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<lb n=P3.1>It is a truth universally acknowledged, that&H3 a single man

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<lb n=P3.3>However little known the feelings or views of such a

<lb n=P3.4>man may&H1 be on&H4 his first entering a neighbourhood, this

<lb n=P3.5>truth is so&H51 well&H5 fixed in&H4 the minds of the surrounding

<lb n=P3.6>families, that&H3 he is considered as the rightful property of

<lb n=P3.7>some one or other of their daughters.</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P3.8>&dq;My dear&H21 <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said his lady to&H4 him one day,</q><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P3.9>&dq;have you heard that&H3 Netherfield&sp;Park is let at last&H0;?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P3.10><name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name> replied that&H3 he had not.</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P3.11>&dq;But it is,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>returned she;</q><q who=PPD>&dq;for&H3 <name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Long</name> has just&H5;

<lb n=P3.12>been here, and she told me all about&H4 it.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P3.13><name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennett</name> made no&H2 answer&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P3.14>&dq;Do not you want&H1 to&H9 know who&H61 has taken it?&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried

<lb n=P3.15>his wife impatiently.</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P3.16>&dq;<hi r=Italic>You</hi> want&H1 to&H9 tell me, and I have no&H2 objection to&H4;

<lb n=P3.17>hearing it.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P3.18>This was invitation enough.</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P3.19>&dq;Why, my dear&H21;, you must know, <name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Long</name> says that&H3;

<lb n=P3.20>Netherfield is taken by&H4 a young man of large fortune from

<lb n=P3.21>the north of England; that&H3 he came down&H5 on&H4 Monday

<lb n=P3.22>in&H4 a chaise and four to&H9 see the place&H0;, and was so&H51 much

<lb n=P3.23>delighted with it that&H3 he agreed with <name who=PPZZE>Mr&point;&sp;Morris</name> immediately;

<lb n=P3.24>that&H3 he is to&H9 take possession before&H4 Michaelmas,

<lb n=P3.25>and some of his servants are to&H9 be in&H4 the house by&H4 the end&H0;

<lb n=P3.26>of next week.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P3.27>&dq;What is his name&H0;?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P3.28>&dq;<name who=PPI>Bingley</name>.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P3.29>&dq;Is he married or single?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P3.30>&dq;Oh! single, my dear&H21;, to&H9 be sure! A single man of<pb n=P4>

<lb n=P4.1>large fortune; four or five thousand a year. What a fine

<lb n=P4.2>thing for&H4 our girls!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P4.3>&dq;How so&H52;? how can it affect them?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P4.4>&dq;My dear&H21 <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied his wife,</q><q who=PPD>&dq;how can you

<lb n=P4.5>be so&H51 tiresome! You must know that&H3 I am thinking of his

<lb n=P4.6>marrying one of them.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P4.7>&dq;Is that&H62 his design&H0 in&H4 settling here?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P4.8>&dq;Design&H0;! nonsense, how can you talk&H1 so&H52;! But it is

<lb n=P4.9>very likely that&H3 he <hi r=Italic>may&H1;</hi> fall&H1 in&H4 love&H0 with one of them, and

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<lb n=P4.11>&dq;I see no&H2 occasion&H0 for&H4 that&H62;. You and the girls may&H1 go,

<lb n=P4.12>or you may&H1 send them by&H4 themselves, which&H61 perhaps will&H1;

<lb n=P4.13>be still&H5 better, for&H3 as you are as handsome as any of them,

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<lb n=P4.15>&dq;My dear&H21;, you flatter me. I certainly <hi r=Italic>have</hi> had my

<lb n=P4.16>share&H0 of beauty, but I do not pretend to&H9 be any&sp;thing extraordinary

<lb n=P4.17>now. When a woman has five grown&sp;up daughters,

<lb n=P4.18>she ought to&H9 give over thinking of her own&H2 beauty.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P4.19>&dq;In&H4 such cases, a woman has not often much beauty

<lb n=P4.20>to&H9 think of.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P4.21>&dq;But, my dear&H21;, you must indeed go and see <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>

<lb n=P4.22>when he comes into the neighbourhood.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P4.23>&dq;It is more than I engage for&H4;, I assure you.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P4.24>&dq;But consider your daughters. Only think what an

<lb n=P4.25>establishment it would be for&H4 one of them. <name who=PPR>Sir&sp;William</name>

<lb n=P4.26>and <name who=PPV>Lady&sp;Lucas</name> are determined to&H9 go, merely on&H4 that&H62;

<lb n=P4.27>account&H0;, for&H3 in&H4 general&H0 you know they visit&H1 no&H2 new&sp;comers.

<lb n=P4.28>Indeed you must go, for&H3 it will&H1 be impossible for&H4 us to&H9;

<lb n=P4.29>visit&H1 him, if you do not.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P4.30>&dq;You are over scrupulous surely. I dare&H12 say <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>

<lb n=P4.31>will&H1 be very glad to&H9 see you; and I will&H1 send

<lb n=P4.32>a few lines by&H4 you to&H9 assure him of my hearty consent&H0;

<lb n=P4.33>to&H4 his marrying which&sp;ever he chuses of the girls; though

<lb n=P4.34>I must throw&H1 in&H4 a good word for&H4 my little <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P4.35>&dq;I desire&H1 you will&H1 do no&H2 such thing. <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name> is not

<lb n=P4.36>a bit better than the others; and I am sure she is not half

<lb n=P4.37>so&H51 handsome as <name who=PPE>Jane</name>, nor half so&H51 good&sp;humoured as <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>.

<lb n=P4.38>But you are always giving <hi r=Italic>her</hi> the preference.&dq;<pb n=P5></q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P5.1>&dq;They have none of them much to&H9 recommend them,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P5.2>replied he;</q><q who=PPC>&dq;they are all silly and ignorant like&H4 other

<lb n=P5.3>girls; but <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name> has something more of quickness

<lb n=P5.4>than her sisters.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P5.5>&dq;<name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name>, how can you abuse your own&H2 children

<lb n=P5.6>in&H4 such a way? You take delight&H0 in&H4 vexing me. You

<lb n=P5.7>have no&H2 compassion on&H4 my poor nerves.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P5.8>&dq;You mistake&H1 me, my dear&H21;. I have a high respect&H0 for&H4;

<lb n=P5.9>your nerves. They are my old friends. I have heard you

<lb n=P5.10>mention&H1 them with consideration these twenty years at

<lb n=P5.11>least.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P5.12>&dq;Ah! you do not know what I suffer.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P5.13>&dq;But I hope&H1 you will&H1 get over it, and live to&H9 see many

<lb n=P5.14>young men of four thousand a year come into the neighbourhood.&dq;

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<lb n=P5.16>&dq;It will&H1 be no&H2 use&H0 to&H4 us, if twenty such should come

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<lb n=P5.18>&dq;Depend upon&H4 it, my dear&H21;, that&H3 when there are twenty,

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<lb n=P5.20><name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name> was so&H51 odd a mixture of quick&H2 parts, sarcastic

<lb n=P5.21>humour, reserve&H0;, and caprice, that&H3 the experience&H0 of three&sp;and&sp;twenty

<lb n=P5.22>years had been insufficient to&H9 make&H1 his wife

<lb n=P5.23>understand his character. <hi r=Italic>Her</hi> mind&H0 was less difficult to&H9;

<lb n=P5.24>develope. She was a woman of mean&H2 understanding, little

<lb n=P5.25>information, and uncertain temper. When she was discontented

<lb n=P5.26>she fancied herself nervous. The business of her

<lb n=P5.27>life was to&H9 get her daughters married; its solace was

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<lb n=P6.2>waited on&H4 <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>. He had always intended to&H9 visit&H1;

<lb n=P6.3>him, though to&H4 the last&H0 always assuring his wife that&H3 he

<lb n=P6.4>should not go; and till the evening after&H3 the visit&H0 was paid,

<lb n=P6.5>she had no&H2 knowledge of it. It was then disclosed in&H4 the

<lb n=P6.6>following manner. Observing his second&H2 daughter employed

<lb n=P6.7>in&H4 trimming a hat, he suddenly addressed her with,</q><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P6.8>&dq;I hope&H1 <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> will&H1 like&H1 it <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P6.9>&dq;We are not in&H4 a way to&H9 know <hi r=Italic>what</hi> <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> likes,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P6.10>said her mother resentfully,</q><q who=PPD>&dq;since we are not to&H9 visit&H1;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P6.11>&dq;But you forget, mama,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;that&H3 we

<lb n=P6.12>shall meet&H1 him at the assemblies, and that&H3 <name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Long</name> has

<lb n=P6.13>promised to&H9 introduce him.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P6.14>&dq;I do not believe <name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Long</name> will&H1 do any such thing.

<lb n=P6.15>She has two neices of her own&H2;. She is a selfish, hypocritical

<lb n=P6.16>woman, and I have no&H2 opinion of her.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P6.17>&dq;No&H2 more have I,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet;</name></q><q who=PPC>&dq;and I am glad

<lb n=P6.18>to&H9 find that&H3 you do not depend on&H4 her serving you.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P6.19><name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> deigned not to&H9 make&H1 any reply&H0;; but

<lb n=P6.20>unable to&H9 contain herself, began scolding one of her

<lb n=P6.21>daughters.</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P6.22>&dq;Don't keep coughing so&H52;, <name who=PPG>Kitty</name>, for&H4 heaven's sake!

<lb n=P6.23>Have a little compassion on&H4 my nerves. You tear&H1 them

<lb n=P6.24>to&H4 pieces.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P6.25>&dq;<name who=PPG>Kitty</name> has no&H2 discretion in&H4 her coughs,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said her

<lb n=P6.26>father;</q><q who=PPC>&dq;she times them ill.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPG>

<lb n=P6.27>&dq;I do not cough for&H4 my own&H2 amusement,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied

<lb n=P6.28><name who=PPG>Kitty</name> fretfully.</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P6.29>&dq;When is your next ball&H02 to&H9 be, <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P6.30>&dq;To-morrow fortnight.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P6.31>&dq;Aye, so&H52 it is,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried her mother,</q><q who=PPD>&dq;and <name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Long</name>

<lb n=P6.32>does not come back&H5 till the day before&H5;; so&H3;, it will&H1 be

<lb n=P6.33>impossible for&H4 her to&H9 introduce him, for&H3 she will&H1 not know

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<lb n=P7.1>&dq;Then, my dear&H21;, you may&H1 have the advantage of your

<lb n=P7.2>friend, and introduce <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> to&H4 <hi r=Italic>her</hi>.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P7.3>&dq;Impossible, <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name>, impossible, when I am

<lb n=P7.4>not acquainted with him myself; how can you be so&H51;

<lb n=P7.5>teazing?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P7.6>&dq;I honour&H1 your circumspection. A fortnight's acquaintance

<lb n=P7.7>is certainly very little. One cannot know what

<lb n=P7.8>a man really is by&H4 the end&H0 of a fortnight. But if <hi r=Italic>we</hi> do

<lb n=P7.9>not venture, somebody else will&H1;; and after&H4 all, <name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Long</name>

<lb n=P7.10>and her neices must stand&H1 their chance&H0;; and therefore,

<lb n=P7.11>as she will&H1 think it an act&H0 of kindness, if you decline the

<lb n=P7.12>office, I will&H1 take it on&H4 myself.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P7.13>The girls stared at their father. <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> said only,</q><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P7.14>&dq;Nonsense, nonsense!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P7.15>&dq;What can be the meaning of that&H62 emphatic exclamation?&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P7.16>cried he.</q><q who=PPC>&dq;Do you consider the forms of introduction,

<lb n=P7.17>and the stress that&H61 is laid on&H4 them, as nonsense?

<lb n=P7.18>I cannot quite agree with you <hi r=Italic>there</hi>. What say you,

<lb n=P7.19><name who=PPF>Mary</name>? for&H3 you are a young lady of deep reflection I know,

<lb n=P7.20>and read great books, and make&H1 extracts.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P7.21><name who=PPF>Mary</name> wished to&H9 say something very sensible&H22;, but knew

<lb n=P7.22>not how.</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P7.23>&dq;While&H3 <name who=PPF>Mary</name> is adjusting her ideas,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>he continued,</q><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P7.24>&dq;let us return&H1 to&H4 <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P7.25>&dq;I am sick of <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried his wife.</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P7.26>&dq;I am sorry to&H9 hear <hi r=Italic>that&H62;</hi>; but why did not you tell

<lb n=P7.27>me so&H52 before&H5;? If I had known as much this morning,

<lb n=P7.28>I certainly would not have called on&H4 him. It is very

<lb n=P7.29>unlucky; but as I have actually paid the visit&H0;, we cannot

<lb n=P7.30>escape&H1 the acquaintance now.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P7.31>The astonishment of the ladies was just&H5 what he wished;

<lb n=P7.32>that&H62 of <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> perhaps surpassing the rest&H01;; though

<lb n=P7.33>when the first tumult of joy was over, she began to&H9 declare

<lb n=P7.34>that&H3 it was what she had expected all the while&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P7.35>&dq;How good it was in&H4 you, my dear&H21 <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name>! But

<lb n=P7.36>I knew I should persuade you at last&H0;. I was sure you

<lb n=P7.37>loved your girls too&H51 well&H5 to&H9 neglect&H1 such an acquaintance.

<lb n=P7.38>Well&H7;, how pleased I am! and it is such a good joke, too&H52;,<pb n=P8>

<lb n=P8.1>that&H3 you should have gone this morning, and never said

<lb n=P8.2>a word about&H4 it till now.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P8.3>&dq;Now, <name who=PPG>Kitty</name>, you may&H1 cough as much as you chuse,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P8.4>said <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet;</name> and, as he spoke, he left the room,

<lb n=P8.5>fatigued with the raptures of his wife.</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P8.6>&dq;What an excellent father you have, girls,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said she,

<lb n=P8.7>when the door was shut.</q><q who=PPD>&dq;I do not know how you will&H1;

<lb n=P8.8>ever make&H1 him amends for&H4 his kindness; or me either,

<lb n=P8.9>for&H4 that&H62 matter. At our time of life, it is not so&H51 pleasant

<lb n=P8.10>I can tell you, to&H9 be making new acquaintance every day;

<lb n=P8.11>but for&H4 your sakes, we would do any&sp;thing. <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>, my

<lb n=P8.12>love&H0;, though you <hi r=Italic>are</hi> the youngest, I dare&H12 say <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>

<lb n=P8.13>will&H1 dance&H1 with you at the next ball&H02;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPH>

<lb n=P8.14>&dq;Oh!&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> stoutly,</q><q who=PPH>&dq;I am not afraid; for&H3;

<lb n=P8.15>though I <hi r=Italic>am</hi> the youngest, I'm the tallest.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P8.16>The rest&H01 of the evening was spent in&H4 conjecturing how

<lb n=P8.17>soon he would return&H1 <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name>'s visit&H0;, and determining

<lb n=P8.18>when they should ask him to&H4 dinner.</q></p></div2>

<div2 type=chap n=03><p><pb n=P9>

<lb n=P9.1><q who=pp0>Not all that&H61 <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>, however, with the assistance

<lb n=P9.2>of her five daughters, could ask on&H4 the subject&H0 was sufficient

<lb n=P9.3>to&H9 draw from her husband any satisfactory description

<lb n=P9.4>of <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>. They attacked him in&H4 various ways;

<lb n=P9.5>with barefaced questions, ingenious suppositions, and

<lb n=P9.6>distant surmises; but he eluded the skill of them all;

<lb n=P9.7>and they were at last&H0 obliged to&H9 accept the second-hand

<lb n=P9.8>intelligence of their neighbour <name who=PPV>Lady&sp;Lucas</name>. Her report&H0;

<lb n=P9.9>was highly favourable.</q><q who=PPV type=indirect><name who=PPR>Sir&sp;William</name> had been delighted

<lb n=P9.10>with him. He was quite young, wonderfully handsome,

<lb n=P9.11>extremely agreeable, and to&H9 crown&H1 the whole&H0;, he meant to&H9;

<lb n=P9.12>be at the next assembly with a large party. Nothing

<lb n=P9.13>could be more delightful!</q><q who=PP0>To&H9 be fond of dancing was

<lb n=P9.14>a certain step&H0 towards falling in&H4 love&H0;; and very lively

<lb n=P9.15>hopes&H0 of <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>'s heart were entertained.</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P9.16>&dq;If I can but see one of my daughters happily settled

<lb n=P9.17>at Netherfield,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> to&H4 her husband,</q><q who=PPD>&dq;and

<lb n=P9.18>all the others equally well&H5 married, I shall have nothing

<lb n=P9.19>to&H9 wish&H1 for&H4;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P9.20>In&H4 a few days <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> returned <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name>'s visit&H0;,

<lb n=P9.21>and sat about&H4 ten minutes with him in&H4 his library. He

<lb n=P9.22>had entertained hopes&H0 of being&H1 admitted to&H4 a sight of the

<lb n=P9.23>young ladies, of whose&H61 beauty he had heard much; but

<lb n=P9.24>he saw only the father. The ladies were somewhat more

<lb n=P9.25>fortunate, for&H3 they had the advantage of ascertaining from

<lb n=P9.26>an upper window, that&H3 he wore a blue coat and rode a black

<lb n=P9.27>horse.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P9.28>An invitation to&H4 dinner was soon afterwards dispatched;

<lb n=P9.29>and already had <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> planned the courses that&H61 were

<lb n=P9.30>to&H9 do credit&H0 to&H4 her housekeeping, when an answer&H0 arrived

<lb n=P9.31>which&H61 deferred it all.</q><q who=PPI type=indirect><name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> was obliged to&H9 be in&H4;

<lb n=P9.32>town the following day, and consequently unable to&H9 accept

<lb n=P9.33>the honour&H0 of their invitation, &amp;c&point;</q><q who=PP0><name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> was<pb n=P10>

<lb n=P10.1>quite disconcerted.</q><q who=PPD type=indirect>She could not imagine what business

<lb n=P10.2>he could have in&H4 town so&H51 soon after&H4 his arrival in&H4 Hertfordshire;

<lb n=P10.3>and she began to&H9 fear&H1 that&H3 he might be always

<lb n=P10.4>flying about&H5 from one place&H0 to&H4 another, and never settled

<lb n=P10.5>at Netherfield as he ought to&H9 be.</q><q who=PP0><name who=PPV>Lady&sp;Lucas</name> quieted her

<lb n=P10.6>fears a little by&H4 starting the idea of his being&H1 gone to&H4;

<lb n=P10.7>London only to&H9 get a large party for&H4 the ball&H02;; and a report&H0;

<lb n=P10.8>soon followed that&H3 <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> was to&H9 bring twelve ladies

<lb n=P10.9>and seven gentlemen with him to&H4 the assembly. The girls

<lb n=P10.10>grieved over such a number of ladies; but were comforted

<lb n=P10.11>the day before&H4 the ball&H02 by&H4 hearing, that&H3 instead of twelve,

<lb n=P10.12>he had brought only six with him from London, his five

<lb n=P10.13>sisters and a cousin. And when the party entered the

<lb n=P10.14>assembly room, it consisted of only five altogether;

<lb n=P10.15><name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>, his two sisters, the husband of the eldest,

<lb n=P10.16>and another young man.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P10.17><name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> was good&sp;looking and gentlemanlike; he

<lb n=P10.18>had a pleasant countenance, and easy, unaffected manners.

<lb n=P10.19>His sisters were fine women, with an air of decided fashion&H0;.

