

22. There never was so great a favorite. if he had been drill for a year on purpose to learn the art of pleasing this family he could not have done it more effectually. They literally talk of nothing else. His speeches & his actions are the constant burden of their song.

I tell them — "That to be sure he's a good sort of a Boy. but that he, is not to be compared to my other Children." Of course their Expletions are not a little raised.

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Saturday 16. Oct. —

I have been all day, most industriously employ'd about a business of importance & it is now settled to my mind. The General is easy; & I feel the consolation which results from having perform'd my duty with proper spirit. I shall tell you all the circumstances but Thompson says he will not be off till Tuesday or Wednesday — & I have only two pages left & it wou'd be too shameful to begin another Volume & possibly I may have something more interesting to relate.