

I have enjoyed of being so much with M^r M is certainly a very just one, and I am very gratefull to the Author of all good for so great a comfort. My dear Meredith's perfect recovery from so dangerous and severe an illness, has made me one of the happiest of Women, and in the possession of so great a treasure as a kind and affectionate Husband, what more can I wish. I am resolved to be very careful of my health when my dear M leaves me in the Spring, and not affect my constitution by fretting, for it would be extremely unreasonable to suppose that I could be always with him. My Children are of an age to require vast attention, both in learning and manner, and our pride is that they should not be surpassed by any child. consequently my time will be well employed during his absence, in giving them that instruction, which it is the duty of every good mother to perform, and to an affectionate one cannot fail of affording vast pleasure. M^r M writes you by this oppertunitiey, and will inform you of all the Political news. I shall therefore only further add, that your dear little grandchildren are well, as likewise myself who really never enjoyed such good health as at present. accept of my sincerest love, present the same to *ma tres chere Mere* Sister Therese and *toute la cher famille*, and believe me to be my dearest Father, most truly your dutifull and affectionate Daughter

Archange Meredith

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Ma tres chere Mere, Il me semble bien longtems depuis que je vous ai ecrie, cest parceque ma derniere lettre etoit adressé a Therese, et non pas a vous comme à l'ordinaire, cependant je suis resolute a ne pas passer cette occasion de vous dire, que je vous aime fort tendrement. oui bien chèrement. Sca n'est pas une nouvelle vous dirais, il est vrai, mais quand un sujet nous plait, l'on souhaite a le continuer tres longtems, cest le cas avec moi, mon affection pour une des mielleurs meres du monde est si extreme, que je pourroit en parler sans cesse.

Vous seriez flattez d'apprendre que mon cher Meredith est entierment retablié, pres avoir souffert des Maux violents pour l'espace de dix mois, il est tres maigre, n'ayant pas en le tems d'engraisser depuis sa geurison cependant il a bon