<lb n=P10.20>His brother-in-law, <name who=PPW>Mr&point;&sp;Hurst</name>, merely looked the gentleman;

<lb n=P10.21>but his friend <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> soon drew the attention

<lb n=P10.22>of the room by&H4 his fine, tall person, handsome features,

<lb n=P10.23>noble mien; and the report&H0 which&H61 was in&H4 general&H2 circulation

<lb n=P10.24>within five minutes after&H4 his entrance, of his having

<lb n=P10.25>ten thousand a year. The gentlemen pronounced him to&H9;

<lb n=P10.26>be</q><q who=PPX type=indirect>a fine figure of a man,</q><q who=PP0>the ladies declared</q><q who=PPX type=indirect>he was much

<lb n=P10.27>handsomer than <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>,</q><q who=PP0>and he was looked at with

<lb n=P10.28>great admiration for&H4 about&H4 half the evening, till his

<lb n=P10.29>manners gave a disgust&H0 which&H61 turned the tide of his

<lb n=P10.30>popularity; for&H3 he was discovered to&H9 be proud, to&H9 be

<lb n=P10.31>above&H4 his company, and above&H4 being&H1 pleased; and not

<lb n=P10.32>all his large estate in&H4 Derbyshire could then save&H1 him from

<lb n=P10.33>having a most forbidding, disagreeable countenance, and

<lb n=P10.34>being&H1 unworthy to&H9 be compared with his friend.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P10.35><name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> had soon made himself acquainted with

<lb n=P10.36>all the principal&H2 people in&H4 the room; he was lively and

<lb n=P10.37>unreserved, danced every dance&H0;, was angry that&H3 the ball&H02;

<lb n=P10.38>closed so&H51 early, and talked of giving one himself at Netherfield.<pb n=P11>

<lb n=P11.1>Such amiable qualities must speak for&H4 themselves.

<lb n=P11.2>What a contrast between him and his friend! <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>

<lb n=P11.3>danced only once with <name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Hurst</name> and once with <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name>,

<lb n=P11.4>declined being&H1 introduced to&H4 any other lady, and

<lb n=P11.5>spent the rest&H01 of the evening in&H4 walking about&H4 the room,

<lb n=P11.6>speaking occasionally to&H4 one of his own&H2 party. His character

<lb n=P11.7>was decided.</q><q who=PPX type=indirect>He was the proudest, most disagreeable

<lb n=P11.8>man in&H4 the world,</q><q who=PP0>and every&sp;body hoped that&H3 he would

<lb n=P11.9>never come there again. Amongst the most violent

<lb n=P11.10>against him was <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>, whose&H61 dislike&H0 of his general&H2;

<lb n=P11.11>behaviour, was sharpened into particular resentment, by&H4;

<lb n=P11.12>his having slighted one of her daughters.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P11.13><name who=PPA>Elizabeth&sp;Bennet</name> had been obliged, by&H4 the scarcity of

<lb n=P11.14>gentlemen, to&H9 sit down&H5 for&H4 two dances&H0;; and during part&H0;

<lb n=P11.15>of that&H62 time, <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> had been standing near&H5 enough

<lb n=P11.16>for&H4 her to&H9 overhear a conversation between him and

<lb n=P11.17><name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>, who&H61 came from the dance&H0 for&H4 a few minutes,

<lb n=P11.18>to&H9 press&H1 his friend to&H9 join it.</q></p><p><q who=PPI>

<lb n=P11.19>&dq;Come, <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said he,</q><q who=PPI>&dq;I must have you dance&H1;.

<lb n=P11.20>I hate to&H9 see you standing about&H5 by&H4 yourself in&H4 this stupid

<lb n=P11.21>manner. You had much better dance&H1;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P11.22>&dq;I certainly shall not. You know how I detest it,

<lb n=P11.23>unless I am particularly acquainted with my partner. At

<lb n=P11.24>such an assembly as this, it would be insupportable.

<lb n=P11.25>Your sisters are engaged, and there is not another woman

<lb n=P11.26>in&H4 the room, whom&H61 it would not be a punishment to&H4 me

<lb n=P11.27>to&H9 stand&H1 up&H5 with.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPI>

<lb n=P11.28>&dq;I would not be so&H51 fastidious as you are,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried <name who=PPI>Bingley</name>,</q><q who=PPI>

<lb n=P11.29>&dq;for&H4 a kingdom! Upon&H4 my honour&H0;, I never met with

<lb n=P11.30>so&H51 many pleasant girls in&H4 my life, as I have this evening;

<lb n=P11.31>and there are several of them you see uncommonly pretty&H2;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P11.32>&dq;<hi r=Italic>You</hi> are dancing with the only handsome girl in&H4 the

<lb n=P11.33>room,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>, looking at the eldest <name who=PPE>Miss&sp;Bennet</name>.</q></p><p><q who=PPI>

<lb n=P11.34>&dq;Oh! she is the most beautiful creature I ever beheld!

<lb n=P11.35>But there is one of her sisters sitting down&H5 just&H5 behind

<lb n=P11.36>you, who&H61 is very pretty&H2;, and I dare&H12 say, very agreeable.

<lb n=P11.37>Do let me ask my partner to&H9 introduce you.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P11.38>&dq;Which&H62 do you mean&H1;?&dq;</q><q who=PP0>and turning round&H5;, he looked<pb n=P12>

<lb n=P12.1>for&H4 a moment at <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, till catching her eye, he withdrew

<lb n=P12.2>his own&H2 and coldly said,</q><q who=PPB>&dq;She is tolerable; but not

<lb n=P12.3>handsome enough to&H9 tempt <hi r=Italic>me</hi>; and I am in&H4 no&H2 humour

<lb n=P12.4>at present&H01 to&H9 give consequence to&H4 young ladies who&H61 are

<lb n=P12.5>slighted by&H4 other men. You had better return&H1 to&H4 your

<lb n=P12.6>partner and enjoy her smiles, for&H3 you are wasting your

<lb n=P12.7>time with me.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P12.8><name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> followed his advice. <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> walked off;

<lb n=P12.9>and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> remained with no&H2 very cordial&H2 feelings

<lb n=P12.10>towards him. She told the story however with great

<lb n=P12.11>spirit among her friends; for&H3 she had a lively, playful

<lb n=P12.12>disposition, which&H61 delighted in&H4 any&sp;thing ridiculous.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P12.13>The evening altogether passed off pleasantly to&H4 the

<lb n=P12.14>whole&H2 family. <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> had seen her eldest daughter

<lb n=P12.15>much admired by&H4 the Netherfield party. <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> had

<lb n=P12.16>danced with her twice, and she had been distinguished

<lb n=P12.17>by&H4 his sisters. <name who=PPE>Jane</name> was as much gratified by&H4 this, as

<lb n=P12.18>her mother could be, though in&H4 a quieter way. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P12.19>felt <name who=PPE>Jane</name>'s pleasure. <name who=PPF>Mary</name> had heard herself mentioned

<lb n=P12.20>to&H4 <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name> as the most accomplished girl in&H4 the

<lb n=P12.21>neighbourhood; and <name who=PPG>Catherine</name> and <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> had been

<lb n=P12.22>fortunate enough to&H9 be never without partners, which&H61;

<lb n=P12.23>was all that&H61 they had yet learnt to&H9 care&H1 for&H4 at a ball&H02;.

<lb n=P12.24>They returned therefore in&H4 good spirits to&H4 Longbourn, the

<lb n=P12.25>village where they lived, and of which&H61 they were the

<lb n=P12.26>principal&H2 inhabitants. They found <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name> still&H5 up&H5;.

<lb n=P12.27>With a book he was regardless of time; and on&H4 the present&H01;

<lb n=P12.28>occasion&H0 he had a good deal&H0 of curiosity as to&H4 the event

<lb n=P12.29>of an evening which&H61 had raised such splendid expectations.

<lb n=P12.30>He had rather hoped that&H3 all his wife's views on&H4 the

<lb n=P12.31>stranger&H0 would be disappointed; but he soon found that&H3;

<lb n=P12.32>he had a very different story to&H9 hear.</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P12.33>&dq;Oh! my dear&H21 <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>as she entered the room,</q><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P12.34>&dq;we have had a most delightful evening, a most excellent

<lb n=P12.35>ball&H02;. I wish&H1 you had been there. <name who=PPE>Jane</name> was so&H51 admired,

<lb n=P12.36>nothing could be like&H4 it. Every&sp;body said how well&H5 she

<lb n=P12.37>looked; and <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> thought&H1 her quite beautiful,

<lb n=P12.38>and danced with her twice. Only think of <hi r=Italic>that&H62;</hi> my dear&H21;;<pb n=P13>

<lb n=P13.1>he actually danced with her twice; and she was the only

<lb n=P13.2>creature in&H4 the room that&H61 he asked a second&H2 time. First

<lb n=P13.3>of all, he asked <name who=PPQ>Miss&sp;Lucas</name>. I was so&H51 vexed to&H9 see him

<lb n=P13.4>stand&H1 up&H5 with her; but, however, he did not admire her

<lb n=P13.5>at all: indeed, nobody can, you know; and he seemed

<lb n=P13.6>quite struck with <name who=PPE>Jane</name> as she was going down&H4 the dance&H0;.

<lb n=P13.7>So&H3;, he enquired who&H61 she was, and got introduced, and asked

<lb n=P13.8>her for&H4 the two next. Then, the two third he danced with

<lb n=P13.9><name who=PPZW>Miss&sp;King</name>, and the two fourth with <name who=PPV>Maria&sp;Lucas</name>, and the

<lb n=P13.10>two fifth with <name who=PPE>Jane</name> again, and the two sixth with <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>,

<lb n=P13.11>and the Boulanger &dash;&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P13.12>&dq;If he had had any compassion for&H4 <hi r=Italic>me</hi>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P13.13>cried her

<lb n=P13.14>husband impatiently,</q><q who=PPC>&dq;he would not have danced half

<lb n=P13.15>so&H51 much! For&H4 God's sake, say no&H2 more of his partners.

<lb n=P13.16>Oh! that&H3 he had sprained his ancle in&H4 the first dance&H0;!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P13.17>&dq;Oh! my dear&H21;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>continued <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>,</q><q who=PPD>&dq;I am quite

<lb n=P13.18>delighted with him. He is so&H51 excessively handsome! and

<lb n=P13.19>his sisters are charming women. I never in&H4 my life saw

<lb n=P13.20>any&sp;thing more elegant than their dresses&H0;. I dare&H12 say the

<lb n=P13.21>lace&H0 upon&H4 <name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Hurst</name>'s gown &dash;&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P13.22>Here she was interrupted again. <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name> protested

<lb n=P13.23>against any description of finery. She was therefore

<lb n=P13.24>obliged to&H9 seek another branch of the subject&H0;, and related,

<lb n=P13.25>with much bitterness of spirit and some exaggeration, the

<lb n=P13.26>shocking rudeness of <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>.</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P13.27>&dq;But I can assure you,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>she added,</q><q who=PPD>&dq;that&H3 <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name> does

<lb n=P13.28>not lose much by&H4 not suiting <hi r=Italic>his</hi> fancy&H0;; for&H3 he is a most

<lb n=P13.29>disagreeable, horrid man, not at all worth pleasing. So&H51;

<lb n=P13.30>high and so&H51 conceited that&H3 there was no&H2 enduring him!

<lb n=P13.31>He walked here, and walked there, fancying himself

<lb n=P13.32>so&H51 very great! Not handsome enough to&H9 dance&H1 with!

<lb n=P13.33>I wish&H1 you had been there, my dear&H21;, to&H9 have given him

<lb n=P13.34>one of your set&sp;downs. I quite detest the man.&dq;</q></p></div2>

<div2 type=chap n=04><p><pb n=P14><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P14.1>When <name who=PPE>Jane</name> and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> were alone, the former, who&H61;

<lb n=P14.2>had been cautious in&H4 her praise&H0 of <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> before&H5;,

<lb n=P14.3>expressed to&H4 her sister how very much she admired him.</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P14.4>&dq;He is just&H5 what a young man ought to&H9 be,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said she,</q><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P14.5>&dq;sensible&H22;, good&sp;humoured, lively; and I never saw such

<lb n=P14.6>happy manners! &dash; so&H51 much ease&H0;, with such perfect&H2 good&sp;breeding!&dq;

<lb n=P14.7></q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P14.8>&dq;He is also handsome,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;which&H61;

<lb n=P14.9>a young man ought likewise to&H9 be, if he possibly can.

<lb n=P14.10>His character is thereby complete&H2;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P14.11>&dq;I was very much flattered by&H4 his asking me to&H9 dance&H1;

<lb n=P14.12>a second&H2 time. I did not expect such a compliment&H0;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P14.13>&dq;Did not you? <hi r=Italic>I</hi> did for&H4 you. But that&H62 is one great

<lb n=P14.14>difference between us. Compliments always take <hi r=Italic>you</hi> by&H4;

<lb n=P14.15>surprise&H0;, and <hi r=Italic>me</hi> never. What could be more natural&H2 than

<lb n=P14.16>his asking you again? He could not help&H1 seeing that&H3 you

<lb n=P14.17>were about&H4 five times as pretty&H2 as every other woman in&H4;

<lb n=P14.18>the room. No&H2 thanks to&H4 his gallantry for&H4 that&H62;. Well&H7;,

<lb n=P14.19>he certainly is very agreeable, and I give you leave&H0 to&H9;

<lb n=P14.20>like&H1 him. You have liked many a stupider person.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P14.21>&dq;Dear&H21 <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P14.22>&dq;Oh! you are a great deal&H0 too&H51 apt you know, to&H9 like&H1;

<lb n=P14.23>people in&H4 general&H0;. You never see a fault in&H4 any&sp;body.

<lb n=P14.24>All the world are good and agreeable in&H4 your eyes. I never

<lb n=P14.25>heard you speak ill of a human being&H0 in&H4 my life.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P14.26>&dq;I would wish&H1 not to&H9 be hasty in&H4 censuring any&sp;one;

<lb n=P14.27>but I always speak what I think.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P14.28>&dq;I know you do; and it is <hi r=Italic>that&H62;</hi> which&H61 makes the wonder&H0;.

<lb n=P14.29>With <hi r=Italic>your</hi> good sense, to&H9 be so&H51 honestly blind&H2 to&H4 the follies

<lb n=P14.30>and nonsense of others! Affectation of candour is common&H2;

<lb n=P14.31>enough; &dash; one meets it every&sp;where. But to&H9 be candid

<lb n=P14.32>without ostentation or design&H0 &dash; to&H9 take the good of every&sp;body's

<lb n=P14.33>character and make&H1 it still&H5 better, and say nothing<pb n=P15>

<lb n=P15.1>of the bad &dash; belongs to&H4 you alone. And so&H3;, you like&H1 this

<lb n=P15.2>man's sisters too&H52;, do you? Their manners are not equal&H2;

<lb n=P15.3>to&H4 his.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P15.4>&dq;Certainly not; at first. But they are very pleasing

<lb n=P15.5>women when you converse with them. <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name>

<lb n=P15.6>is to&H9 live with her brother and keep his house; and I am

<lb n=P15.7>much mistaken if we shall not find a very charming

<lb n=P15.8>neighbour in&H4 her.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P15.9><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> listened in&H4 silence&H0;, but was not convinced;

<lb n=P15.10>their behaviour at the assembly had not been calculated

<lb n=P15.11>to&H9 please in&H4 general&H0;; and with more quickness of observation

<lb n=P15.12>and less pliancy of temper than her sister, and

<lb n=P15.13>with a judgment too&H51 unassailed by&H4 any attention to&H4 herself,

<lb n=P15.14>she was very little disposed to&H9 approve them. They were

<lb n=P15.15>in&H4 fact very fine ladies; not deficient in&H4 good&sp;humour

<lb n=P15.16>when they were pleased, nor in&H4 the power of being&H1 agreeable

<lb n=P15.17>where they chose it; but proud and conceited. They

<lb n=P15.18>were rather handsome, had been educated in&H4 one of the

<lb n=P15.19>first private&H2 seminaries in&H4 town, had a fortune of twenty

<lb n=P15.20>thousand pounds, were in&H4 the habit of spending more than

<lb n=P15.21>they ought, and of associating with people of rank&H0;; and

<lb n=P15.22>were therefore in&H4 every respect&H0 entitled to&H9 think well&H5 of

<lb n=P15.23>themselves, and meanly of others. They were of a respectable

<lb n=P15.24>family in&H4 the north of England; a circumstance more

<lb n=P15.25>deeply impressed on&H4 their memories than that&H3 their

<lb n=P15.26>brother's fortune and their own&H2 had been acquired by&H4;

<lb n=P15.27>trade.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P15.28><name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> inherited property to&H4 the amount of nearly

<lb n=P15.29>an hundred thousand pounds from his father, who&H61 had

<lb n=P15.30>intended to&H9 purchase&H1 an estate, but did not live to&H9 do it. &dash;

<lb n=P15.31><name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> intended it likewise, and sometimes made

<lb n=P15.32>choice&H0 of his county; but as he was now provided with

<lb n=P15.33>a good house and the liberty of a manor, it was doubtful

<lb n=P15.34>to&H4 many of those who&H61 best knew the easiness of his

<lb n=P15.35>temper, whether he might not spend the remainder of his

<lb n=P15.36>days at Netherfield, and leave&H1 the next generation to&H9;

<lb n=P15.37>purchase&H1;.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P15.38>His sisters were very anxious for&H4 his having an estate<pb n=P16>

<lb n=P16.1>of his own&H2;; but though he was now established only as

<lb n=P16.2>a tenant, <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name> was by&H4 no&H2 means&H0 unwilling to&H9;

<lb n=P16.3>preside at his table, nor was <name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Hurst</name>, who&H61 had married

<lb n=P16.4>a man of more fashion&H0 than fortune, less disposed to&H9;

<lb n=P16.5>consider his house as her home when it suited her. <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>

<lb n=P16.6>had not been of age two years, when he was

<lb n=P16.7>tempted by&H4 an accidental recommendation to&H9 look&H1 at

<lb n=P16.8>Netherfield&sp;House. He did look&H1 at it and into it for&H4 half

<lb n=P16.9>an hour, was pleased with the situation and the principal&H2;

<lb n=P16.10>rooms, satisfied with what the owner said in&H4 its praise&H0;,

<lb n=P16.11>and took it immediately.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P16.12>Between him and <name who=PPB>Darcy</name> there was a very steady

<lb n=P16.13>friendship, in&H4 spite&H8 of a great opposition of character. &dash;

<lb n=P16.14><name who=PPI>Bingley</name> was endeared to&H4 <name who=PPB>Darcy</name> by&H4 the easiness, openness,

<lb n=P16.15>ductility of his temper, though no&H2 disposition could offer&H1;

<lb n=P16.16>a greater contrast to&H4 his own&H2;, and though with his own&H2 he

<lb n=P16.17>never appeared dissatisfied. On&H4 the strength of <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>'s

<lb n=P16.18>regard&H0 <name who=PPI>Bingley</name> had the firmest reliance, and of his judgment

<lb n=P16.19>the highest opinion. In&H4 understanding <name who=PPB>Darcy</name> was

<lb n=P16.20>the superior. <name who=PPI>Bingley</name> was by&H4 no&H2 means&H0 deficient, but

<lb n=P16.21><name who=PPB>Darcy</name> was clever. He was at the same time haughty,

<lb n=P16.22>reserved, and fastidious, and his manners, though well&H5;

<lb n=P16.23>bred, were not inviting. In&H4 that&H62 respect&H0 his friend had

<lb n=P16.24>greatly the advantage. <name who=PPI>Bingley</name> was sure of being&H1 liked

<lb n=P16.25>wherever he appeared, <name who=PPB>Darcy</name> was continually giving

<lb n=P16.26>offence.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P16.27>The manner in&H4 which&H61 they spoke of the Meryton

<lb n=P16.28>assembly was sufficiently characteristic. <name who=PPI>Bingley</name></q><q who=PPI type=indirect>had

