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My ever Dearest Dear

I suppose you will begin to think the time long not having a letter before now but I deferred writing as I had nothing of any consequence to communicate until Mr. Wm. business was settled, for I could hardly believe it possible such a thing would take place as the Bordenes are very peevish and think a great deal of their family but Mrs B- is so close that she has settled the business, and Isabella's wedding is to take place on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May in consequence of that Ann is gone to Westgate Cottage to attend the bride, they would not take any denial, a Mr. Pitt, Patrick a banker here with his sister, was so kind as to drive Mr. Bordenes and broop the water with her were Mr Bordenes went with his eye Mr has not spent more than a month with us together I certainly expect Mr Displeasure <sup>to him</sup> spending so short a time with us, they feed him but he has to pay a shilling a night for his bed I rather think he has been spending his money very jollily. I was not consulted I was only told it was to take place, I think Mr & Mrs B- ought in your absence to have written to me on the subject, I do not hear of more than a thousand pound, and three hundred the day she is married Mr B I believe has over hundred a year and after his death it is to be divided among them, there is the eleventh child at hand

I hope he will <sup>not</sup> repent his bargain, however he has not got a pudding  
making Wife, she is certainly a very clever young woman, but in  
My opinion I do not think her a fit wife for an Esquire, but as  
it is to take place I hope they will live happy, they have proposed  
coming to stay a week here, you perhaps remember Mr B's talk of his  
two sisters the one was married to Sir W<sup>m</sup> Basset and the other to a Mr Bayly  
they are both dead and they have married again two sisters a Miss Smyth  
of Castlebray in Yorkshide who are very rich, they expect Bayly will  
make them a present, as he has given them a year of his own it  
will be a good thing for them to begin the world with <sup>the</sup> he has made Mrs  
Vere's daughter a present of a hundred pounds worth of plate as she did  
not want the money, she is lately married to a John Kitchen who has  
some place under government of two thousand a year, I hope you  
will have got the case with the flannels and blankets long before  
this reaches you, it is a sad thing we are at such a distance from  
each other, I am in great anxiety about Charles but still I hope  
there is no fear, we are allways apt to think the worst, you will  
see his letter poor fellow it was a sad disappointment to him, Doctor  
Flourist is still here he gives us a ball <sup>with</sup> <sup>me</sup> with him last  
week Summersfield's daughter is left here I have not seen her yet  
she is married to a surgeon <sup>and</sup> there is a younger one married to a Capt  
but not here, ~~how~~ you heard anything of George we have not had  
any letter from him ~~and~~ lately he has a daughter that went in

