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God will think I am given a very good Christian
[London 11 Feb 1786] hits when I tell you that I am impatient to
get back to Court again - and that I was
sorry not to go to my Birth day, though I was
not at least fit for it. It is not to be imagined
how many companions I have. I hear Mr Neville
and Lady Fortescue both are in my situation
but with much less sickness, and so is Lady
Graham, and Mr Steele. - Poor little Mr
North is absolutely not able to go down stairs, and
Lady Elizabeth Gosh who lays in next North
has never been off her couch of a whole time and
was carried up and down stairs, so that I think
I am better than some, the worse than others
and happier I believe than any. - My being
so much house bound has kept me from

sent me of most gracious messages. You tax us
all with telling you no news, and I will
tell you a very current Report in y^e Duke
which however is all I state it as. You will
Perhaps have heard I August has openly
declared himself a Roman Catholic (a truth
is certainly y^e only Religion fit for him) but
whether in consequence of that, or of its being
so, The Duke can please to say y^e same
of his Daughter and add that she has
taken a Roman Catholic Priest into y^e
House. I should think y^e Report not very
agreeable to y^e B^y. The Chit Chat Duke
an entirely occupied with y^e Prince of Wales

and Mr Pitt herbert. It is said that your
 ceremony has been read by a Mr. P. Post which
 I suppose settles all difficulties and your Lady
 delicate Conscience. It is matter of wonder
 whether your World will visit her or not. I think
 all your Princess Party will; but all our side will
 be out of your temptation. I hear Lady Derby
 who has got about again much more than she
 ought, questions, "whether it will be proper
 for her to visit her." I dare say she will
 make an attempt to visit me, as I hear she
 has done some other People who have not returned
 which will be in part I shall take —
 her Lady. I shall be obliged to finish now
 as I am very apt to have a Giddiness in my
 Head, which comes on by from Indigestion (but

as this was such a good day (and I don't know
when I may have such another) I could not help
writing a long letter. If I hear of something
of L'Amelford's Business I will let you
know and I probably shall. I can say
the Crichel Post knows nothing of it. —

You will wonder I did not mention in my
last, Mr Hapleton's kind and satisfactory
letter to Gungahie but I did not get it
till after I had wrote. Green Land's Business
is to be settled to day which you will
hear of ~~from~~ my Brother Chatham. Adieu
Love my Dearest Mother and ever with every
most Affectionate Dist most Respectfully
Yours
A. B. C.

Answerd Feb 23^d 1786

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