<lb n=P16.29>never met with pleasanter people or prettier girls in&H4 his

<lb n=P16.30>life; every&sp;body had been most kind&H2 and attentive to&H4;

<lb n=P16.31>him, there had been no&H2 formality, no&H2 stiffness, he had

<lb n=P16.32>soon felt acquainted with all the room; and as to&H4 <name who=PPE>Miss&sp;Bennet</name>,

<lb n=P16.33>he could not conceive an angel more beautiful.</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P16.34><name who=PPB>Darcy</name>, on&H4 the contrary,</q><q who=PPB type=indirect>had seen a collection of people

<lb n=P16.35>in&H4 whom&H61 there was little beauty and no&H2 fashion&H0;, for&H4 none

<lb n=P16.36>of whom&H61 he had felt the smallest interest&H0;, and from none

<lb n=P16.37>received either attention or pleasure. <name who=PPE>Miss&sp;Bennet</name> he

<lb n=P16.38>acknowledged to&H9 be pretty&H2;, but she smiled too&H51 much.<pb n=P17></q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P17.1><name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Hurst</name> and her sister allowed it to&H9 be so&H52 &dash;</q><q who=PPY type=indirect>but still&H5;

<lb n=P17.2>they admired her and liked her,</q><q who=PP0>and pronounced her to&H9;

<lb n=P17.3>be</q><q who=PPY type=indirect>a sweet girl, and one whom&H61 they should not object&H1 to&H9;

<lb n=P17.4>know more of.</q><q who=PP0><name who=PPE>Miss&sp;Bennet</name> was therefore established as

<lb n=P17.5>a sweet girl, and their brother felt authorised by&H4 such

<lb n=P17.6>commendation to&H9 think of her as he chose.</q></p></div2>

<div2 type=chap n=05><p><pb n=P18>

<lb n=P18.1><q who=pp0>Within a short walk&H0 of Longbourn lived a family with

<lb n=P18.2>whom&H61 the <name who=PPC1>Bennets</name> were particularly intimate&H2;. <name who=PPR>Sir&sp;William&sp;Lucas</name>

<lb n=P18.3>had been formerly in&H4 trade in&H4 Meryton, where he had

<lb n=P18.4>made a tolerable fortune and risen to&H4 the honour&H0 of knighthood

<lb n=P18.5>by&H4 an address&H0 to&H4 the King, during his mayoralty. The

<lb n=P18.6>distinction had perhaps been felt too&H51 strongly. It had given

<lb n=P18.7>him a disgust&H0 to&H4 his business and to&H4 his residence in&H4 a small

<lb n=P18.8>market town; and quitting them both, he had removed

<lb n=P18.9>with his family to&H4 a house about&H4 a mile from Meryton,

<lb n=P18.10>denominated from that&H62 period Lucas&sp;Lodge, where he

<lb n=P18.11>could think with pleasure of his own&H2 importance, and

<lb n=P18.12>unshackled by&H4 business, occupy himself solely in&H4 being&H1;

<lb n=P18.13>civil to&H4 all the world. For&H3 though elated by&H4 his rank&H0;,

<lb n=P18.14>it did not render him supercilious; on&H4 the contrary, he

<lb n=P18.15>was all attention to&H4 every&sp;body. By&H4 nature inoffensive,

<lb n=P18.16>friendly and obliging, his presentation at St&point;&sp;James's had

<lb n=P18.17>made him courteous.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P18.18><q who=pp0><name who=PPV>Lady&sp;Lucas</name> was a very good kind&H0 of woman, not too&H51;

<lb n=P18.19>clever to&H9 be a valuable neighbour to&H4 <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>. &dash; They

<lb n=P18.20>had several children. The eldest of them, a sensible&H22;,

<lb n=P18.21>intelligent young woman, about&H4 twenty-seven, was <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>'s

<lb n=P18.22>intimate&H2 friend.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P18.23><q who=pp0>That&H3 the <name who=PPQ1>Miss&sp;Lucases</name> and the <name who=PPE1>Miss&sp;Bennets</name> should

<lb n=P18.24>meet&H1 to&H9 talk&H1 over a ball&H02 was absolutely necessary; and

<lb n=P18.25>the morning after&H4 the assembly brought the former to&H4;

<lb n=P18.26>Longbourn to&H9 hear and to&H9 communicate.</q><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P18.27>&dq;<hi r=Italic>You</hi> began the evening well&H5;, <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>

<lb n=P18.28>with civil self-command to&H4 <name who=PPQ>Miss&sp;Lucas</name>.</q><q who=PPD>&dq;<hi r=Italic>You</hi>

<lb n=P18.29>were <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>'s first choice&H0;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPQ>

<lb n=P18.30>&dq;Yes; &dash; but he seemed to&H9 like&H1 his second&H2 better.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P18.31>&dq;Oh! &dash; you mean&H1 <name who=PPE>Jane</name>, I suppose &dash; because he danced

<lb n=P18.32>with her twice. To&H9 be sure that&H62 <hi r=Italic>did</hi> seem as if he admired

<lb n=P18.33>her &dash; indeed I rather believe he <hi r=Italic>did</hi> &dash; I heard something<pb n=P19>

<lb n=P19.1>about&H4 it &dash; but I hardly know what &dash; something about&H4;

<lb n=P19.2><name who=PPZZK>Mr&point;&sp;Robinson</name>.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPQ>

<lb n=P19.3>&dq;Perhaps you mean&H1 what I overheard between him

<lb n=P19.4>and <name who=PPZZK>Mr&point;&sp;Robinson;</name> did not I mention&H1 it to&H4 you? <name who=PPZZK>Mr&point;&sp;Robinson</name>'s

<lb n=P19.5>asking him how he liked our Meryton assemblies,

<lb n=P19.6>and whether he did not think there were a great

<lb n=P19.7>many pretty&H2 women in&H4 the room, and <hi r=Italic>which&H62;</hi> he thought&H1;

<lb n=P19.8>the prettiest? and his answering immediately to&H4 the last&H2;

<lb n=P19.9>question&H0 &dash; Oh! the eldest <name who=PPE>Miss&sp;Bennet</name> beyond&H4 a doubt&H0;,

<lb n=P19.10>there cannot be two opinions on&H4 that&H62 point&H0;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P19.11>&dq;Upon&H4 my word! &dash; Well&H7;, that&H62 was very decided indeed

<lb n=P19.12>&dash; that&H62 does seem as if &dash; but however, it may&H1 all come

<lb n=P19.13>to&H4 nothing you know.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPQ>

<lb n=P19.14>&dq;<hi r=Italic>My</hi> overhearings were more to&H4 the purpose than <hi r=Italic>yours</hi>,

<lb n=P19.15><name who=PPA>Eliza</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name>.</q><q who=PPQ>&dq;<name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> is not so&H51 well&H5 worth

<lb n=P19.16>listening to&H4 as his friend, is he? &dash; Poor <name who=PPA>Eliza</name>! &dash; to&H9 be only

<lb n=P19.17>just&H5 <hi r=Italic>tolerable</hi>.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P19.18>&dq;I beg you would not put it into <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>'s head&H0 to&H9;

<lb n=P19.19>be vexed by&H4 his ill-treatment; for&H3 he is such a disagreeable

<lb n=P19.20>man that&H3 it would be quite a misfortune to&H9 be

<lb n=P19.21>liked by&H4 him. <name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Long</name> told me last&H2 night that&H3 he

<lb n=P19.22>sat close&H5 to&H4 her for&H4 half an hour without once opening his

<lb n=P19.23>lips.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P19.24>&dq;Are you quite sure, Ma'am? &dash; is not there a little

<lb n=P19.25>mistake&H0;?&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPE>Jane</name>. &dash;</q><q who=PPE>&dq;I certainly saw <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>

<lb n=P19.26>speaking to&H4 her.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P19.27>&dq;Aye &dash; because she asked him at last&H0 how he liked

<lb n=P19.28>Netherfield, and he could not help&H1 answering her; &dash; but

<lb n=P19.29>she said he seemed very angry at being&H1 spoke to&H5;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P19.30>&dq;<name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name> told me,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPE>Jane</name>,</q><q who=PPE>&dq;that&H3 he never

<lb n=P19.31>speaks much unless among his intimate&H2 acquaintance.

<lb n=P19.32>With <hi r=Italic>them</hi> he is remarkably agreeable.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P19.33>&dq;I do not believe a word of it, my dear&H21;. If he had been

<lb n=P19.34>so&H51 very agreeable he would have talked to&H4 <name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Long</name>.

<lb n=P19.35>But I can guess&H1 how it was; every&sp;body says that&H3 he is

<lb n=P19.36>ate up&H5 with pride, and I dare&H12 say he had heard somehow

<lb n=P19.37>that&H3 <name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Long</name> does not keep a carriage, and had come

<lb n=P19.38>to&H4 the ball&H02 in&H4 a hack chaise.&dq;<pb n=P20></q></p><p><q who=PPQ>

<lb n=P20.1>&dq;I do not mind&H1 his not talking to&H4 <name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Long</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said

<lb n=P20.2><name who=PPQ>Miss&sp;Lucas</name>,</q><q who=PPQ>&dq;but I wish&H1 he had danced with <name who=PPA>Eliza</name>.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P20.3>&dq;Another time, <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said her mother,</q><q who=PPD>&dq;I would not

<lb n=P20.4>dance&H1 with <hi r=Italic>him</hi>, if I were you.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P20.5>&dq;I believe, Ma'am, I may&H1 safely promise&H1 you <hi r=Italic>never</hi> to&H9;

<lb n=P20.6>dance&H1 with him.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPQ>

<lb n=P20.7>&dq;His pride,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPQ>Miss&sp;Lucas</name>,</q><q who=PPQ>&dq;does not offend <hi r=Italic>me</hi> so&H51;

<lb n=P20.8>much as pride often does, because there is an excuse&H0 for&H4 it.

<lb n=P20.9>One cannot wonder&H1 that&H3 so&H51 very fine a young man, with

<lb n=P20.10>family, fortune, every&sp;thing in&H4 his favour&H0;, should think

<lb n=P20.11>highly of himself. If I may&H1 so&H52 express&H1 it, he has a <hi r=Italic>right&H0;</hi>

<lb n=P20.12>to&H9 be proud.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P20.13>&dq;That&H62 is very true,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;and I could

<lb n=P20.14>easily forgive <hi r=Italic>his</hi> pride, if he had not mortified <hi r=Italic>mine&H6;</hi>.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPF>

<lb n=P20.15>&dq;Pride,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>observed <name who=PPF>Mary</name>, who&H61 piqued herself upon&H4 the

<lb n=P20.16>solidity of her reflections,</q><q who=PPF>&dq;is a very common&H2 failing I

<lb n=P20.17>believe. By&H4 all that&H61 I have ever read, I am convinced

<lb n=P20.18>that&H3 it is very common&H2 indeed, that&H3 human nature is

<lb n=P20.19>particularly prone to&H4 it, and that&H3 there are very few of

<lb n=P20.20>us who&H61 do not cherish a feeling of self-complacency on&H4;

<lb n=P20.21>the score of some quality or other, real or imaginary.

<lb n=P20.22>Vanity and pride are different things, though the words

<lb n=P20.23>are often used synonimously. A person may&H1 be proud

<lb n=P20.24>without being&H1 vain. Pride relates more to&H4 our opinion

<lb n=P20.25>of ourselves, vanity to&H4 what we would have others think

<lb n=P20.26>of us.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPW>

<lb n=P20.27>&dq;If I were as rich as <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried a young <name who=PPW>Lucas</name>

<lb n=P20.28>who&H61 came with his sisters,</q><q who=PPW>&dq;I should not care&H1 how proud

<lb n=P20.29>I was. I would keep a pack of foxhounds, and drink

<lb n=P20.30>a bottle of wine every day.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P20.31>&dq;Then you would drink a great deal&H0 more than you

<lb n=P20.32>ought,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P20.33>said <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet;</name></q><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P20.34>&dq;and if I were to&H9 see you at

<lb n=P20.35>it I should take away your bottle directly.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P20.36>The boy protested that&H3 she should not; she continued

<lb n=P20.37>to&H9 declare that&H3 she would, and the argument ended only

<lb n=P20.38>with the visit&H0;.</q></p></div2>

<div2 type=chap n=06><p><pb n=P21>

<lb n=P21.1><q who=pp0>The ladies of Longbourn soon waited on&H4 those of

<lb n=P21.2>Netherfield. The visit&H0 was returned in&H4 due&H2 form&H0;. <name who=PPE>Miss&sp;Bennet</name>'s

<lb n=P21.3>pleasing manners grew on&H4 the good&sp;will of <name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Hurst</name>

<lb n=P21.4>and <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley;</name> and though the mother was

<lb n=P21.5>found to&H9 be intolerable and the younger sisters not worth

<lb n=P21.6>speaking to&H4;, a wish&H0 of being&H1 better acquainted with <hi r=Italic>them</hi>,

<lb n=P21.7>was expressed towards the two eldest. By&H4 <name who=PPE>Jane</name> this

<lb n=P21.8>attention was received with the greatest pleasure; but

<lb n=P21.9><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> still&H5 saw superciliousness in&H4 their treatment of

<lb n=P21.10>every&sp;body, hardly excepting even&H5 her sister, and could

<lb n=P21.11>not like&H1 them; though their kindness to&H4 <name who=PPE>Jane</name>, such as it

<lb n=P21.12>was, had a value&H0 as arising in&H4 all probability from the

<lb n=P21.13>influence&H0 of their brother's admiration. It was generally

<lb n=P21.14>evident whenever they met, that&H3 he <hi r=Italic>did</hi> admire her; and

<lb n=P21.15>to&H4 <hi r=Italic>her</hi> it was equally evident that&H3 <name who=PPE>Jane</name> was yielding to&H4 the

<lb n=P21.16>preference which&H61 she had begun to&H9 entertain for&H4 him from

<lb n=P21.17>the first, and was in&H4 a way to&H9 be very much in&H4 love&H0;; but

<lb n=P21.18>she considered with pleasure that&H3 it was not likely to&H9 be

<lb n=P21.19>discovered by&H4 the world in&H4 general&H0;, since <name who=PPE>Jane</name> united with

<lb n=P21.20>great strength of feeling, a composure of temper and a

<lb n=P21.21>uniform cheerfulness of manner, which&H61 would guard&H1 her

<lb n=P21.22>from the suspicions of the impertinent. She mentioned

<lb n=P21.23>this to&H4 her friend <name who=PPQ>Miss&sp;Lucas</name>.</q><q who=PPQ>

<lb n=P21.24>&dq;It may&H1 perhaps be pleasant,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name>,</q><q who=PPQ>&dq;to&H9;

<lb n=P21.25>be able to&H9 impose on&H4 the public&H0 in&H4 such a case; but it is

<lb n=P21.26>sometimes a disadvantage to&H9 be so&H51 very guarded. If

<lb n=P21.27>a woman conceals her affection with the same skill from

<lb n=P21.28>the object&H0 of it, she may&H1 lose the opportunity of fixing

<lb n=P21.29>him; and it will&H1 then be but poor consolation to&H9 believe

<lb n=P21.30>the world equally in&H4 the dark&H0;. There is so&H51 much of gratitude

<lb n=P21.31>or vanity in&H4 almost every attachment, that&H3 it is not

<lb n=P21.32>safe to&H9 leave&H1 any to&H4 itself. We can all <hi r=Italic>begin</hi> freely &dash; a slight&H2;

<lb n=P21.33>preference is natural&H2 enough; but there are very few of<pb n=P22>

<lb n=P22.1>us who&H61 have heart enough to&H9 be really in&H4 love&H0 without

<lb n=P22.2>encouragement. In&H4 nine cases out&H5 of ten, a woman had

<lb n=P22.3>better shew&H1 <hi r=Italic>more</hi> affection than she feels. <name who=PPI>Bingley</name> likes

<lb n=P22.4>your sister undoubtedly; but he may&H1 never do more than

<lb n=P22.5>like&H1 her, if she does not help&H1 him on&H5;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P22.6>&dq;But she does help&H1 him on&H5;, as much as her nature will&H1;

<lb n=P22.7>allow. If <hi r=Italic>I</hi> can perceived her regard&H0 for&H4 him, he must be

<lb n=P22.8>a simpleton indeed not to&H9 discover it too&H52;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPQ>

<lb n=P22.9>&dq;Remember, <name who=PPA>Eliza</name>, that&H3 he does not know <name who=PPE>Jane</name>'s

<lb n=P22.10>disposition as you do.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P22.11>&dq;But if a woman is partial to&H4 a man, and does not

<lb n=P22.12>endeavour&H1 to&H9 conceal it, he must find it out&H5;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPQ>

<lb n=P22.13>&dq;Perhaps he must, if he sees enough of her. But

<lb n=P22.14>though <name who=PPI>Bingley</name> and <name who=PPE>Jane</name> meet&H1 tolerably often, it is never

<lb n=P22.15>for&H4 many hours together; and as they always see each

<lb n=P22.16>other in&H4 large mixed parties, it is impossible that&H3 every

<lb n=P22.17>moment should be employed in&H4 conversing together.

<lb n=P22.18><name who=PPE>Jane</name> should therefore make&H1 the most of every half hour

<lb n=P22.19>in&H4 which&H61 she can command&H1 his attention. When she is

<lb n=P22.20>secure&H2 of him, there will&H1 be leisure for&H4 falling in&H4 love&H0 as

<lb n=P22.21>much as she chuses.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P22.22>&dq;Your plan is a good one,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;where

<lb n=P22.23>nothing is in&H4 question&H0 but the desire&H0 of being&H1 well&H5 married;

<lb n=P22.24>and if I were determined to&H9 get a rich husband, or any

<lb n=P22.25>husband, I dare&H12 say I should adopt it. But these are

<lb n=P22.26>not <name who=PPE>Jane</name>'s feelings; she is not acting by&H4 design&H0;. As yet,

<lb n=P22.27>she cannot even&H5 be certain of the degree of her own&H2;

<lb n=P22.28>regard&H0;, nor of its reasonableness. She has known him only

<lb n=P22.29>a fortnight. She danced four dances&H0 with him at Meryton;

<lb n=P22.30>she saw him one morning at his own&H2 house, and has since

<lb n=P22.31>dined in&H4 company with him four times. This is not quite

<lb n=P22.32>enough to&H9 make&H1 her understand his character.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPQ>

<lb n=P22.33>&dq;Not as you represent it. Had she merely <hi r=Italic>dined</hi> with

<lb n=P22.34>him, she might only have discovered whether he had

<lb n=P22.35>a good appetite; but you must remember that&H3 four

<lb n=P22.36>evenings have been also spent together &dash; and four evenings

<lb n=P22.37>may&H1 do a great deal&H0;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P22.38>&dq;Yes; these four evenings have enabled them to&H9;<pb n=P23>

<lb n=P23.1>ascertain that&H3 they both like&H1 Vingt-un better than Commerce;

<lb n=P23.2>but with respect&H0 to&H4 any other leading characteristic,

<lb n=P23.3>I do not imagine that&H3 much has been unfolded.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPQ>

<lb n=P23.4>&dq;Well&H7;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name>,</q><q who=PPQ>&dq;I wish&H1 <name who=PPE>Jane</name> success with all

<lb n=P23.5>my heart; and if she were married to&H4 him to-morrow,

<lb n=P23.6>I should think she had as good a chance&H0 of happiness, as

<lb n=P23.7>if she were to&H9 be studying his character for&H4 a twelvemonth.

