

Transcription of letter from Mary Talbot to Henry Davenport, undated (c.1717)

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I know not what to say to my dear B^r Davenport for not answering your letter sooner, but hope when I beg pardon I may have it, I own my self in a very great fault but if you can forgive, I promise to be better for the future; I hear my B^r Mansel was with you last week I don't doubt that you were all very merry, I hear I'me to be made happy in his company very soon, which will be no small pleasure to me, I am heartily glad sister Dav: goes on so well pray give my humble service to her, & sister Ivorys, she intends to send her silk 25 thred a Monday by the stage coach; we have a wedding very near us, Mr Norris's daughter has married S^r Will Hannam, his sister married our Painters son last year, which the Bride was pleased to object before she had him; but I think she'd have been a great fool if she had refused a man of his estate worth 15 hundred a year, for what his sister did; I wish our Sister had, had him, for they say he's a very pretty gentleman, but we must not covet our neighbours goods, I have no more news to tell you from hence, so will conclude with my hearty wishes for your health, am

Dear B^r your very affectionate

Sister

M Talbot

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