

draws full around the neck with a trimming of lace, very long in the train but no flounce it is a round gown indeed they are all worn now the sashes are narrow with a full rose at the side of the same colour. It is almost time to conclude this scrawl but which I am sure my dear sister will excuse my next shall be more intelligible. remember me kindly to the Commodore my aunt and Cousin they in conjunction with my own dear Family will never want my affection Mr Meredith desires his love to you and I am my dear Sister most truly and affectionately yours ever

Archange Meredith

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Translation

Gorlestone, October 5, 1795

My dearest Mother: I gave myself the pleasure of writing to you some time ago and since that letter you will see that we have changed our place of residence though we think it will be for a short time only as my health is now entirely restored. Because of that my dear Meredith has come to look us up—the dear children and me. But thank God I am now in perfect health. So is my little David, who is running around alone now. There is that much gained since we came here. Anne is also very well.

I must now thank you for the letters which you sent us by Cap. Schalch. They came safely and contained one piece of news that gave me much pleasure, namely that you were in perfect health at the time of writing. Mrs. Hamilton kindly wrote me by the same opportunity. If I had time I would address a few lines to her, but this place is not as convenient for sending letters as when we were at Woolwich,