<lb n=P23.8>Happiness in&H4 marriage is entirely a matter of

<lb n=P23.9>chance&H0;. If the dispositions of the parties are ever so&H51;

<lb n=P23.10>well&H5 known to&H4 each other, or ever so&H51 similar before-hand,

<lb n=P23.11>it does not advance&H1 their felicity in&H4 the least. They

<lb n=P23.12>always continue to&H9 grow sufficiently unlike afterwards to&H9;

<lb n=P23.13>have their share&H0 of vexation; and it is better to&H9 know

<lb n=P23.14>as little as possible of the defects of the person with whom&H61;

<lb n=P23.15>you are to&H9 pass&H1 your life.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P23.16>&dq;You make&H1 me laugh&H1;, <name who=PPQ>Charlotte;</name> but it is not sound&H2;.

<lb n=P23.17>You know it is not sound&H2;, and that&H3 you would never

<lb n=P23.18>act&H1 in&H4 this way yourself.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P23.19>Occupied in&H4 observing <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>'s attentions to&H4 her

<lb n=P23.20>sister, <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was far from suspecting that&H3 she was

<lb n=P23.21>herself becoming an object&H0 of some interest&H0 in&H4 the eyes

<lb n=P23.22>of his friend. <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> had at first scarcely allowed

<lb n=P23.23>her to&H9 be pretty&H2;; he had looked at her without admiration

<lb n=P23.24>at the ball&H02;; and when they next met, he looked at her

<lb n=P23.25>only to&H9 criticise. But no&H2 sooner had he made it clear&H2 to&H4;

<lb n=P23.26>himself and his friends that&H3 she had hardly a good feature

<lb n=P23.27>in&H4 her face&H0;, than he began to&H9 find it was rendered uncommonly

<lb n=P23.28>intelligent by&H4 the beautiful expression of her dark&H2;

<lb n=P23.29>eyes. To&H4 this discovery succeeded some others equally

<lb n=P23.30>mortifying. Though he had detected with a critical eye

<lb n=P23.31>more than one failure of perfect&H2 symmetry in&H4 her form&H0;,

<lb n=P23.32>he was forced to&H9 acknowledge her figure to&H9 be light&H2 and

<lb n=P23.33>pleasing; and in&H4 spite&H8 of his asserting that&H3 her manners

<lb n=P23.34>were not those of the fashionable world, he was caught

<lb n=P23.35>by&H4 their easy playfulness. Of this she was perfectly

<lb n=P23.36>unaware; &dash; to&H4 her he was only the man who&H61 made himself

<lb n=P23.37>agreeable no&sp;where, and who&H61 had not thought&H1 her handsome

<lb n=P23.38>enough to&H9 dance&H1 with.<pb n=P24></q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P24.1>He began to&H9 wish&H1 to&H9 know more of her, and as a step&H0;

<lb n=P24.2>towards conversing with her himself, attended to&H4 her

<lb n=P24.3>conversation with others. His doing so&H52 drew her notice&H0;.

<lb n=P24.4>It was at <name who=PPR>Sir&sp;William&sp;Lucas</name>'s, where a large party were

<lb n=P24.5>assembled.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P24.6>&dq;What does <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> mean&H1;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said she to&H4 <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name>,</q><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P24.7>&dq;by&H4 listening to&H4 my conversation with <name who=PPZL>Colonel&sp;Forster</name>?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPQ>

<lb n=P24.8>&dq;That&H62 is a question&H0 which&H61 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> only can answer&H1;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P24.9>&dq;But if he does it any more I shall certainly let him

<lb n=P24.10>know that&H3 I see what he is about&H4;. He has a very satirical

<lb n=P24.11>eye, and if I do not begin by&H4 being&H1 impertinent myself,

<lb n=P24.12>I shall soon grow afraid of him.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P24.13>On&H4 his approaching them soon afterwards, though

<lb n=P24.14>without seeming to&H9 have any intention of speaking, <name who=PPQ>Miss&sp;Lucas</name>

<lb n=P24.15>defied her friend to&H9 mention&H1 such a subject&H0 to&H4 him,

<lb n=P24.16>which&H61 immediately provoking <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> to&H9 do it, she

<lb n=P24.17>turned to&H4 him and said,</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P24.18>&dq;Did not you think, <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>, that&H3 I expressed myself

<lb n=P24.19>uncommonly well&H5 just&H5 now, when I was teazing <name who=PPZL>Colonel&sp;Forster</name>

<lb n=P24.20>to&H9 give us a ball&H02 at Meryton?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P24.21>&dq;With great energy; &dash; but it is a subject&H0 which&H61 always

<lb n=P24.22>makes a lady energetic.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P24.23>&dq;You are severe on&H4 us.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPQ>

<lb n=P24.24>&dq;It will&H1 be <hi r=Italic>her</hi> turn&H0 soon to&H9 be teazed,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPQ>Miss&sp;Lucas</name>.</q><q who=PPQ>

<lb n=P24.25>&dq;I am going to&H9 open&H1 the instrument, <name who=PPA>Eliza</name>, and

<lb n=P24.26>you know what follows.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P24.27>&dq;You are a very strange creature by&H4 way of a friend! &dash;

<lb n=P24.28>always wanting me to&H9 play&H1 and sing before&H4 any&sp;body and

<lb n=P24.29>every&sp;body! &dash; If my vanity had taken a musical turn&H0;,

<lb n=P24.30>you would have been invaluable, but as it is, I would

<lb n=P24.31>really rather not sit down&H5 before&H4 those who&H61 must be in&H4;

<lb n=P24.32>the habit of hearing the very best performers.&dq;</q><q who=PP0>On&H4 <name who=PPQ>Miss&sp;Lucas</name>'s

<lb n=P24.33>persevering, however, she added,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;Very well&H5;;

<lb n=P24.34>if it must be so&H52;, it must.&dq;</q><q who=PP0>And gravely glancing at

<lb n=P24.35><name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;There is a fine old saying, which&H61 every&sp;body

<lb n=P24.36>here is of course&H8 familiar with &dash; &onq;Keep your breath to&H9 cool&H1;

<lb n=P24.37>your porridge,&cnq; &dash; and I shall keep mine&H6 to&H9 swell my

<lb n=P24.38>song.&dq;<pb n=P25></q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P25.1>Her performance was pleasing, though by&H4 no&H2 means&H0;

<lb n=P25.2>capital. After&H4 a song or two, and before&H3 she could reply&H1;

<lb n=P25.3>to&H4 the entreaties of several that&H3 she would sing again, she

<lb n=P25.4>was eagerly succeeded at the instrument by&H4 her sister

<lb n=P25.5><name who=PPF>Mary</name>, who&H61 having, in&H4 consequence of being&H1 the only plain

<lb n=P25.6>one in&H4 the family, worked hard for&H4 knowledge and accomplishments,

<lb n=P25.7>was always impatient for&H4 display&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P25.8><name who=PPF>Mary</name> had neither genius nor taste; and though vanity

<lb n=P25.9>had given her application, it had given her likewise a

<lb n=P25.10>pedantic air and conceited manner, which&H61 would have

<lb n=P25.11>injured a higher degree of excellence than she had reached.

<lb n=P25.12><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, easy and unaffected, had been listened to&H4 with

<lb n=P25.13>much more pleasure, though not playing half so&H51 well&H5;;

<lb n=P25.14>and <name who=PPF>Mary</name>, at the end&H0 of a long concerto, was glad to&H9 purchase&H1;

<lb n=P25.15>praise&H0 and gratitude by&H4 Scotch and Irish airs, at

<lb n=P25.16>the request&H0 of her younger sisters, who&H61 with some of the

<lb n=P25.17><name who=PPZZB>Lucases</name> and two or three officers joined eagerly in&H4 dancing

<lb n=P25.18>at one end&H0 of the room.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P25.19><name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> stood near&H4 them in&H4 silent indignation at such

<lb n=P25.20>a mode of passing the evening, to&H4 the exclusion of all conversation,

<lb n=P25.21>and was too&H51 much engrossed by&H4 his own&H2 thoughts

<lb n=P25.22>to&H9 perceive that&H3 <name who=PPR>Sir&sp;William&sp;Lucas</name> was his neighbour, till

<lb n=P25.23><name who=PPR>Sir&sp;William</name> thus began.</q></p><p><q who=PPR>

<lb n=P25.24>&dq;What a charming amusement for&H4 young people this

<lb n=P25.25>is, <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>! &dash; There is nothing like&H4 dancing after&H4 all. &dash;

<lb n=P25.26>I consider it as one of the first refinements of polished

<lb n=P25.27>societies.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P25.28>&dq;Certainly, Sir; &dash; and it has the advantage also of

<lb n=P25.29>being&H1 in&H4 vogue amongst the less polished societies of the

<lb n=P25.30>world. &dash; Every savage can dance&H1;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P25.31><name who=PPR>Sir&sp;William</name> only smiled.</q><q who=PPR>&dq;Your friend performs

<lb n=P25.32>delightfully;&dq;</q><q who=PP0>he continued after&H4 a pause&H0;, on&H4 seeing

<lb n=P25.33><name who=PPI>Bingley</name> join the group; &dash;</q><q who=PPR>&dq;and I doubt&H1 not that&H3 you are

<lb n=P25.34>an adept in&H4 the science yourself, <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P25.35>&dq;You saw me dance&H1 at Meryton, I believe, Sir.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPR>

<lb n=P25.36>&dq;Yes, indeed, and received no&H2 inconsiderable pleasure

<lb n=P25.37>from the sight. Do you often dance&H1 at St&point;&sp;James's?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P25.38>&dq;Never, sir.&dq;<pb n=P26></q></p><p><q who=PPR>

<lb n=P26.1>&dq;Do you not think it would be a proper compliment&H0 to&H4;

<lb n=P26.2>the place&H0;?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P26.3>&dq;It is a compliment&H0 which&H61 I never pay&H1 to&H4 any place&H0;

<lb n=P26.4>if I can avoid it.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPR>

<lb n=P26.5>&dq;You have a house in&H4 town, I conclude?&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P26.6><name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> bowed.</q></p><p><q who=PPR>

<lb n=P26.7>&dq;I had once some thoughts of fixing in&H4 town myself &dash;

<lb n=P26.8>for&H3 I am fond of superior society; but I did not feel

<lb n=P26.9>quite certain that&H3 the air of London would agree with

<lb n=P26.10><name who=PPV>Lady&sp;Lucas</name>.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P26.11>He paused in&H4 hopes&H0 of an answer&H0;; but his companion

<lb n=P26.12>was not disposed to&H9 make&H1 any; and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> at that&H62;

<lb n=P26.13>instant&H0 moving towards them, he was struck with the

<lb n=P26.14>notion of doing a very gallant thing, and called out&H5 to&H4 her,</q></p><p><q who=PPR>

<lb n=P26.15>&dq;My dear&H21 <name who=PPA>Miss&sp;Eliza</name>, why are not you dancing? &dash;

<lb n=P26.16><name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>, you must allow me to&H9 present&H1 this young lady

<lb n=P26.17>to&H4 you as a very desirable partner. &dash; You cannot refuse

<lb n=P26.18>to&H9 dance&H1;, I am sure, when so&H51 much beauty is before&H4 you.&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P26.19>And taking her hand&H0;, he would have given it to&H4 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>,

<lb n=P26.20>who&H61;, though extremely surprised, was not unwilling to&H9;

<lb n=P26.21>receive it, when she instantly drew back&H5;, and said with

<lb n=P26.22>some discomposure to&H4 <name who=PPR>Sir&sp;William</name>,</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P26.23>&dq;Indeed, Sir, I have not the least intention of dancing. &dash;

<lb n=P26.24>I entreat you not to&H9 suppose that&H3 I moved this way in&H4;

<lb n=P26.25>order to&H9 beg for&H4 a partner.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P26.26><name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> with grave&H2 propriety requested to&H9 be allowed

<lb n=P26.27>the honour&H0 of her hand&H0;; but in&H4 vain. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was determined;

<lb n=P26.28>nor did <name who=PPR>Sir&sp;William</name> at all shake&H1 her purpose by&H4 his

<lb n=P26.29>attempt&H0 at persuasion.</q></p><p><q who=PPR>

<lb n=P26.30>&dq;You excel so&H51 much in&H4 the dance&H0;, <name who=PPA>Miss&sp;Eliza</name>, that&H3 it is

<lb n=P26.31>cruel to&H9 deny me the happiness of seeing you; and though

<lb n=P26.32>this gentleman dislikes the amusement in&H4 general&H0;, he can

<lb n=P26.33>have no&H2 objection, I am sure, to&H9 oblige us for&H4 one half hour.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P26.34>&dq;<name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> is all politeness,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, smiling.</q></p><p><q who=PPR>

<lb n=P26.35>&dq;He is indeed &dash; but considering the inducement, my

<lb n=P26.36>dear&H21 <name who=PPA>Miss&sp;Eliza</name>, we cannot wonder&H1 at his complaisance;

<lb n=P26.37>for&H3 who&H62 would object&H1 to&H4 such a partner?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P26.38><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> looked archly, and turned away. Her<pb n=P27>

<lb n=P27.1>resistance had not injured her with the gentleman, and

<lb n=P27.2>he was thinking of her with some complacency, when thus

<lb n=P27.3>accosted by&H4 <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name>,</q></p><p><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P27.4>&dq;I can guess&H1 the subject&H0 of your reverie.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P27.5>&dq;I should imagine not.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P27.6>&dq;You are considering how insupportable it would be

<lb n=P27.7>to&H9 pass&H1 many evenings in&H4 this manner &dash; in&H4 such society;

<lb n=P27.8>and indeed I am quite of your opinion. I was never

<lb n=P27.9>more annoyed! The insipidity and yet the noise; the

<lb n=P27.10>nothingness and yet the self-importance of all these

<lb n=P27.11>people! &dash; What would I give to&H9 hear your strictures on&H4;

<lb n=P27.12>them!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P27.13>&dq;Your conjecture&H0 is totally wrong, I assure you. My

<lb n=P27.14>mind&H0 was more agreeably engaged. I have been meditating

<lb n=P27.15>on&H4 the very great pleasure which&H61 a pair&H0 of fine eyes

<lb n=P27.16>in&H4 the face&H0 of a pretty&H2 woman can bestow.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P27.17><name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name> immediately fixed her eyes on&H4 his face&H0;,

<lb n=P27.18>and desired he would tell her what lady had the credit&H0;

<lb n=P27.19>of inspiring such reflections. <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> replied with

<lb n=P27.20>great intrepidity,</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P27.21>&dq;<name who=PPA>Miss&sp;Elizabeth&sp;Bennet</name>.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P27.22>&dq;<name who=PPA>Miss&sp;Elizabeth&sp;Bennet</name>!&dq;</q><q who=PP0>repeated <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name>.</q><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P27.23>&dq;I am all astonishment. How long has she been such

<lb n=P27.24>a favourite&H0;? &dash; and pray when am I to&H9 wish&H1 you joy?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P27.25>&dq;That&H62 is exactly the question&H0 which&H61 I expected you

<lb n=P27.26>to&H9 ask. A lady's imagination is very rapid; it jumps

<lb n=P27.27>from admiration to&H4 love&H0;, from love&H0 to&H4 matrimony in&H4 a

<lb n=P27.28>moment. I knew you would be wishing me joy.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P27.29>&dq;Nay, if you are so&H51 serious&H2 about&H4 it, I shall consider

<lb n=P27.30>the matter as absolutely settled. You will&H1 have a charming

<lb n=P27.31>mother-in-law, indeed, and of course&H8 she will&H1 be always

<lb n=P27.32>at Pemberley with you.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P27.33>He listened to&H4 her with perfect&H2 indifference, while&H3 she

<lb n=P27.34>chose to&H9 entertain herself in&H4 this manner, and as his composure

<lb n=P27.35>convinced her that&H3 all was safe, her wit flowed long.</q></p></div2>

<div2 type=chap n=07><p><pb n=P28>

<lb n=P28.1><q who=pp0><name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name>'s property consisted almost entirely in&H4 an

<lb n=P28.2>estate of two thousand a year, which&H61;, unfortunately for&H4;

<lb n=P28.3>his daughters, was entailed in&H4 default of heirs male, on&H4;

<lb n=P28.4>a distant relation; and their mother's fortune, though

<lb n=P28.5>ample for&H4 her situation in&H4 life, could but ill supply&H1 the

<lb n=P28.6>deficiency of his. Her father had been an attorney in&H4;

<lb n=P28.7>Meryton, and had left her four thousand pounds.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P28.8><q who=pp0>She had a sister married to&H4 a <name who=PPZZG>Mr&point;&sp;Phillips</name>, who&H61 had

<lb n=P28.9>been a clerk to&H4 their father, and succeeded him in&H4 the

<lb n=P28.10>business, and a brother settled in&H4 London in&H4 a respectable

<lb n=P28.11>line of trade.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P28.12><q who=pp0>The village of Longbourn was only one mile from

<lb n=P28.13>Meryton; a most convenient distance&H0 for&H4 the young

<lb n=P28.14>ladies, who&H61 were usually tempted thither three or four

<lb n=P28.15>times a week, to&H9 pay&H1 their duty to&H4 their aunt and to&H4 a

<lb n=P28.16>milliner's shop just&H5 over the way. The two youngest

<lb n=P28.17>of the family, <name who=PPG>Catherine</name> and <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>, were particularly

<lb n=P28.18>frequent in&H4 these attentions; their minds were more

<lb n=P28.19>vacant than their sisters', and when nothing better offered,

<lb n=P28.20>a walk&H0 to&H4 Meryton was necessary to&H9 amuse their morning

<lb n=P28.21>hours and furnish conversation for&H4 the evening; and

<lb n=P28.22>however bare of news the country in&H4 general&H0 might be,

<lb n=P28.23>they always contrived to&H9 learn some from their aunt.

<lb n=P28.24>At present&H01;, indeed, they were well&H5 supplied both with news

<lb n=P28.25>and happiness by&H4 the recent arrival of a militia regiment

<lb n=P28.26>in&H4 the neighbourhood; it was to&H9 remain the whole&H2 winter,

<lb n=P28.27>and Meryton was the head&sp;quarters.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P28.28><q who=pp0>Their visits to&H4 <name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Philips</name> were now productive of

<lb n=P28.29>the most interesting intelligence. Every day added

<lb n=P28.30>something to&H4 their knowledge of the officers' names and

<lb n=P28.31>connections. Their lodgings were not long a secret&H0;, and

<lb n=P28.32>at length they began to&H9 know the officers themselves.

<lb n=P28.33><name who=PPZZG>Mr&point;&sp;Philips</name> visited them all, and this opened to&H4 his nieces<pb n=P29>

<lb n=P29.1>a source of felicity unknown before&H5;. They could talk&H1 of

<lb n=P29.2>nothing but officers; and <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>'s large fortune,

<lb n=P29.3>the mention&H0 of which&H61 gave animation to&H4 their mother,

<lb n=P29.4>was worthless in&H4 their eyes when opposed to&H4 the regimentals

<lb n=P29.5>of an ensign.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P29.6><q who=pp0>After&H4 listening one morning to&H4 their effusions on&H4 this

<lb n=P29.7>subject&H0;, <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name> coolly observed,</q><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P29.8>&dq;From all that&H61 I can collect by&H4 your manner of talking,

<lb n=P29.9>you must be two of the silliest girls in&H4 the country. I have

<lb n=P29.10>suspected it some time, but I am now convinced.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P29.11><name who=PPG>Catherine</name> was disconcerted, and made no&H2 answer&H0;; but

<lb n=P29.12><name who=PPH>Lydia</name>, with perfect&H2 indifference, continued to&H9 express&H1 her

<lb n=P29.13>admiration of <name who=PPZB>Captain&sp;Carter</name>, and her hope&H0 of seeing him

<lb n=P29.14>in&H4 the course&H0 of the day, as he was going the next morning

<lb n=P29.15>to&H4 London.</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P29.16>&dq;I am astonished, my dear&H21;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>,</q><q who=PPD>&dq;that&H3;

<lb n=P29.17>you should be so&H51 ready to&H9 think your own&H2 children silly.

