

I am vastly pleased to hear of the improvements which have been made at your house — That the smoke should go up chimney and the rain keep outside, are really wonderful alterations. I think there is room for a Metaphysician to dispute the identity of the house, as prooking and leaking were formerly two very essential terms in the definition.

Return my best regards to Mr. Minlow. I am much obliged to her for remembering me.

As for the more solid proof of her affection which she was pleased to bestow on you, I cannot possibly wish to deprive you of it.

Tell the good lady she will receive three pair of black morocco shoes by the sloop which takes your other things, and two pair of small shoes for Miss Ben.