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Adieu! Do not condole with me - I will sustain my misfortunes
with propriety - It is the Duty of all rational Beings -
The decrees of fate, must eventually heal every wound -
Heaven protect and bless my dearest friend - A. C. B.

Let me conjure you, my beloved friend, not to sympathize with me -
I feel competent to the task allotted me now - When my Sister was in
the habit of sending me away, occasionally, and allowing me to return,
I felt quite at a loss in what manner to act - particularly as our dear
Fanny's supposed dislike was made a plea for violating the laws of
humanity - At the period when my Sister took me to her bosom, and
represented Jack as her oppressor - I told her my utmost wish was to re-
main at Bizarre the residue of my days, devoting each moment to
her service - in a short time the scene changed - a difference was
created between Jack and myself - since that much desired event
was accomplished the greatest exertions have been made to drive
me, hence, and to despair - one plan adopted, was that of assuring
me all the Bizarre family were entirely supported by one who de-
tested me - on this information I forbore to comment - aware of
its design - The only fact alledged against me was the circumstance
of my giving dear Saint a profile when he was extended on his back,
and my whole soul engrossed by his sufferings - His mother refused
him one, and I was guilty of not divining what she had done.
For the sequel of the business Miss Ward is to receive a crown of

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unfading laurels - Still, this lady mentions me, in ^{some} companies - with
professions of esteem and affection - who, then would imagine she
had destroyed my last ray of peace? - Do any years have elapsed since
I beheld every avenue to Happiness, closed on me - strange indeed
would it be, if my mind during all that time had neglected
to fortify itself against every shaft which passion is capable
of aiming - "Fady" abhors the wretch who returns to her parity
after having left it for another, and will no longer bear the
imposition" - True, I am on friendly terms with my brothers
and sisters - her name is never pronounced in my presence by
those to whom she refuses to speak - The other members of the
family speak of her as a relation, it is impossible they can respect
her - because she has involved them in such painful situations -
Some years ago she became extremely displeased with Patsy - my
brother's wife, for writing a letter to Harrieh - or rather because
she fancied such a production had come under her observation -
on Patsy protested she had never written such a letter - and tho'
vowed she had not received it - Poor Bob - Jane's husband -

was invited to Bizarre in a letter from Fady to his wife - yet his
visit was called an intrusion, by her = I shall remain here
until late in September - Mr J - gave me a very friendly in-
vitation to spend the season on the Mountain, and his gentle man-
ners render me quite easy = When my future destiny is ascertained
you will hear from me immediately - not again tho' till that
happens - Think of me as an affectionate friend whose heart
is filled with gratitude for you - but do not permit an idea of my
sorrows to intrude itself - In return for your generous offers I find
it impossible to utter any thing which could do justice to my feel-
ings - I have already by me - what I consider a sacred deposit =
If a uniform exertion of Fortitude can render me worthy of
your invaluable friendships I can venture to pledge my
honor that you shall not find me delinquent - Present
my cordial affections to all your family - Tell Beverley, Wilson
Cary expresses great anxiety to see him - I am surrounded at
present by gay young people - and feel highly gratified at
seeing Harrieh and Virginia enjoying their prospects of felicity