<lb n=P29.18>If I wished to&H9 think slightingly of any&sp;body's children,

<lb n=P29.19>it should not be of my own&H2 however.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P29.20>&dq;If my children are silly I must hope&H1 to&H9 be always

<lb n=P29.21>sensible&H21 of it.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P29.22>&dq;Yes &dash; but as it happens, they are all of them very

<lb n=P29.23>clever.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P29.24>&dq;This is the only point&H0;, I flatter myself, on&H4 which&H61 we

<lb n=P29.25>do not agree. I had hoped that&H3 our sentiments coincided

<lb n=P29.26>in&H4 every particular, but I must so&H51 far differ from you

<lb n=P29.27>as to&H9 think our two youngest daughters uncommonly

<lb n=P29.28>foolish.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P29.29>&dq;My dear&H21 <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name>, you must not expect such girls

<lb n=P29.30>to&H9 have the sense of their father and mother. &dash; When

<lb n=P29.31>they get to&H4 our age I dare&H12 say they will&H1 not think about&H4;

<lb n=P29.32>officers any more than we do. I remember the time when

<lb n=P29.33>I liked a red coat myself very well&H5 &dash; and indeed so&H52 I do

<lb n=P29.34>still&H5 at my heart; and if a smart young colonel, with

<lb n=P29.35>five or six thousand a year, should want&H1 one of my girls,

<lb n=P29.36>I shall not say nay to&H4 him; and I thought&H1 <name who=PPZL>Colonel&sp;Forster</name>

<lb n=P29.37>looked very becoming the other night at <name who=PPR>Sir&sp;William</name>'s in&H4;

<lb n=P29.38>his regimentals.&dq;<pb n=P30></q></p><p><q who=PPH>

<lb n=P30.1>&dq;Mama,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>,</q><q who=PPH>&dq;my aunt says that&H3 <name who=PPZL>Colonel&sp;Forster</name>

<lb n=P30.2>and <name who=PPZB>Captain&sp;Carter</name> do not go so&H51 often to&H4 <name who=PPZZO>Miss&sp;Watson</name>'s

<lb n=P30.3>as they did when they first came; she sees

<lb n=P30.4>them now very often standing in&H4 <name who=PPZD>Clarke</name>'s library.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P30.5><name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> was prevented replying by&H4 the entrance of

<lb n=P30.6>the footman with a note&H0 for&H4 <name who=PPE>Miss&sp;Bennet;</name> it came from

<lb n=P30.7>Netherfield, and the servant waited for&H4 an answer&H0;. <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>'s

<lb n=P30.8>eyes sparkled with pleasure, and she was eagerly

<lb n=P30.9>calling out&H5;, while&H3 her daughter read,</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P30.10>&dq;Well&H7;, <name who=PPE>Jane</name>, who&H62 is it from? what is it about&H4;? what

<lb n=P30.11>does he say? Well&H7;, <name who=PPE>Jane</name> make&H1 haste and tell us; make&H1;

<lb n=P30.12>haste, my love&H0;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P30.13>&dq;It is from <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPE>Jane</name>, and then read

<lb n=P30.14>it aloud.

<lb n=P30.15></q><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P30.16>&dq;My dear&H21 Friend,</q></p><p><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P30.17>&dq;If you are not so&H51 compassionate as to&H9 dine to-day

<lb n=P30.18>with <name who=PPV>Louisa</name> and me, we shall be in&H4 danger of hating each

<lb n=P30.19>other for&H4 the rest&H01 of our lives&H0;, for&H4 a whole&H2 day's t&ecirc;te-&agrave;-t&ecirc;te

<lb n=P30.20>between two women can never end&H1 without a quarrel&H0;.

<lb n=P30.21>Come as soon as you can on&H4 the receipt of this. My

<lb n=P30.22>brother and the gentlemen are to&H9 dine with the officers.

<lb n=P30.23>Yours ever,

<lb n=P30.24>&dq;<name who=PPJ>CAROLINE&sp;BINGLEY</name>.&dq;

<lb n=P30.25></q></p><p><q who=PPH>

<lb n=P30.26>&dq;With the officers!&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>.</q><q who=PPH>&dq;I wonder&H1 my

<lb n=P30.27>aunt did not tell us of <hi r=Italic>that&H62;</hi>.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P30.28>&dq;Dining out&H5;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>,</q><q who=PPD>&dq;that&H62 is very unlucky.&dq;

<lb n=P30.29></q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P30.30>&dq;Can I have the carriage?&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPE>Jane</name>.</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P30.31>&dq;No&H7;, my dear&H21;, you had better go on&H4 horseback, because

<lb n=P30.32>it seems likely to&H9 rain&H1;; and then you must stay&H1 all night.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P30.33>&dq;That&H62 would be a good scheme&H0;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;if you

<lb n=P30.34>were sure that&H3 they would not offer&H1 to&H9 send her home.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P30.35>&dq;Oh! but the gentlemen will&H1 have <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>'s chaise

<lb n=P30.36>to&H9 go to&H4 Meryton; and the <name who=PPW1>Hursts</name> have no&H2 horses to&H4;

<lb n=P30.37>theirs.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P30.38>&dq;I had much rather go in&H4 the coach.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P30.39>&dq;But, my dear&H21;, your father cannot spare&H1 the horses,<pb n=P31>

<lb n=P31.1>I am sure. They are wanted in&H4 the farm, <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennett</name>,

<lb n=P31.2>are not they?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P31.3>&dq;They are wanted in&H4 the farm much oftener than I can

<lb n=P31.4>get them.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P31.5>&dq;But if you have got them to&sp;day,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,</q><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P31.6>&dq;my mother's purpose will&H1 be answered.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P31.7>She did at last&H0 extort from her father an acknowledgment

<lb n=P31.8>that&H3 the horses were engaged. <name who=PPE>Jane</name> was therefore

<lb n=P31.9>obliged to&H9 go on&H4 horseback, and her mother attended her

<lb n=P31.10>to&H4 the door with many cheerful prognostics of a bad day.

<lb n=P31.11>Her hopes&H0 were answered; <name who=PPE>Jane</name> had not been gone long

<lb n=P31.12>before&H3 it rained hard. Her sisters were uneasy for&H4 her, but

<lb n=P31.13>her mother was delighted. The rain&H0 continued the whole&H2;

<lb n=P31.14>evening without intermission; <name who=PPE>Jane</name> certainly could not

<lb n=P31.15>come back&H5;.</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P31.16>&dq;This was a lucky idea of mine&H6;, indeed!&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>,

<lb n=P31.17>more than once, as if the credit&H0 of making it rain&H1;

<lb n=P31.18>were all her own&H2;. Till the next morning, however, she

<lb n=P31.19>was not aware of all the felicity of her contrivance. Breakfast&H0;

<lb n=P31.20>was scarcely over when a servant from Netherfield

<lb n=P31.21>brought the following note&H0 for&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>:</q><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P31.22>&dq;My dearest <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>,</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P31.23>&dq;I find myself very unwell this morning, which&H61;,

<lb n=P31.24>I suppose, is to&H9 be imputed to&H4 my getting wet&H2 through&H5;

<lb n=P31.25>yesterday. My kind&H2 friends will&H1 not hear of my returning

<lb n=P31.26>home till I am better. They insist also on&H4 my seeing

<lb n=P31.27><name who=PPZV>Mr&point;&sp;Jones</name> &dash; therefore do not be alarmed if you should

<lb n=P31.28>hear of his having been to&H4 me &dash; and excepting a sore-throat

<lb n=P31.29>and head-ache there is not much the matter with

<lb n=P31.30>me.

<lb n=P31.31>&dq;Yours, &amp;c&point;&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P31.32>&dq;Well&H7;, my dear&H21;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name>, when <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> had

<lb n=P31.33>read the note&H0 aloud,</q><q who=PPC>&dq;if your daughter should have a

<lb n=P31.34>dangerous fit&H0 of illness, if she should die&H1;, it would be

<lb n=P31.35>a comfort&H0 to&H9 know that&H3 it was all in&H4 pursuit of <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>,

<lb n=P31.36>and under your orders&H01;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P31.37>&dq;Oh! I am not at all afraid of her dying. People

<lb n=P31.38>do not die&H1 of little trifling colds. She will&H1 be taken good<pb n=P32>

<lb n=P32.1>care&H0 of. As long as she stays there, it is all very well&H5;.

<lb n=P32.2>I would go and see her, if I could have the carriage.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P32.3><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, feeling really anxious, was determined to&H9 go

<lb n=P32.4>to&H4 her, though the carriage was not to&H9 be had; and as

<lb n=P32.5>she was no&H2 horse-woman, walking was her only alternative.

<lb n=P32.6>She declared her resolution.</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P32.7>&dq;How can you be so&H51 silly,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried her mother,</q><q who=PPD>&dq;as to&H9;

<lb n=P32.8>think of such a thing, in&H4 all this dirt! You will&H1 not be

<lb n=P32.9>fit&H2 to&H9 be seen when you get there.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P32.10>&dq;I shall be very fit&H2 to&H9 see <name who=PPE>Jane</name> &dash; which&H61 is all I want&H1;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P32.11>&dq;Is this a hint&H0 to&H4 me, <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said her father,</q><q who=PPC>&dq;to&H9 send

<lb n=P32.12>for&H4 the horses?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P32.13>&dq;No&H7;, indeed. I do not wish&H1 to&H9 avoid the walk&H0;. The

<lb n=P32.14>distance&H0 is nothing, when one has a motive; only three

<lb n=P32.15>miles. I shall be back&H5 by&H4 dinner.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPF>

<lb n=P32.16>&dq;I admire the activity of your benevolence,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>observed

<lb n=P32.17><name who=PPF>Mary</name>,</q><q who=PPF>&dq;but every impulse of feeling should be guided by&H4;

<lb n=P32.18>reason&H0;; and, in&H4 my opinion, exertion should always be

<lb n=P32.19>in&H4 proportion to&H4 what is required.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPY>

<lb n=P32.20>&dq;We will&H1 go as far as Meryton with you,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPG>Catherine</name>

<lb n=P32.21>and <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>. &dash; <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> accepted their company, and the

<lb n=P32.22>three young ladies set&H1 off together.</q></p><p><q who=PPH>

<lb n=P32.23>&dq;If we make&H1 haste,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>, as they walked along&H5;,</q><q who=PPH>

<lb n=P32.24>&dq;perhaps we may&H1 see something of <name who=PPZB>Captain&sp;Carter</name> before&H3;

<lb n=P32.25>he goes.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P32.26>In&H4 Meryton they parted; the two youngest repaired

<lb n=P32.27>to&H4 the lodgings of one of the officers' wives, and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P32.28>continued her walk&H0 alone, crossing field after&H4 field at a

<lb n=P32.29>quick&H2 pace&H0;, jumping over stiles and springing over puddles

<lb n=P32.30>with impatient activity, and finding herself at last&H0 within

<lb n=P32.31>view&H0 of the house, with weary ancles, dirty stockings, and

<lb n=P32.32>a face&H0 glowing with the warmth of exercise&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P32.33>She was shewn into the breakfast-parlour, where all

<lb n=P32.34>but <name who=PPE>Jane</name> were assembled, and where her appearance

<lb n=P32.35>created a great deal&H0 of surprise&H0;. &dash; That&H3 she should have

<lb n=P32.36>walked three miles so&H51 early in&H4 the day, in&H4 such dirty

<lb n=P32.37>weather, and by&H4 herself, was almost incredible to&H4 <name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Hurst</name>

<lb n=P32.38>and <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley;</name> and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was convinced<pb n=P33>

<lb n=P33.1>that&H3 they held her in&H4 contempt for&H4 it. She was received,

<lb n=P33.2>however, very politely by&H4 them; and in&H4 their brother's

<lb n=P33.3>manners there was something better than politeness;

<lb n=P33.4>there was good&sp;humour and kindness. &dash; <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> said

<lb n=P33.5>very little, and <name who=PPW>Mr&point;&sp;Hurst</name> nothing at all. The former

<lb n=P33.6>was divided between admiration of the brilliancy which&H61;

<lb n=P33.7>exercise&H0 had given to&H4 her complexion, and doubt&H0 as to&H4;

<lb n=P33.8>the occasion's justifying her coming so&H51 far alone. The

<lb n=P33.9>latter was thinking only of his breakfast&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P33.10>Her enquiries after&H4 her sister were not very favourably

<lb n=P33.11>answered.</q><q who=PPX type=indirect><name who=PPE>Miss&sp;Bennet</name> had slept ill, and though up&H5;,

<lb n=P33.12>was very feverish and not well&H5 enough to&H9 leave&H1 her room.</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P33.13><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was glad to&H9 be taken to&H4 her immediately; and

<lb n=P33.14><name who=PPE>Jane</name>, who&H61 had only been withheld by&H4 the fear&H0 of giving

<lb n=P33.15>alarm&H0 or inconvenience, from expressing in&H4 her note&H0 how

<lb n=P33.16>much she longed for&H4 such a visit&H0;, was delighted at her

<lb n=P33.17>entrance. She was not equal&H2;, however, to&H4 much conversation,

<lb n=P33.18>and when <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name> left them together,

<lb n=P33.19>could attempt&H1 little beside&H4 expressions of gratitude for&H4;

<lb n=P33.20>the extraordinary kindness she was treated with. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P33.21>silently attended her.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P33.22>When breakfast&H0 was over, they were joined by&H4 the

<lb n=P33.23>sisters; and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> began to&H9 like&H1 them herself, when

<lb n=P33.24>she saw how much affection and solicitude they shewed

<lb n=P33.25>for&H4 <name who=PPE>Jane</name>. The apothecary came, and having examined

<lb n=P33.26>his patient, said, as might be supposed, that&H3 she had

<lb n=P33.27>caught a violent cold&H0;, and that&H3 they must endeavour&H1 to&H9;

<lb n=P33.28>get the better of it; advised her to&H9 return&H1 to&H4 bed, and

<lb n=P33.29>promised her some draughts. The advice was followed

<lb n=P33.30>readily, for&H3 the feverish symptoms increased, and her

<lb n=P33.31>head&H0 ached acutely. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> did not quit her room

<lb n=P33.32>for&H4 a moment, nor were the other ladies often absent;

<lb n=P33.33>the gentlemen being&H1 out&H5;, they had in&H4 fact nothing to&H9 do

<lb n=P33.34>elsewhere.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P33.35>When the clock struck three, <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> felt that&H3 she

<lb n=P33.36>must go; and very unwillingly said so&H52;. <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name>

<lb n=P33.37>offered her the carriage, and she only wanted a little

<lb n=P33.38>pressing to&H9 accept it, when <name who=PPE>Jane</name> testified such concern&H0;<pb n=P34>

<lb n=P34.1>in&H4 parting with her, that&H3 <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name> was obliged to&H9;

<lb n=P34.2>convert the offer&H0 of the chaise into an invitation to&H9 remain

<lb n=P34.3>at Netherfield for&H4 the present&H01;. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> most thankfully

<lb n=P34.4>consented, and a servant was dispatched to&H4 Longbourn

<lb n=P34.5>to&H9 acquaint the family with her stay&H0;, and bring back&H5;

<lb n=P34.6>a supply&H0 of clothes.</q></p></div2>

<div2 type=chap n=08><p><pb n=P35>

<lb n=P35.1><q who=pp0>At five o'clock the two ladies retired to&H9 dress&H1;, and

<lb n=P35.2>at half past&H4 six <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was summoned to&H4 dinner. To&H4;

<lb n=P35.3>the civil enquiries which&H61 then poured in&H5;, and amongst

<lb n=P35.4>which&H61 she had the pleasure of distinguishing the much

<lb n=P35.5>superior solicitude of <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>'s, she could not make&H1;

<lb n=P35.6>a very favourable answer&H0;.</q><q who=PPA type=indirect><name who=PPE>Jane</name> was by&H4 no&H2 means&H0 better.</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P35.7>The sisters, on&H4 hearing this, repeated three or four times</q><q who=PPY type=indirect>

<lb n=P35.8>how much they were grieved, how shocking it was to&H9 have

<lb n=P35.9>a bad cold&H0;, and how excessively they disliked being&H1 ill

<lb n=P35.10>themselves;</q><q who=PP0>and then thought&H1 no&H2 more of the matter:

<lb n=P35.11>and their indifference towards <name who=PPE>Jane</name> when not immediately

<lb n=P35.12>before&H4 them, restored <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> to&H4 the enjoyment of all

<lb n=P35.13>her original dislike&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P35.14>Their brother, indeed, was the only one of the party

<lb n=P35.15>whom&H61 she could regard&H1 with any complacency. His

<lb n=P35.16>anxiety for&H4 <name who=PPE>Jane</name> was evident, and his attentions to&H4 herself

<lb n=P35.17>most pleasing, and they prevented her feeling herself so&H51;

<lb n=P35.18>much an intruder as she believed she was considered by&H4;

<lb n=P35.19>the others. She had very little notice&H0 from any but him.

