been in bed an hour but roused herself to be affectionate and listen to my repetition of my conversation with Lou - Perh[aps] ab[out] 12 1/2 ev[ery] door and wind[o]w in the house seemed to rattle w[hi]ch disturb[e]d us exceed[ing]l[y] - At 1st we th[ought] so[mething]one break[i]ng into the house b[u]t the contin[uance] of the noises and the patter[ing] of r[ain]g of thund[er] r[ain] storm - ver[y] vivid-fast-succeed[in]g flas[hes] of light[ning] enlight[ening] the whole r[o]om - after so[meth]ing ti[me] ca[me] 1 or 2 tremen[dous] peals of thund[er] and the heavi[est] r[ain] I alm[o]st ev[ery] time ev[e]r heard - In the midst of all this we drew close together made love and had one of the most delight fully long tender kisses we have ever had said she in the midst of it oh don't leave me yet this renewed and redoubled my feelings and we slept in each other's arms perhaps till six my linen still wet with perspiration we then lay apart and slumbered till nine when we got up Rather lowering in the morning but a fine day - EO -


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Thund[e]r st[orm] last n[i]ght - Very good kiss remarkably so - vid the last 8 lines of yest[erday] - Talk[e]d to M- [Mariana] and dawd[led] away the morn[in]g till n[ight] 1 th[e]n w[e]nt out - M- [Mariana] and I call[e]d on Miss and Miss Marg[aret] Crompt[on], of Esholt, stay[ing] with th[eir] a[unt] Crompt[on], from Woodend, on the cliff - The Cs [Crompton] very civil to me as also Mrs C [Crompton] who came in to us but she did not seem to have much to say for herself Miss C [Crompton] observed it was very good in me to call on
them first they had seen me walk past on Sunday I had then my cloth pelisse on and all the people stared at me π [Mariana] owned afterwards she had observed it and felt uncomfortable this morning I wore my velvet spencer and a net frill over my cravat I must manage my appearance and figure differently must get a silk pelisse perhaps from Miss Harvey when I have more money and a good establishment I can do better in the meanwhile I will not be much in π [Mariana’s] way when I can give her eclat it will be very well at present I cannot she owns this sort of thing makes her feel uncomfortable is she ever conscious that she is at all ashamed of me I could and ought to excuse and forgive it I do so but my proud spirit whispers the consolation that it shall not always be so it excites my emulation and ambition and may the day come when even in outwar d circumstances my friendship may do some honour to those who have it when even the Misses Morritt and Goodricke of their day may think it worth their while to pay me some civility – Eli had mentioned it and Miss C- [Crompton] laughed and asked if it was true I had walked to the top of Blackstone Edge – Eli and Lou called for us at the door and from the Cromptons’ we sauntered to the Lighthouse, mean’t to have gone on board a revenue cutter lying in the harbour - Fortunately, it was 2 instead of 1 o’clock - the midshipman was not there and we came away - From the look of the thing altogether, I should not have fancied going on board there was a ball given on its deck the other night - the party was asked by some means or other, and Eli had even hesitated to refuse! – the ladies danced quadrilles - amusing the rest was Thompson Lee, of Leeds, Sister to the Misses Green of Crosshills Halifax - Sat d[ay] at 3 - A note from Miss Goodricke to M- [Mariana] or Lou to ask ‘one or two’ to go there in the evening - Would not ask all because they knew they had a friend with them Miss G [Goodricke] was introduced to me on Saturday and thanked me for the book I brought them from Miss Emily Chulmley they passed us too this morning it is quite evident they particularly mean to avoid shewing any civility to me Miss Fountaine of Bath told them in eighteen hundred and fourteen that I was masculine and said what they have never forgotten before this they wanted to know me but

