

Transcription of letter from Mary Talbot to Henry Davenport, 23 Jan 1720

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I heartily rejoice with you for my Sisters safe delivery, & a fine boy; after so long expectance, I believe no one that knew her but what was under great concern least she shou'd not do well; but I hope in God There will be no danger of it now; I don't wonder at all as your admiring your son so much, for if he is anything like Master Harry, he must be beautiful, for I don't think any Child can come up to him; don't imagine I say it out of complement, for I really think so: but for my part any body is handsome to me that handsome does, in grown people especially; I own my self to be in a sort of a fault, for not writing to you oftner then I have of late but I think there is allowances to be made, when one is not well one day in three; but I bless God I have been perfectly so this fortnight, so of consequence am in my temper too: but I believe if I had any violent distemper it would still be term'd vapours, so am resolved to take no more medicines upon that account I believe I have tyred you with writing so much, so will conclude with being

Your affectionate  
Sister  
M Talbot

I desire my humble service to my Sister & Mis Bessy; I hear she is very expert at her work.