<lb n=P35.20><name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name> was engrossed by&H4 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>, her sister

<lb n=P35.21>scarcely less so&H52;; and as for&H4 <name who=PPW>Mr&point;&sp;Hurst</name>, by&H4 whom&H61 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P35.22>sat, he was an indolent man, who&H61 lived only to&H9 eat, drink,

<lb n=P35.23>and play&H1 at cards, who&H61 when he found her prefer a plain

<lb n=P35.24>dish to&H4 a ragout, had nothing to&H9 say to&H4 her.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P35.25>When dinner was over, she returned directly to&H4 <name who=PPE>Jane</name>,

<lb n=P35.26>and <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name> began abusing her as soon as she was

<lb n=P35.27>out&H5 of the room. Her manners were pronounced to&H9 be</q><q who=PPJ type=indirect>

<lb n=P35.28>very bad indeed, a mixture of pride and impertinence;

<lb n=P35.29>she had no&H2 conversation, no&H2 stile, no&H2 taste, no&H2 beauty.</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P35.30><name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Hurst</name> thought&H1 the same, and added,</q></p><p><q who=PPV>

<lb n=P35.31>&dq;She has nothing, in&H4 short, to&H9 recommend her, but

<lb n=P35.32>being&H1 an excellent walker. I shall never forget her

<lb n=P35.33>appearance this morning. She really looked almost wild.&dq;<pb n=P36></q></p><p><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P36.1>&dq;She did indeed, <name who=PPV>Louisa</name>. I could hardly keep my

<lb n=P36.2>countenance. Very nonsensical to&H9 come at all! Why

<lb n=P36.3>must <hi r=Italic>she</hi> be scampering about&H4 the country, because her

<lb n=P36.4>sister had a cold&H0;? Her hair so&H51 untidy, so&H51 blowsy!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPV>

<lb n=P36.5>&dq;Yes, and her petticoat; I hope&H1 you saw her petticoat,

<lb n=P36.6>six inches deep in&H4 mud, I am absolutely certain; and the

<lb n=P36.7>gown which&H61 had been let down&H5 to&H9 hide it, not doing its

<lb n=P36.8>office.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPI>

<lb n=P36.9>&dq;Your picture&H0 may&H1 be very exact&H2;, <name who=PPV>Louisa</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said

<lb n=P36.10><name who=PPI>Bingley;</name></q><q who=PPI>&dq;but this was all lost upon&H4 me. I thought&H1;

<lb n=P36.11><name who=PPA>Miss&sp;Elizabeth&sp;Bennet</name> looked remarkably well&H5;, when she

<lb n=P36.12>came into the room this morning. Her dirty petticoat

<lb n=P36.13>quite escaped my notice&H0;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P36.14>&dq;<hi r=Italic>You</hi> observed it, <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>, I am sure,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley;</name></q><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P36.15>&dq;and I am inclined to&H9 think that&H3 you would

<lb n=P36.16>not wish&H1 to&H9 see <hi r=Italic>your</hi> <hi r=Italic>sister</hi> make&H1 such an exhibition.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P36.17>&dq;Certainly not.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P36.18>&dq;To&H9 walk&H1 three miles, or four miles, or five miles, or

<lb n=P36.19>whatever it is, above&H4 her ancles in&H4 dirt, and alone, quite

<lb n=P36.20>alone! what could she mean&H1 by&H4 it? It seems to&H4 me

<lb n=P36.21>to&H9 shew&H1 an abominable sort of conceited independence,

<lb n=P36.22>a most country&sp;town indifference to&H4 decorum.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPI>

<lb n=P36.23>&dq;It shews an affection for&H4 her sister that&H61 is very

<lb n=P36.24>pleasing,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPI>Bingley</name>.</q></p><p><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P36.25>&dq;I am afraid, <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>observed <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name>, in&H4;

<lb n=P36.26>a half whisper&H0;,</q><q who=PPJ>&dq;that&H3 this adventure has rather affected

<lb n=P36.27>your admiration of her fine eyes.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P36.28>&dq;Not at all,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>he replied;</q><q who=PPB>&dq;they were brightened by&H4;

<lb n=P36.29>the exercise&H0;.&dq; &dash;</q><q who=PP0>A short pause&H0 followed this speech, and

<lb n=P36.30><name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Hurst</name> began again.</q></p><p><q who=PPV>

<lb n=P36.31>&dq;I have an excessive regard&H0 for&H4 <name who=PPE>Jane&sp;Bennet</name>, she is

<lb n=P36.32>really a very sweet girl, and I wish&H1 with all my heart she

<lb n=P36.33>were well&H5 settled. But with such a father and mother, and

<lb n=P36.34>such low connections, I am afraid there is no&H2 chance&H0 of it.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P36.35>&dq;I think I have heard you say, that&H3 their uncle is an

<lb n=P36.36>attorney in&H4 Meryton.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPV>

<lb n=P36.37>&dq;Yes; and they have another, who&H61 lives&H1 somewhere

<lb n=P36.38>near&H4 Cheapside.&dq;<pb n=P37></q></p><p><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P37.1>&dq;That&H62 is capital,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>added her sister, and they both

<lb n=P37.2>laughed heartily.</q></p><p><q who=PPI>

<lb n=P37.3>&dq;If they had uncles enough to&H9 fill <hi r=Italic>all</hi> Cheapside,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried

<lb n=P37.4><name who=PPI>Bingley</name>,</q><q who=PPI>&dq;it would not make&H1 them one jot less agreeable.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P37.5>&dq;But it must very materially lessen their chance&H0 of

<lb n=P37.6>marrying men of any consideration in&H4 the world,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied

<lb n=P37.7><name who=PPB>Darcy</name>.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P37.8>To&H4 this speech <name who=PPI>Bingley</name> made no&H2 answer&H0;; but his sisters

<lb n=P37.9>gave it their hearty assent, and indulged their mirth for&H4;

<lb n=P37.10>some time at the expense of their dear&H21 friend's vulgar

<lb n=P37.11>relations.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P37.12>With a renewal of tenderness, however, they repaired

<lb n=P37.13>to&H4 her room on&H4 leaving the dining-parlour, and sat with

<lb n=P37.14>her till summoned to&H4 coffee. She was still&H5 very poorly,

<lb n=P37.15>and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> would not quit her at all, till late in&H4 the

<lb n=P37.16>evening, when she had the comfort&H0 of seeing her asleep,

<lb n=P37.17>and when it appeared to&H4 her rather right&H21 than pleasant

<lb n=P37.18>that&H3 she should go down&sp;stairs herself. On&H4 entering the

<lb n=P37.19>drawing-room she found the whole&H2 party at loo, and was

<lb n=P37.20>immediately invited to&H9 join them; but suspecting them

<lb n=P37.21>to&H9 be playing high she declined it, and making her sister

<lb n=P37.22>the excuse&H0;, said she would amuse herself for&H4 the short

<lb n=P37.23>time she could stay&H1 below with a book. <name who=PPW>Mr&point;&sp;Hurst</name> looked

<lb n=P37.24>at her with astonishment.</q></p><p><q who=PPW>

<lb n=P37.25>&dq;Do you prefer reading to&H4 cards?&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said he;</q><q who=PPW>&dq;that&H62;

<lb n=P37.26>is rather singular.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P37.27>&dq;<name who=PPA>Miss&sp;Eliza&sp;Bennet</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name>,</q><q who=PPJ>&dq;despises cards.

<lb n=P37.28>She is a great reader and has no&H2 pleasure in&H4 any&sp;thing else.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P37.29>&dq;I deserve neither such praise&H0 nor such censure&H0;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried

<lb n=P37.30><name who=PPA>Elizabeth;</name></q><q who=PPA>&dq;I am <hi r=Italic>not</hi> a great reader, and I have pleasure

<lb n=P37.31>in&H4 many things.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPI>

<lb n=P37.32>&dq;In&H4 nursing your sister I am sure you have pleasure,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P37.33>said <name who=PPI>Bingley;</name></q><q who=PPI>&dq;and I hope&H1 it will&H1 soon be increased by&H4;

<lb n=P37.34>seeing her quite well&H5;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P37.35><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> thanked him from her heart, and then walked

<lb n=P37.36>towards a table where a few books were lying. He immediately

<lb n=P37.37>offered to&H9 fetch her others; all that&H61 his library

<lb n=P37.38>afforded.<pb n=P38></q></p><p><q who=PPI>

<lb n=P38.1>&dq;And I wish&H1 my collection were larger for&H4 your benefit

<lb n=P38.2>and my own&H2 credit&H0;; but I am an idle fellow, and though

<lb n=P38.3>I have not many, I have more than I ever look&H1 into.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P38.4><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> assured him that&H3;</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>she could suit&H1 herself perfectly

<lb n=P38.5>with those in&H4 the room.</q></p><p><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P38.6>&dq;I am astonished,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name>,</q><q who=PPJ>&dq;that&H3 my father

<lb n=P38.7>should have left so&H51 small a collection of books. &dash; What

<lb n=P38.8>a delightful library you have at Pemberley, <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P38.9>&dq;It ought to&H9 be good,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>he replied,</q><q who=PPB>&dq;it has been the

<lb n=P38.10>work&H0 of many generations.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P38.11>&dq;And then you have added so&H51 much to&H4 it yourself, you

<lb n=P38.12>are always buying books.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P38.13>&dq;I cannot comprehend the neglect&H0 of a family library

<lb n=P38.14>in&H4 such days as these.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P38.15>&dq;Neglect&H0;! I am sure you neglect&H1 nothing that&H61 can add

<lb n=P38.16>to&H4 the beauties of that&H62 noble place&H0;. <name who=PPI>Charles</name>, when you

<lb n=P38.17>build <hi r=Italic>your</hi> house, I wish&H1 it may&H1 be half as delightful as

<lb n=P38.18>Pemberley.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPI>

<lb n=P38.19>&dq;I wish&H1 it may&H1;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P38.20>&dq;But I would really advise you to&H9 make&H1 your purchase&H0 in&H4;

<lb n=P38.21>that&H62 neighbourhood, and take Pemberley for&H4 a kind&H0 of model.

<lb n=P38.22>There is not a finer county in&H4 England than Derbyshire.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPI>

<lb n=P38.23>&dq;With all my heart; I will&H1 buy Pemberley itself if

<lb n=P38.24><name who=PPB>Darcy</name> will&H1 sell it.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P38.25>&dq;I am talking of possibilities, <name who=PPI>Charles</name>.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPI>

<lb n=P38.26>&dq;Upon&H4 my word, <name who=PPJ>Caroline</name>, I should think it more

<lb n=P38.27>possible to&H9 get Pemberley by&H4 purchase&H0 than by&H4 imitation.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P38.28><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was so&H51 much caught by&H4 what passed, as to&H9;

<lb n=P38.29>leave&H1 her very little attention for&H4 her book; and soon

<lb n=P38.30>laying it wholly aside, she drew near&H4 the card-table, and

<lb n=P38.31>stationed herself between <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> and his eldest sister,

<lb n=P38.32>to&H9 observe the game.</q></p><p><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P38.33>&dq;Is <name who=PPZG>Miss&sp;Darcy</name> much grown since the spring&H0;?&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said

<lb n=P38.34><name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley;</name></q><q who=PPJ>&dq;will&H1 she be as tall as I am?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P38.35>&dq;I think she will&H1;. She is now about&H4 <name who=PPA>Miss&sp;Elizabeth&sp;Bennet</name>'s

<lb n=P38.36>height, or rather taller.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P38.37>&dq;How I long to&H9 see her again! I never met with

<lb n=P38.38>anybody who&H61 delighted me so&H51 much. Such a countenance,<pb n=P39>

<lb n=P39.1>such manners! and so&H51 extremely accomplished for&H4 her

<lb n=P39.2>age! Her performance on&H4 the piano-forte is exquisite.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPI>

<lb n=P39.3>&dq;It is amazing to&H4 me,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPI>Bingley</name>,</q><q who=PPI>&dq;how young

<lb n=P39.4>ladies can have patience to&H9 be so&H51 very accomplished, as

<lb n=P39.5>they all are.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P39.6>&dq;All young ladies accomplished! My dear&H21 <name who=PPI>Charles</name>, what

<lb n=P39.7>do you mean&H1;?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPI>

<lb n=P39.8>&dq;Yes, all of them, I think. They all paint tables,

<lb n=P39.9>cover skreens and net purses. I scarcely know any&sp;one

<lb n=P39.10>who&H61 cannot do all this, and I am sure I never heard

<lb n=P39.11>a young lady spoken of for&H4 the first time, without being&H1;

<lb n=P39.12>informed that&H3 she was very accomplished.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P39.13>&dq;Your list of the common&H2 extent of accomplishments,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P39.14>said <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>,</q><q who=PPB>&dq;has too&H51 much truth. The word is applied

<lb n=P39.15>to&H4 many a woman who&H61 deserves it no&H2 otherwise than by&H4;

<lb n=P39.16>netting a purse, or covering a skreen. But I am very far

<lb n=P39.17>from agreeing with you in&H4 your estimation of ladies in&H4;

<lb n=P39.18>general&H0;. I cannot boast&H1 of knowing more than half a dozen,

<lb n=P39.19>in&H4 the whole&H2 range&H0 of my acquaintance, that&H61 are really

<lb n=P39.20>accomplished.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P39.21>&dq;Nor I, I am sure,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name>.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P39.22>&dq;Then,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>observed <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;you must comprehend

<lb n=P39.23>a great deal&H0 in&H4 your idea of an accomplished woman.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P39.24>&dq;Yes; I do comprehend a great deal&H0 in&H4 it.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P39.25>&dq;Oh! certainly,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried his faithful assistant,</q><q who=PPJ>&dq;no&sp;one

<lb n=P39.26>can be really esteemed accomplished, who&H61 does not greatly

<lb n=P39.27>surpass what is usually met with. A woman must have

<lb n=P39.28>a thorough knowledge of music, singing, drawing, dancing,

<lb n=P39.29>and the modern languages, to&H9 deserve the word; and besides

<lb n=P39.30>all this, she must possess a certain something in&H4 her

<lb n=P39.31>air and manner of walking, the tone of her voice, her address&H0;

<lb n=P39.32>and expressions, or the word will&H1 be but half deserved.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P39.33>&dq;All this she must possess,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>added <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>,</q><q who=PPB>&dq;and to&H4;

<lb n=P39.34>all this she must yet add something more substantial, in&H4;

<lb n=P39.35>the improvement of her mind&H0 by&H4 extensive reading.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P39.36>&dq;I am no&H2 longer surprised at your knowing <hi r=Italic>only</hi> six

<lb n=P39.37>accomplished women. I rather wonder&H1 now at your

<lb n=P39.38>knowing <hi r=Italic>any</hi>.&dq;<pb n=P40></q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P40.1>&dq;Are you so&H51 severe upon&H4 your own&H2 sex, as to&H9 doubt&H1 the

<lb n=P40.2>possibility of all this?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P40.3>&dq;<hi r=Italic>I</hi> never saw such a woman. <hi r=Italic>I</hi> never saw such capacity,

<lb n=P40.4>and taste, and application, and elegance, as you describe,

<lb n=P40.5>united.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P40.6><name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Hurst</name> and <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name> both cried out&H5 against the

<lb n=P40.7>injustice of her implied doubt&H0;, and were both protesting that&H3;

<lb n=P40.8>they knew many women who&H61 answered this description,

<lb n=P40.9>when <name who=PPW>Mr&point;&sp;Hurst</name> called them to&H4 order, with bitter complaints

<lb n=P40.10>of their inattention to&H4 what was going forward&H5;. As all

<lb n=P40.11>conversation was thereby at an end&H0;, <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> soon afterwards

<lb n=P40.12>left the room.</q></p><p><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P40.13>&dq;<name who=PPA>Eliza&sp;Bennet</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name>, when the door was

<lb n=P40.14>closed on&H4 her,</q><q who=PPJ>&dq;is one of those young ladies who&H61 seek to&H9;

<lb n=P40.15>recommend themselves to&H4 the other sex, by&H4 undervaluing

<lb n=P40.16>their own&H2;; and with many men, I dare&H12 say, it succeeds.

<lb n=P40.17>But, in&H4 my opinion, it is a paltry device, a very mean&H2 art.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P40.18>&dq;Undoubtedly,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>, to&H4 whom&H61 this remark&H0;

<lb n=P40.19>was chiefly addressed,</q><q who=PPB>&dq;there is meanness in&H4 <hi r=Italic>all</hi> the arts

<lb n=P40.20>which&H61 ladies sometimes condescend to&H9 employ for&H4 captivation.

<lb n=P40.21>Whatever bears affinity to&H4 cunning is despicable.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P40.22><name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name> was not so&H51 entirely satisfied with this reply&H0;

<lb n=P40.23>as to&H9 continue the subject&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P40.24><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> joined them again only to&H9 say that&H3;</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>her sister

<lb n=P40.25>was worse, and that&H3 she could not leave&H1 her.</q><q who=PP0><name who=PPI>Bingley</name>

<lb n=P40.26>urged <name who=PPZV>Mr&point;&sp;Jones</name>'s being&H1 sent for&H5 immediately; while&H3 his

<lb n=P40.27>sisters, convinced that&H3 no&H2 country advice could be of any

<lb n=P40.28>service, recommended an express&H0 to&H4 town for&H4 one of the

<lb n=P40.29>most eminent physicians. This, she would not hear of;

<lb n=P40.30>but she was not so&H51 unwilling to&H9 comply with their brother's

<lb n=P40.31>proposal; and it was settled that&H3 <name who=PPZV>Mr&point;&sp;Jones</name> should be

<lb n=P40.32>sent for&H5 early in&H4 the morning, if <name who=PPE>Miss&sp;Bennet</name> were not

<lb n=P40.33>decidedly better. <name who=PPI>Bingley</name> was quite uncomfortable; his

<lb n=P40.34>sisters declared that&H3 they were miserable. They solaced

<lb n=P40.35>their wretchedness, however, by&H4 duets after&H4 supper, while&H3;

<lb n=P40.36>he could find no&H2 better relief to&H4 his feelings than by&H4 giving

<lb n=P40.37>his housekeeper directions that&H3 every possible attention

<lb n=P40.38>might be paid to&H4 the sick lady and her sister.</q></p></div2>

<div2 type=chap n=09><p><pb n=P41>

<lb n=P41.1><q who=pp0><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> passed the chief of the night in&H4 her sister's

<lb n=P41.2>room, and in&H4 the morning had the pleasure of being&H1 able

<lb n=P41.3>to&H9 send a tolerable answer&H0 to&H4 the enquiries which&H61 she very

<lb n=P41.4>early received from <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> by&H4 a housemaid, and some

<lb n=P41.5>time afterwards from the two elegant ladies who&H61 waited

<lb n=P41.6>on&H4 his sisters. In&H4 spite&H8 of his amendment, however, she

<lb n=P41.7>requested to&H9 have a note&H0 sent to&H4 Longbourn, desiring her

<lb n=P41.8>mother to&H9 visit&H1 <name who=PPE>Jane</name>, and form&H1 her own&H2 judgment of her

<lb n=P41.9>situation. The note&H0 was immediately dispatched, and its

<lb n=P41.10>contents as quickly complied with. <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>, accompanied

<lb n=P41.11>by&H4 her two youngest girls, reached Netherfield soon

<lb n=P41.12>after&H4 the family breakfast&H0;.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P41.13><q who=pp0>Had she found <name who=PPE>Jane</name> in&H4 any apparent danger, <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>

<lb n=P41.14>would have been very miserable; but being&H1;

<lb n=P41.15>satisfied on&H4 seeing her that&H3 her illness was not alarming,

<lb n=P41.16>she had no&H2 wish&H0 of her recovering immediately, as her

<lb n=P41.17>restoration to&H4 health would probably remove&H1 her from

<lb n=P41.18>Netherfield. She would not listen therefore to&H4 her

<lb n=P41.19>daughter's proposal of being&H1 carried home; neither did

<lb n=P41.20>the apothecary, who&H61 arrived about&H4 the same time, think

<lb n=P41.21>it at all advisable. After&H4 sitting a little while&H0 with <name who=PPE>Jane</name>,

<lb n=P41.22>on&H4 <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name>'s appearance and invitation, the mother

<lb n=P41.23>and three daughters all attended her into the breakfast&sp;parlour.

<lb n=P41.24><name who=PPI>Bingley</name> met them with</q><q who=PPI type=indirect>hopes&H0 that&H3 <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>

<lb n=P41.25>had not found <name who=PPE>Miss&sp;Bennet</name> worse than she expected.</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P41.26>&dq;Indeed I have, Sir,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>was her answer&H0;.</q><q who=PPD>&dq;She is a great

<lb n=P41.27>deal&H0 too&H51 ill to&H9 be moved. <name who=PPZV>Mr&point;&sp;Jones</name> says we must not

<lb n=P41.28>think of moving her. We must trespass a little longer

<lb n=P41.29>on&H4 your kindness.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPI>

<lb n=P41.30>&dq;Removed!&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried <name who=PPI>Bingley</name>.</q><q who=PPI>&dq;It must not be

<lb n=P41.31>thought&H1 of. My sister, I am sure, will&H1 not hear of her

<lb n=P41.32>removal.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P41.33>&dq;You may&H1 depend upon&H4 it, Madam,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name>,<pb n=P42>

<lb n=P42.1>with cold&H2 civility,</q><q who=PPJ>&dq;that&H3 <name who=PPE>Miss&sp;Bennet</name> shall receive every

<lb n=P42.2>possible attention while&H3 she remains&H1 with us.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P42.3><name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> was profuse in&H4 her acknowledgments.</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P42.4>&dq;I am sure,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>she added,</q><q who=PPD>&dq;if it was not for&H4 such good

<lb n=P42.5>friends I do not know what would become of her, for&H3 she

<lb n=P42.6>is very ill indeed, and suffers a vast deal&H0;, though with the

<lb n=P42.7>greatest patience in&H4 the world, which&H61 is always the way with

<lb n=P42.8>her, for&H3 she has, without exception, the sweetest temper I

<lb n=P42.9>ever met with. I often tell my other girls they are nothing

<lb n=P42.10>to&H4 <hi r=Italic>her</hi>. You have a sweet room here, <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>, and a

<lb n=P42.11>charming prospect over that&H62 gravel walk&H0;. I do not know

<lb n=P42.12>a place&H0 in&H4 the country that&H61 is equal&H2 to&H4 Netherfield. You

<lb n=P42.13>will&H1 not think of quitting it in&H4 a hurry&H0 I hope&H1;, though

<lb n=P42.14>you have but a short lease.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPI>

<lb n=P42.15>&dq;Whatever I do is done in&H4 a hurry&H0;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied he;</q><q who=PPI>&dq;and

<lb n=P42.16>therefore if I should resolve&H1 to&H9 quit Netherfield, I should

<lb n=P42.17>probably be off in&H4 five minutes. At present&H01;, however,

<lb n=P42.18>I consider myself as quite fixed here.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P42.19>&dq;That&H62 is exactly what I should have supposed of you,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P42.20>said <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>.</q></p><p><q who=PPI>

<lb n=P42.21>&dq;You begin to&H9 comprehend me, do you?&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried he,

<lb n=P42.22>turning towards her.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P42.23>&dq;Oh! yes &dash; I understand you perfectly.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPI>

<lb n=P42.24>&dq;I wish&H1 I might take this for&H4 a compliment&H0;; but to&H9;

<lb n=P42.25>be so&H51 easily seen through&H5 I am afraid is pitiful.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P42.26>&dq;That&H62 is as it happens. It does not necessarily follow

<lb n=P42.27>that&H3 a deep, intricate character is more or less estimable

<lb n=P42.28>than such a one as yours.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P42.29>&dq;<name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried her mother,</q><q who=PPD>&dq;remember where you are,

<lb n=P42.30>and do not run&H1 on&H5 in&H4 the wild manner that&H61 you are suffered

<lb n=P42.31>to&H9 do at home.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPI>

<lb n=P42.32>&dq;I did not know before&H5;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>continued <name who=PPI>Bingley</name> immediately,</q><q who=PPI>

<lb n=P42.33>&dq;that&H3 you were a studier of character. It must be

<lb n=P42.34>an amusing study&H0;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P42.35>&dq;Yes; but intricate characters are the <hi r=Italic>most</hi> amusing.

