

this side the Bay / to spend
part of my winter in town,
and (between ourselves) I
have already settled matters
about the House. A Muff
Tippet I know must be
had & I have come to a
determination to purchase
a handsome Fur-trimming
for the crimson. These I will
send by the Ship. — and ^{if} you
will not condescend to give
me instructions relative to
other matters, you may even
go without 'em. — You say
something to me about stays
but if I was to perish (often

as I have measured your
precious waist) I cannot
give directions about ma-
-king stays for you. I
know I should do wrong.

— Will the old brocade
Gown give a proper idea
of your shape? or cannot
you send such a description
or measure as will answer.

Write of forward directions
on these important subjects,
by the very first conveyance.
I flatter myself that I have
already given the most con-
-vincing evidences of my zeal
industry & attention on such
occasions.