

Transcription of letter from Mary Talbot to Henry Davenport, 12 March 1718

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I am afraid since you writ last, you have lost your good nature, for I cou'd not have imagined you wou'd have stood upon a letter after the concern I had been in, but I bless God my fears are over for my little boy is very well; but nurse thinks he is about his teeth, I am govern'd by her intirely, because I know my self to have no experience, so I hope I shall have no anger from you upon that account, for my part I'me grown so weary of endeavouring to please, that I fear I shall grow careless, I expect a good rattle for what I've said, if you design to answer this; but indeed Beelzie you're use'd me too much to it, to mind it now; I'me in great hopes you will think of letting me see your great face before its long, for that would rejoice me but I suppose for that reason you'll tell me you wont come, I wish you'd send me a little news how matters goes at home, tho' in deed I have had a letter from my Lady, & so must answer it to day, if I don't hear from you soon, I may reasonably think the whole world is fallen out with me therefore am heartily glad I am at a distance, my Talbot is very well & desires his service, my little Dumplin is very diverting to us, & whilst they both continue well I'me intirely happy, so gear Beelze adieu, & compleat my happiness by being as good humor'd as ever & then I shall be

Your most affectionate

Sister

M Talbot

I beg my service to Sister Davenport
I thought of writing to her to day
but since I have done so to you I wont
till next post