

Transcription of letter from Mary Talbot to Henry Davenport, 4 Feb 1719

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Dear beelz'e had been troubled with my nonsense long before this, had I been as well as i am now, tho' I may own now, that thinking my self much too wise I had liked to have kill'd my self, I have had enough for overgoing upon my own head again, you may scold at me as much as you please, tho' I shoa'd be lo'th to be near you for I know too well what you are when angry; pray what crime has little Beelz'e or I done, that he is never mention'd to me, I must love him because I do the old one, or else I wou'd take no notice at all, but however I will be revenged on you, for I wont say one word of my Jacky, I want to hear how your fine large garden looks now ours wou'd be as pretty I dare say, but only we want room w:ch you are so happy as to have; I want to know whether you don't design to move your quarters this summer, I expect you shou'd come & see my Children, if I shou'd not live, but if I do, 7 you & your family does not come, I shall hardly ever forgive you, this is the second or third time of asking & been deny'd; let me hear from you soon if you can, if not I shall teaze you till you do

Your
Most affectionate
Sister Beebz'e

My service to Sister Dav:
& little Mis Lucy