<lb n=P42.36>They have at least that&H62 advantage.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P42.37>&dq;The country,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>,</q><q who=PPB>&dq;can in&H4 general&H0 supply&H1 but

<lb n=P42.38>few subjects for&H4 such a study&H0;. In&H4 a country neighbourhood<pb n=P43>

<lb n=P43.1>you move&H1 in&H4 a very confined and unvarying

<lb n=P43.2>society.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P43.3>&dq;But people themselves alter so&H51 much, that&H3 there is

<lb n=P43.4>something new to&H9 be observed in&H4 them for&sp;ever.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P43.5>&dq;Yes, indeed,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>, offended by&H4 his

<lb n=P43.6>manner of mentioning a country neighbourhood.</q><q who=PPD>&dq;I

<lb n=P43.7>assure you there is quite as much of <hi r=Italic>that&H62;</hi> going on&H5 in&H4 the

<lb n=P43.8>country as in&H4 town.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P43.9>Every&sp;body was surprised; and <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>, after&H4 looking

<lb n=P43.10>at her for&H4 a moment, turned silently away. <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>,

<lb n=P43.11>who&H61 fancied she had gained a complete&H2 victory over him,

<lb n=P43.12>continued her triumph&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P43.13>&dq;I cannot see that&H3 London has any great advantage

<lb n=P43.14>over the country for&H4 my part&H0;, except the shops and public&H2;

<lb n=P43.15>places&H0;. The country is a vast deal&H0 pleasanter, is not it,

<lb n=P43.16><name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPI>

<lb n=P43.17>&dq;When I am in&H4 the country,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>he replied,</q><q who=PPI>&dq;I never

<lb n=P43.18>wish&H1 to&H9 leave&H1 it; and when I am in&H4 town it is pretty&H5 much

<lb n=P43.19>the same. They have each their advantages, and I can

<lb n=P43.20>be equally happy in&H4 either.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P43.21>&dq;Aye &dash; that&H62 is because you have the right&H21 disposition.

<lb n=P43.22>But that&H62 gentleman,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>looking at <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>,</q><q who=PPD>&dq;seemed to&H9 think

<lb n=P43.23>the country was nothing at all.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P43.24>&dq;Indeed, Mama, you are mistaken,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,

<lb n=P43.25>blushing for&H4 her mother.</q><q who=PPA>&dq;You quite mistook <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>.

<lb n=P43.26>He only meant that&H3 there were not such a variety of people

<lb n=P43.27>to&H9 be met with in&H4 the country as in&H4 town, which&H61 you must

<lb n=P43.28>acknowledge to&H9 be true.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P43.29>&dq;Certainly, my dear&H21;, nobody said there were; but as

<lb n=P43.30>to&H4 not meeting with many people in&H4 this neighbourhood,

<lb n=P43.31>I believe there are few neighbourhoods larger. I know

<lb n=P43.32>we dine with four&sp;and&sp;twenty families.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P43.33>Nothing but concern&H0 for&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> could enable <name who=PPI>Bingley</name>

<lb n=P43.34>to&H9 keep his countenance. His sister was less delicate, and

<lb n=P43.35>directed her eye towards <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> with a very expressive

<lb n=P43.36>smile&H0;. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, for&H4 the sake of saying something that&H61;

<lb n=P43.37>might turn&H1 her mother's thoughts, now asked her if <name who=PPQ>Charlotte&sp;Lucas</name>

<lb n=P43.38>had been at Longbourn since <hi r=Italic>her</hi> coming away.<pb n=P44></q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P44.1>&dq;Yes, she called yesterday with her father. What an

<lb n=P44.2>agreeable man <name who=PPR>Sir&sp;William</name> is, <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> &dash; is not he?

<lb n=P44.3>so&H51 much the man of fashion&H0;! so&H51 genteel and so&H51 easy! &dash;

<lb n=P44.4>He has always something to&H9 say to&H4 every&sp;body. &dash; <hi r=Italic>That&H62;</hi> is

<lb n=P44.5>my idea of good&sp;breeding; and those persons who&H61 fancy&H1;

<lb n=P44.6>themselves very important and never open&H1 their mouths,

<lb n=P44.7>quite mistake&H1 the matter.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P44.8>&dq;Did <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name> dine with you?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P44.9>&dq;No&H7;, she would go home. I fancy&H1 she was wanted

<lb n=P44.10>about&H4 the mince pies. For&H4 my part&H0;, <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>, <hi r=Italic>I</hi> always

<lb n=P44.11>keep servants that&H61 can do their own&H2 work&H0;; <hi r=Italic>my</hi> daughters

<lb n=P44.12>are brought up&H5 differently. But every&sp;body is to&H9 judge&H1;

<lb n=P44.13>for&H4 themselves, and the <name who=PPR1>Lucases</name> are very good sort of

<lb n=P44.14>girls, I assure you. It is a pity&H0 they are not handsome!

<lb n=P44.15>Not that&H3 <hi r=Italic>I</hi> think <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name> so&H51 <hi r=Italic>very</hi> plain &dash; but then she is

<lb n=P44.16>our particular friend.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPI>

<lb n=P44.17>&dq;She seems a very pleasant young woman,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said

<lb n=P44.18><name who=PPI>Bingley</name>.</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P44.19>&dq;Oh! dear&H7;, yes; &dash; but you must own&H1 she is very plain.

<lb n=P44.20><name who=PPV>Lady&sp;Lucas</name> herself has often said so&H52;, and envied me

<lb n=P44.21><name who=PPE>Jane</name>'s beauty. I do not like&H1 to&H9 boast&H1 of my own&H2 child,

<lb n=P44.22>but to&H9 be sure, <name who=PPE>Jane</name> &dash; one does not often see any&sp;body

<lb n=P44.23>better looking. It is what every&sp;body says. I do not

<lb n=P44.24>trust&H1 my own&H2 partiality. When she was only fifteen,

<lb n=P44.25>there was a gentleman at my brother <name who=PPN>Gardiner</name>'s in&H4 town,

<lb n=P44.26>so&H51 much in&H4 love&H0 with her, that&H3 my sister-in-law was sure

<lb n=P44.27>he would make&H1 her an offer&H0 before&H3 we came away. But

<lb n=P44.28>however he did not. Perhaps he thought&H1 her too&H51 young.

<lb n=P44.29>However, he wrote some verses on&H4 her, and very pretty&H2;

<lb n=P44.30>they were.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P44.31>&dq;And so&H52 ended his affection,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> impatiently.</q><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P44.32>&dq;There has been many a one, I fancy&H1;, overcome

<lb n=P44.33>in&H4 the same way. I wonder&H1 who&H61 first discovered

<lb n=P44.34>the efficacy of poetry in&H4 driving away love&H0;!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P44.35>&dq;I have been used to&H9 consider poetry as the <hi r=Italic>food</hi> of

<lb n=P44.36>love&H0;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P44.37>&dq;Of a fine, stout, healthy love&H0 it may&H1;. Every&sp;thing

<lb n=P44.38>nourishes what is strong already. But if it be only a<pb n=P45>

<lb n=P45.1>slight&H2;, thin sort of inclination, I am convinced that&H3 one

<lb n=P45.2>good sonnet will&H1 starve it entirely away.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P45.3><name who=PPB>Darcy</name> only smiled; and the general&H2 pause&H0 which&H61 ensued

<lb n=P45.4>made <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> tremble&H1 lest her mother should be exposing

<lb n=P45.5>herself again. She longed to&H9 speak, but could think of

<lb n=P45.6>nothing to&H9 say; and after&H4 a short silence&H0 <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>

<lb n=P45.7>began repeating her thanks to&H4 <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> for&H4 his kindness

<lb n=P45.8>to&H4 <name who=PPE>Jane</name>, with an apology for&H4 troubling him also with

<lb n=P45.9><name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>. <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> was unaffectedly civil in&H4 his answer&H0;,

<lb n=P45.10>and forced his younger sister to&H9 be civil also, and say what

<lb n=P45.11>the occasion&H0 required. She performed her part&H0 indeed

<lb n=P45.12>without much graciousness, but <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> was satisfied,

<lb n=P45.13>and soon afterwards ordered her carriage. Upon&H4 this

<lb n=P45.14>signal, the youngest of her daughters put herself forward&H5;.

<lb n=P45.15>The two girls had been whispering to&H4 each other during

<lb n=P45.16>the whole&H2 visit&H0;, and the result&H0 of it was, that&H3 the youngest

<lb n=P45.17>should tax&H1 <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> with having promised on&H4 his first

<lb n=P45.18>coming into the country to&H9 give a ball&H02 at Netherfield.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P45.19><name who=PPH>Lydia</name> was a stout, well-grown girl of fifteen, with a fine

<lb n=P45.20>complexion and good-humoured countenance; a favourite&H0;

<lb n=P45.21>with her mother, whose&H61 affection had brought her into

<lb n=P45.22>public&H0 at an early age. She had high animal spirits, and

<lb n=P45.23>a sort of natural&H2 self-consequence, which&H61 the attentions

<lb n=P45.24>of the officers, to&H4 whom&H61 her uncle's good dinners and

<lb n=P45.25>her own&H2 easy manners recommended her, had increased

<lb n=P45.26>into assurance. She was very equal&H2 therefore to&H9 address&H1;

<lb n=P45.27><name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> on&H4 the subject&H0 of the ball&H02;, and abruptly

<lb n=P45.28>reminded him of his promise&H0;; adding, that&H3;</q><q who=PPH type=indirect>it would be

<lb n=P45.29>the most shameful thing in&H4 the world if he did not keep it.</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P45.30>His answer&H0 to&H4 this sudden&H2 attack&H0 was delightful to&H4 their

<lb n=P45.31>mother's ear.</q></p><p><q who=PPI>

<lb n=P45.32>&dq;I am perfectly ready, I assure you, to&H9 keep my engagement;

<lb n=P45.33>and when your sister is recovered, you shall if you

<lb n=P45.34>please name&H1 the very day of the ball&H02;. But you would not

<lb n=P45.35>wish&H1 to&H9 be dancing while&H3 she is ill.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P45.36><name who=PPH>Lydia</name> declared herself satisfied.</q><q who=PPH>&dq;Oh! yes &dash; it would

<lb n=P45.37>be much better to&H9 wait till <name who=PPE>Jane</name> was well&H5;, and by&H4 that&H62 time<pb n=P46>

<lb n=P46.1>most likely <name who=PPZB>Captain&sp;Carter</name> would be at Meryton again.

<lb n=P46.2>And when you have given <hi r=Italic>your</hi> ball&H02;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>she added,</q><q who=PPH>&dq;I shall

<lb n=P46.3>insist on&H4 their giving one also. I shall tell <name who=PPZL>Colonel&sp;Forster</name>

<lb n=P46.4>it will&H1 be quite a shame&H0 if he does not.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P46.5><name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> and her daughters then departed, and

<lb n=P46.6><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> returned instantly to&H4 <name who=PPE>Jane</name>, leaving her own&H2;

<lb n=P46.7>and her relations' behaviour to&H4 the remarks of the two

<lb n=P46.8>ladies and <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy;</name> the latter of whom&H61;, however,

<lb n=P46.9>could not be prevailed on&H5 to&H9 join in&H4 their censure&H0 of <hi r=Italic>her</hi>,

<lb n=P46.10>in&H4 spite&H8 of all <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name>'s witticisms on&H4 <hi r=Italic>fine</hi> <hi r=Italic>eyes</hi>.</q></p></div2>

<div2 type=chap n=10><p><pb n=P47>

<lb n=P47.1><q who=pp0>The day passed much as the day before&H5 had done.

<lb n=P47.2><name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Hurst</name> and <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name> had spent some hours of the

<lb n=P47.3>morning with the invalid, who&H61 continued, though slowly,

<lb n=P47.4>to&H9 mend; and in&H4 the evening <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> joined their party

<lb n=P47.5>in&H4 the drawing-room. The loo&sp;table, however, did not

<lb n=P47.6>appear. <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> was writing, and <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name>, seated

<lb n=P47.7>near&H4 him, was watching the progress of his letter, and

<lb n=P47.8>repeatedly calling off his attention by&H4 messages to&H4 his

<lb n=P47.9>sister. <name who=PPW>Mr&point;&sp;Hurst</name> and <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> were at piquet, and

<lb n=P47.10><name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Hurst</name> was observing their game.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P47.11><q who=pp0><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> took up&H5 some needlework, and was sufficiently

<lb n=P47.12>amused in&H4 attending to&H4 what passed between <name who=PPB>Darcy</name> and

<lb n=P47.13>his companion. The perpetual commendations of the

<lb n=P47.14>lady either on&H4 his hand-writing, or on&H4 the evenness of

<lb n=P47.15>his lines, or on&H4 the length of his letter, with the perfect&H2;

<lb n=P47.16>unconcern with which&H61 her praises were received, formed

<lb n=P47.17>a curious dialogue, and was exactly in&H4 unison with her

<lb n=P47.18>opinion of each.</q><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P47.19>&dq;How delighted <name who=PPZG>Miss&sp;Darcy</name> will&H1 be to&H9 receive such

<lb n=P47.20>a letter!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P47.21>He made no&H2 answer&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P47.22>&dq;You write uncommonly fast.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P47.23>&dq;You are mistaken. I write rather slowly.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P47.24>&dq;How many letters you must have occasion&H0 to&H9 write

<lb n=P47.25>in&H4 the course&H0 of the year! Letters of business too&H52;! How

<lb n=P47.26>odious I should think them!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P47.27>&dq;It is fortunate, then, that&H3 they fall&H1 to&H4 my lot instead

<lb n=P47.28>of to&H4 yours.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P47.29>&dq;Pray tell your sister that&H3 I long to&H9 see her.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P47.30>&dq;I have already told her so&H52 once, by&H4 your desire&H0;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P47.31>&dq;I am afraid you do not like&H1 your pen. Let me mend

<lb n=P47.32>it for&H4 you. I mend pens remarkably well&H5;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P47.33>&dq;Thank you &dash; but I always mend my own&H2;.&dq;<pb n=P48></q></p><p><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P48.1>&dq;How can you contrive to&H9 write so&H51 even&H2;?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P48.2>He was silent.</q></p><p><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P48.3>&dq;Tell your sister I am delighted to&H9 hear of her improvement

<lb n=P48.4>on&H4 the harp, and pray let her know that&H3 I am quite

<lb n=P48.5>in&H4 raptures with her beautiful little design&H0 for&H4 a table,

<lb n=P48.6>and I think it infinitely superior to&H4 <name who=PPZP>Miss&sp;Grantley</name>'s.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P48.7>&dq;Will&H1 you give me leave&H0 to&H9 defer your raptures till

<lb n=P48.8>I write again? &dash; At present&H01 I have not room to&H9 do them

<lb n=P48.9>justice.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P48.10>&dq;Oh! it is of no&H2 consequence. I shall see her in&H4 January.

<lb n=P48.11>But do you always write such charming long letters to&H4;

<lb n=P48.12>her, <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P48.13>&dq;They are generally long; but whether always charming,

<lb n=P48.14>it is not for&H4 me to&H9 determine.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P48.15>&dq;It is a rule with me, that&H3 a person who&H61 can write

<lb n=P48.16>a long letter, with ease&H0;, cannot write ill.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPI>

<lb n=P48.17>&dq;That&H62 will&H1 not do for&H4 a compliment&H0 to&H4 <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>, <name who=PPJ>Caroline</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P48.18>cried her brother &dash;</q><q who=PPI>&dq;because he does <hi r=Italic>not</hi> write with ease&H0;.

<lb n=P48.19>He studies too&H51 much for&H4 words of four syllables. &dash; Do not

<lb n=P48.20>you, <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P48.21>&dq;My stile of writing is very different from yours.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P48.22>&dq;Oh!&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name>,</q><q who=PPJ>&dq;<name who=PPI>Charles</name> writes in&H4 the most

<lb n=P48.23>careless way imaginable. He leaves&H1 out&H5 half his words,

<lb n=P48.24>and blots the rest&H01;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPI>

<lb n=P48.25>&dq;My ideas flow&H1 so&H51 rapidly that&H3 I have not time to&H9;

<lb n=P48.26>express&H1 them &dash; by&H4 which&H61 means&H0 my letters sometimes

<lb n=P48.27>convey no&H2 ideas at all to&H4 my correspondents.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P48.28>&dq;Your humility, <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;must

<lb n=P48.29>disarm reproof.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P48.30>&dq;Nothing is more deceitful,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>,</q><q who=PPB>&dq;than the

<lb n=P48.31>appearance of humility. It is often only carelessness of

<lb n=P48.32>opinion, and sometimes an indirect boast&H0;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPI>

<lb n=P48.33>&dq;And which&H62 of the two do you call&H1 <hi r=Italic>my</hi> little recent

<lb n=P48.34>piece of modesty?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P48.35>&dq;The indirect boast&H0;; &dash; for&H3 you are really proud of your

<lb n=P48.36>defects in&H4 writing, because you consider them as proceeding

<lb n=P48.37>from a rapidity of thought&H0 and carelessness of

<lb n=P48.38>execution, which&H61 if not estimable, you think at least<pb n=P49>

<lb n=P49.1>highly interesting. The power of doing any&sp;thing with

<lb n=P49.2>quickness is always much prized by&H4 the possessor, and

<lb n=P49.3>often without any attention to&H4 the imperfection of the

<lb n=P49.4>performance. When you told <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> this morning

<lb n=P49.5>that&H3 if you ever resolved on&H4 quitting Netherfield you

<lb n=P49.6>should be gone in&H4 five minutes, you meant it to&H9 be a sort

<lb n=P49.7>of panegyric, of compliment&H0 to&H4 yourself &dash; and yet what

<lb n=P49.8>is there so&H51 very laudable in&H4 a precipitance which&H61 must

<lb n=P49.9>leave&H1 very necessary business undone, and can be of no&H2 real

<lb n=P49.10>advantage to&H4 yourself or any&sp;one else?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPI>

<lb n=P49.11>&dq;Nay,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried <name who=PPI>Bingley</name>,</q><q who=PPI>&dq;this is too&H51 much, to&H9 remember

<lb n=P49.12>at night all the foolish things that&H61 were said in&H4 the morning.

