

12. Measure, & I think if I was to remain here a year more without You. I should be perfectly reconciled to remaining the whole time in my apartment, (was not air & exercise necessary for my health.) —

Blast all their visitations & ridiculous compliments — 'Tis a disgrace to human nature that an honest man should be obliged to make a respectful Bow to a fool that he despises, or a villain that he detests.

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& it is still worse that fashion & custom oblige a man of sentiment & principle to mix in company with abandoned prostitutes, & infamous female gamblers — however exalted their station.

This is really my case at many houses where I visit — & damn me if I had not rather have the Gout & stay at home.

Now I know you will laugh at me & if I was near you — you'd tease me.

True