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ever since they have lost no opportunity of shewing more than once at the expence of common civility that they are determined not to know me before and at the time π [Mariana] married we both resented this and all but cut them now she and they are good friends again I make no remark I care nothing about it I excuse them all and tho the thing mortified me I said not a word to betray this but soon acknowledged to myself that perhaps I was obliged to Miss M [Morritt] and Miss G [Goodricke] I am so little used to this sort of thing perhaps it is a wholesome lesson to my vanity I have no feeling now but the wish to live to shew
myself to them in happier circumstances of society and general reputation I should like to stand above them and have in it my power to throw them some civility from higher ground than that on which they stood but I have some curiosity to know what they think of me the very fault they find with me is it in myself my manner or my situation in life π [Mariana] wrote that as I was only come for a few days she did not like to me the girls glad of an excuse begged her to think of it oh they will say no more about it now you are come - In the ev[n]g fr[om] ab[ou]t 6 3/4 to n[ea]r 8, walk[e]d tow[ar]ds Oliver's M[oun]t, th[e]n tow[ar]ds the Spa, and driv[e]n b[a]ck fr[om] both routes by the high wind - saunt[ere]d up and dw[on]n the terrac[e] lead[ing] up fr[om] the sands - A beautiful moonlight n[i]ght - S[a]t d[o]wn to tea at 8 - Lou shewed one of Miss Tuckers and one of her uncle’s letters thought the former very well written but rather dogmatical the latter very affectionate but still from a pen apparently unaccustomed to familiar writing and not easy in style did not may much but I don’t think what I did say seemed flattering enough - I felt bilious and unwell - She felt so all the day - I can’t bear g[oo]d dining so early – noth[in]g I ta[ke] seems to digest - A few dr[ops] of r[a]in just after br[eak]f[a]st b[u]t a very find day. very windy - S[a]t d[o]wn st[a]irs talk[in]g till 11 25/60 - In bed at 12 ¼ - E O – absolutely none –

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I was bilious and π [Mariana] were that we had no kiss last night or this morning - Talk[e]d and dawd[le]d away the morn[in]g till aft[e]r 11 - Mr Cholmley (a full colonel in the army) of Howsh[a]m call[e]d and st[aye]d 3/4 h[ou]r til 12 - ver[y] pleas[an]t and gent[lemanl]y - wr[ote] to his housekeep[e]r to ha[ve] lunch[ed] ready for us at his house, the abbey, n[ea]r Whitby on Thurs[day] when we prop[o]se[d] go[in]g - At 12 s[a]t d[o]wn and wr[ote] 3pp the ends of a let[ter] to my a[un]t w[hic]h n[o]t being done by 12 1/2 c[oul]d n[o]t go by today’s post - noth[in]g partic[ula]r in my let[ter] - ment[ione]d my arriv[a]l here on Fri[day] our go[in]g to Whitby on Thurs[day] and Lang[t[o]n on Sat[ur]day to stay till Mon[day] - Scarb[o]ugh mi[u]ch improve[d] mo[re] in the last 4 or 5 y[ea]rs th[a]n the proceed[in]g 20 - then wr[ote] the who[le] of the journ[a]l of yester[day] and Sunday and so far of today all w[hi]ch took me till 3 1/2. M - [Mariana] hav[in]g come in fr[om] the sands in 1/4 h[ou]r bef[ore] din[ner], came in at 3, and s[a]t talk[in]g to me - they all went out at 12 and h[a]d been saunt[erin]g on the sands 3 hours - I have left th[e]m to dine w[i]thout me - Shall ha[ve] a lit[tle] cold meat at tea-ti[me] - Still ver[y] biliousl[y] inclin[e]d b[u]t writ[in]g my journ[a]l h[a]s amus[e]d and done me good - I seem to ha[ve] op[ene]d my heart to an old fr[ie]nd - I can tell my journ[a]l wh[a]t I can tell none else - I am satisfied with π [Mariana] yet unhappy here I seem to have no proper dress the people stare at me my figure is strik[ing] I am tired of being here even if I looked like other people I should soon be weary of sauntering on the sands I dawdle away my time and have no pleasure in it - It is now 3 ¾ - Contin[ue]d upst[ai]rs in my dress[in]g r[o]om till tea at 8 mus[in]g and th[e]n talk[in]g to M- [Mariana] and t[he]n to Lou - they h[a]d call[e]d Miss Morritt and Miss Goodricke this morn[in]g s[a]t a long whi[le] w[i]th th[e]m and f[ou]nd th[e]m ver[y] agreeab[le] - M- [Mariana] ca[me] up to me for a few min[ute]s bef[ore] din[ner].
They sat down to dinner at 3¼, and afterwards came about 5 for 1/2 hour before she went out again to walk - read her Miss Vallances last letter we touched on the subject of my figure the peoples staring so soon Sunday had made her then feel quite low I expressed my sorrow and consideration for her she knew well enough that I had staid in the house to avoid her being seen with me yet said I taking me altogether would you have me changed yes said she to give you a feminine figure I would be contented with intellectuals and could you be contented with these π [Mariana] yes said she I could it would make no difference to me she had just before observed that I was getting mustaches and that when she first saw this it made her sick if I had a dark complexion it would be quite shocking I took no further notice than to say I would do anything I could that she wished - not long after M- [Mariana] went out Lou came and sat with me

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