<lb n=P49.13>And yet, upon&H4 my honour&H0;, I believed what I said to&H4 myself

<lb n=P49.14>to&H9 be true, and I believe it at this moment. At least,

<lb n=P49.15>therefore, I did not assume the character of needless

<lb n=P49.16>precipitance merely to&H9 shew&H1 off before&H4 the ladies.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P49.17>&dq;I dare&H12 say you believed it; but I am by&H4 no&H2 means&H0;

<lb n=P49.18>convinced that&H3 you would be gone with such celerity.

<lb n=P49.19>Your conduct&H0 would be quite as dependant on&H4 chance&H0 as

<lb n=P49.20>that&H62 of any man I know; and if, as you were mounting

<lb n=P49.21>your horse, a friend were to&H9 say, &onq;<name who=PPI>Bingley</name>, you had better

<lb n=P49.22>stay&H1 till next week,&cnq; you would probably do it, you would

<lb n=P49.23>probably not go &dash; and, at another word, might stay&H1 a

<lb n=P49.24>month.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P49.25>&dq;You have only proved by&H4 this,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,</q><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P49.26>&dq;that&H3 <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> did not do justice to&H4 his own&H2 disposition.

<lb n=P49.27>You have shewn him off now much more than

<lb n=P49.28>he did himself.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPI>

<lb n=P49.29>&dq;I am exceedingly gratified,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPI>Bingley</name>,</q><q who=PPI>&dq;by&H4 your

<lb n=P49.30>converting what my friend says into a compliment&H0 on&H4 the

<lb n=P49.31>sweetness of my temper. But I am afraid you are giving

<lb n=P49.32>it a turn&H0 which&H61 that&H62 gentleman did by&H4 no&H2 means&H0 intend;

<lb n=P49.33>for&H3 he would certainly think the better of me, if under

<lb n=P49.34>such a circumstance I were to&H9 give a flat denial, and ride&H1;

<lb n=P49.35>off as fast as I could.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P49.36>&dq;Would <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> then consider the rashness of your

<lb n=P49.37>original intention as atoned for&H5 by&H4 your obstinacy in&H4;

<lb n=P49.38>adhering to&H4 it?&dq;<pb n=P50></q></p><p><q who=PPI>

<lb n=P50.1>&dq;Upon&H4 my word I cannot exactly explain the matter,

<lb n=P50.2><name who=PPB>Darcy</name> must speak for&H4 himself.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P50.3>&dq;You expect me to&H9 account&H1 for&H4 opinions which&H61 you

<lb n=P50.4>chuse to&H9 call&H1 mine&H6;, but which&H61 I have never acknowledged.

<lb n=P50.5>Allowing the case, however, to&H9 stand&H1 according to&H4 your

<lb n=P50.6>representation, you must remember, <name who=PPA>Miss&sp;Bennet</name>, that&H3 the

<lb n=P50.7>friend who&H61 is supposed to&H9 desire&H1 his return&H0 to&H4 the house,

<lb n=P50.8>and the delay&H0 of his plan, has merely desired it, asked it

<lb n=P50.9>without offering one argument in&H4 favour&H0 of its propriety.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P50.10>&dq;To&H9 yield readily &dash; easily &dash; to&H4 the <hi r=Italic>persuasion</hi> of a friend

<lb n=P50.11>is no&H2 merit&H0 with you.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P50.12>&dq;To&H9 yield without conviction is no&H2 compliment&H0 to&H4 the

<lb n=P50.13>understanding of either.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P50.14>&dq;You appear to&H4 me, <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>, to&H9 allow nothing for&H4;

<lb n=P50.15>the influence&H0 of friendship and affection. A regard&H0 for&H4;

<lb n=P50.16>the requester would often make&H1 one readily yield to&H4 a

<lb n=P50.17>request&H0;, without waiting for&H4 arguments to&H9 reason&H1 one into

<lb n=P50.18>it. I am not particularly speaking of such a case as you

<lb n=P50.19>have supposed about&H4 <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>. We may&H1 as well&H5 wait,

<lb n=P50.20>perhaps, till the circumstance occurs, before&H3 we discuss

<lb n=P50.21>the discretion of his behaviour thereupon. But in&H4 general&H0;

<lb n=P50.22>and ordinary cases between friend and friend, where one

<lb n=P50.23>of them is desired by&H4 the other to&H9 change&H1 a resolution

<lb n=P50.24>of no&H2 very great moment, should you think ill of that&H62 person

<lb n=P50.25>for&H4 complying with the desire&H0;, without waiting to&H9 be

<lb n=P50.26>argued into it?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P50.27>&dq;Will&H1 it not be advisable, before&H3 we proceed on&H4 this

<lb n=P50.28>subject&H0;, to&H9 arrange with rather more precision the degree

<lb n=P50.29>of importance which&H61 is to&H9 appertain to&H4 this request&H0;, as well&H5;

<lb n=P50.30>as the degree of intimacy subsisting between the parties?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPI>

<lb n=P50.31>&dq;By&H4 all means&H0;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried <name who=PPI>Bingley;</name></q><q who=PPI>&dq;let us hear all the

<lb n=P50.32>particulars, not forgetting their comparative height and

<lb n=P50.33>size; for&H3 that&H62 will&H1 have more weight in&H4 the argument,

<lb n=P50.34><name who=PPA>Miss&sp;Bennet</name>, than you may&H1 be aware of. I assure you

<lb n=P50.35>that&H3 if <name who=PPB>Darcy</name> were not such a great tall fellow, in&H4 comparison

<lb n=P50.36>with myself, I should not pay&H1 him half so&H51 much

<lb n=P50.37>deference. I declare I do not know a more aweful object&H0;

<lb n=P50.38>than <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>, on&H4 particular occasions, and in&H4 particular<pb n=P51>

<lb n=P51.1>places&H0;; at his own&H2 house especially, and of a Sunday

<lb n=P51.2>evening when he has nothing to&H9 do.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P51.3><name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> smiled; but <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> thought&H1 she could

<lb n=P51.4>perceive that&H3 he was rather offended; and therefore

<lb n=P51.5>checked her laugh&H0;. <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name> warmly resented the

<lb n=P51.6>indignity he had received, in&H4 an expostulation with her

<lb n=P51.7>brother for&H4 talking such nonsense.</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P51.8>&dq;I see your design&H0;, <name who=PPI>Bingley</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said his friend. &dash;</q><q who=PPB>&dq;You

<lb n=P51.9>dislike&H1 an argument, and want&H1 to&H9 silence&H1 this.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPI>

<lb n=P51.10>&dq;Perhaps I do. Arguments are too&H51 much like&H4 disputes.

<lb n=P51.11>If you and <name who=PPA>Miss&sp;Bennet</name> will&H1 defer yours till I am out&H5 of

<lb n=P51.12>the room, I shall be very thankful; and then you may&H1;

<lb n=P51.13>say whatever you like&H1 of me.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P51.14>&dq;What you ask,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;is no&H2 sacrifice&H0 on&H4;

<lb n=P51.15>my side&H0;; and <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> had much better finish&H1 his letter.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P51.16><name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> took her advice, and did finish&H1 his letter.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P51.17>When that&H62 business was over, he applied to&H4 <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name>

<lb n=P51.18>and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> for&H4 the indulgence of some music. <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name>

<lb n=P51.19>moved with alacrity to&H4 the piano-forte, and after&H4;

<lb n=P51.20>a polite request&H0 that&H3 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> would lead&H1 the way, which&H61;

<lb n=P51.21>the other as politely and more earnestly negatived, she

<lb n=P51.22>seated herself.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P51.23><name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Hurst</name> sang with her sister, and while&H3 they were

<lb n=P51.24>thus employed <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> could not help&H1 observing as she

<lb n=P51.25>turned over some music books that&H61 lay&H12 on&H4 the instrument,

<lb n=P51.26>how frequently <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>'s eyes were fixed on&H4 her.</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>She

<lb n=P51.27>hardly knew how to&H9 suppose that&H3 she could be an object&H0;

<lb n=P51.28>of admiration to&H4 so&H51 great a man; and yet that&H3 he should

<lb n=P51.29>look&H1 at her because he disliked her, was still&H5 more strange.

<lb n=P51.30>She could only imagine however at last&H0;, that&H3 she drew

<lb n=P51.31>his notice&H0 because there was a something about&H4 her more

<lb n=P51.32>wrong and reprehensible, according to&H4 his ideas of right&H0;,

<lb n=P51.33>than in&H4 any other person present&H5;.</q><q who=PP0>The supposition did

<lb n=P51.34>not pain&H1 her. She liked him too&H51 little to&H9 care&H1 for&H4 his

<lb n=P51.35>approbation.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P51.36>After&H4 playing some Italian songs, <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name> varied

<lb n=P51.37>the charm&H0 by&H4 a lively Scotch air; and soon afterwards

<lb n=P51.38><name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>, drawing near&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, said to&H4 her &dash;<pb n=P52></q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P52.1>&dq;Do not you feel a great inclination, <name who=PPA>Miss&sp;Bennet</name>, to&H9;

<lb n=P52.2>seize such an opportunity of dancing a reel?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P52.3>She smiled, but made no&H2 answer&H0;. He repeated the

<lb n=P52.4>question&H0;, with some surprise&H0 at her silence&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P52.5>&dq;Oh!&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said she,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;I heard you before&H5;; but I could not

<lb n=P52.6>immediately determine what to&H9 say in&H4 reply&H0;. You wanted

<lb n=P52.7>me, I know, to&H9 say &onq;Yes,&cnq; that&H3 you might have the pleasure

<lb n=P52.8>of despising my taste; but I always delight&H1 in&H4 overthrowing

<lb n=P52.9>those kind&H0 of schemes, and cheating a person of their

<lb n=P52.10>premeditated contempt. I have therefore made up&H5 my

<lb n=P52.11>mind&H0 to&H9 tell you, that&H3 I do not want&H1 to&H9 dance&H1 a reel at all &dash;

<lb n=P52.12>and now despise me if you dare&H11;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P52.13>&dq;Indeed I do not dare&H11;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P52.14><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, having rather expected to&H9 affront him, was

<lb n=P52.15>amazed at his gallantry; but there was a mixture of

<lb n=P52.16>sweetness and archness in&H4 her manner which&H61 made it

<lb n=P52.17>difficult for&H4 her to&H9 affront anybody; and <name who=PPB>Darcy</name> had never

<lb n=P52.18>been so&H51 bewitched by&H4 any woman as he was by&H4 her. He

<lb n=P52.19>really believed, that&H3;</q><q who=PPB type=indirect>were it not for&H4 the inferiority of her

<lb n=P52.20>connections, he should be in&H4 some danger.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P52.21><name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name> saw, or suspected enough to&H9 be jealous;

<lb n=P52.22>and her great anxiety for&H4 the recovery of her dear&H21 friend

<lb n=P52.23><name who=PPE>Jane</name>, received some assistance from her desire&H0 of getting

<lb n=P52.24>rid of <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P52.25>She often tried to&H9 provoke <name who=PPB>Darcy</name> into disliking her

<lb n=P52.26>guest, by&H4 talking of their supposed marriage, and planning

<lb n=P52.27>his happiness in&H4 such an alliance.</q></p><p><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P52.28>&dq;I hope&H1;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said she, as they were walking together in&H4;

<lb n=P52.29>the shrubbery the next day,</q><q who=PPJ>&dq;you will&H1 give your mother-in-law

<lb n=P52.30>a few hints, when this desirable event takes place&H0;,

<lb n=P52.31>as to&H4 the advantage of holding her tongue; and if you

<lb n=P52.32>can compass it, do cure&H1 the younger girls of running after&H4;

<lb n=P52.33>the officers. &dash; And, if I may&H1 mention&H1 so&H51 delicate a subject&H0;,

<lb n=P52.34>endeavour&H1 to&H9 check&H1 that&H62 little something, bordering on&H4;

<lb n=P52.35>conceit and impertinence, which&H61 your lady possesses.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P52.36>&dq;Have you any&sp;thing else to&H9 propose for&H4 my domestic&H2;

<lb n=P52.37>felicity?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P52.38>&dq;Oh! yes. &dash; Do let the portraits of your uncle and aunt<pb n=P53>

<lb n=P53.1><name who=PPZZG>Philips</name> be placed in&H4 the gallery at Pemberley. Put them

<lb n=P53.2>next to&H4 your great uncle the judge&H0;. They are in&H4 the

<lb n=P53.3>same profession&H02;, you know; only in&H4 different lines. As for&H4;

<lb n=P53.4>your <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>'s picture&H0;, you must not attempt&H1 to&H9 have it

<lb n=P53.5>taken, for&H3 what painter could do justice to&H4 those beautiful

<lb n=P53.6>eyes?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P53.7>&dq;It would not be easy, indeed, to&H9 catch&H1 their expression,

<lb n=P53.8>but their colour and shape&H0;, and the eye-lashes, so&H51 remarkably

<lb n=P53.9>fine, might be copied.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P53.10>At that&H62 moment they were met from another walk&H0;, by&H4;

<lb n=P53.11><name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Hurst</name> and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> herself.</q></p><p><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P53.12>&dq;I did not know that&H3 you intended to&H9 walk&H1;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said

<lb n=P53.13><name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name>, in&H4 some confusion, lest they had been

<lb n=P53.14>overheard.</q></p><p><q who=PPV>

<lb n=P53.15>&dq;You used us abominably ill,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>answered <name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Hurst</name>,</q><q who=PPV>

<lb n=P53.16>&dq;in&H4 running away without telling us that&H3 you were coming

<lb n=P53.17>out&H5;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P53.18>Then taking the disengaged arm&H0 of <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>, she left

<lb n=P53.19><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> to&H9 walk&H1 by&H4 herself. The path just&H5 admitted

<lb n=P53.20>three. <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> felt their rudeness and immediately

<lb n=P53.21>said, &dash;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P53.22>&dq;This walk&H0 is not wide enough for&H4 our party. We had

<lb n=P53.23>better go into the avenue.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P53.24>But <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, who&H61 had not the least inclination to&H9;

<lb n=P53.25>remain with them, laughingly answered,</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P53.26>&dq;No&H7;, no&H7;; stay&H1 where you are. &dash; You are charmingly

<lb n=P53.27>group'd, and appear to&H4 uncommon advantage. The

<lb n=P53.28>picturesque would be spoilt by&H4 admitting a fourth.

<lb n=P53.29>Good&sp;bye.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P53.30>She then ran gaily off, rejoicing as she rambled about&H5;,

<lb n=P53.31>in&H4 the hope&H0 of being&H1 at home again in&H4 a day or two. <name who=PPE>Jane</name>

<lb n=P53.32>was already so&H51 much recovered as to&H9 intend leaving her

<lb n=P53.33>room for&H4 a couple of hours that&H62 evening.</q></p></div2>

<div2 type=chap n=11><p><pb n=P54>

<lb n=P54.1><q who=pp0>When the ladies removed after&H4 dinner, <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> ran

<lb n=P54.2>up&H5 to&H4 her sister, and seeing her well&H5 guarded from cold&H0;,

<lb n=P54.3>attended her into the drawing-room; where she was

<lb n=P54.4>welcomed by&H4 her two friends with many professions of

<lb n=P54.5>pleasure; and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> had never seen them so&H51 agreeable

<lb n=P54.6>as they were during the hour which&H61 passed before&H3;

<lb n=P54.7>the gentlemen appeared. Their powers of conversation

<lb n=P54.8>were considerable. They could describe an entertainment

<lb n=P54.9>with accuracy, relate an anecdote with humour, and laugh&H1;

<lb n=P54.10>at their acquaintance with spirit.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P54.11><q who=pp0>But when the gentlemen entered, <name who=PPE>Jane</name> was no&H2 longer

<lb n=P54.12>the first object&H0;. <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name>'s eyes were instantly turned

<lb n=P54.13>towards <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>, and she had something to&H9 say to&H4 him

<lb n=P54.14>before&H3 he had advanced many steps. He addressed himself

<lb n=P54.15>directly to&H4 <name who=PPE>Miss&sp;Bennet</name>, with a polite congratulation;

<lb n=P54.16><name who=PPW>Mr&point;&sp;Hurst</name> also made her a slight&H2 bow&H01;, and said he was</q><q who=PPW>

<lb n=P54.17>&dq;very glad;&dq;</q><q who=PP0>but diffuseness and warmth remained for&H4;

<lb n=P54.18><name who=PPI>Bingley</name>'s salutation. He was full of joy and attention.

<lb n=P54.19>The first half hour was spent in&H4 piling up&H5 the fire&H0;, lest she

<lb n=P54.20>should suffer from the change&H0 of room; and she removed

<lb n=P54.21>to&H4 his desire&H0 to&H4 the other side&H0 of the fire-place, that&H3 she

<lb n=P54.22>might be farther from the door. He then sat down&H5 by&H4;

<lb n=P54.23>her, and talked scarcely to&H4 any&sp;one else. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, at

<lb n=P54.24>work&H0 in&H4 the opposite corner, saw it all with great delight&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P54.25>When tea was over, <name who=PPW>Mr&point;&sp;Hurst</name> reminded his sister-in-law

<lb n=P54.26>of the card-table &dash; but in&H4 vain. She had obtained

<lb n=P54.27>private&H2 intelligence that&H3 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> did not wish&H1 for&H4 cards;

<lb n=P54.28>and <name who=PPW>Mr&point;&sp;Hurst</name> soon found even&H5 his open&H2 petition rejected.

<lb n=P54.29>She assured him that&H3 no&sp;one intended to&H9 play&H1;, and the

<lb n=P54.30>silence&H0 of the whole&H2 party on&H4 the subject&H0;, seemed to&H9 justify

<lb n=P54.31>her. <name who=PPW>Mr&point;&sp;Hurst</name> had therefore nothing to&H9 do, but to&H9 stretch

<lb n=P54.32>himself on&H4 one of the sophas and go to&H4 sleep&H0;. <name who=PPB>Darcy</name> took

<lb n=P54.33>up&H5 a book; <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name> did the same; and <name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Hurst</name>,<pb n=P55>

<lb n=P55.1>principally occupied in&H4 playing with her bracelets and rings,

<lb n=P55.2>joined now and then in&H4 her brother's conversation with

<lb n=P55.3><name who=PPE>Miss&sp;Bennet</name>.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P55.4><name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name>'s attention was quite as much engaged in&H4;

<lb n=P55.5>watching <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>'s progress through&H4 <hi r=Italic>his</hi> book, as in&H4;

<lb n=P55.6>reading her own&H2;; and she was perpetually either making

<lb n=P55.7>some inquiry, or looking at his page. She could not win

<lb n=P55.8>him, however, to&H4 any conversation; he merely answered

<lb n=P55.9>her question&H0;, and read on&H5;. At length, quite exhausted

<lb n=P55.10>by&H4 the attempt&H0 to&H9 be amused with her own&H2 book, which&H61;

<lb n=P55.11>she had only chosen because it was the second&H2 volume

<lb n=P55.12>of his, she gave a great yawn and said,</q><q who=PPJ>&dq;How pleasant

<lb n=P55.13>it is to&H9 spend an evening in&H4 this way! I declare after&H4 all

<lb n=P55.14>there is no&H2 enjoyment like&H4 reading! How much sooner

<lb n=P55.15>one tires of any&sp;thing than of a book! &dash; When I have

<lb n=P55.16>a house of my own&H2;, I shall be miserable if I have not an

<lb n=P55.17>excellent library.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P55.18>No&sp;one made any reply&H0;. She then yawned again, threw

<lb n=P55.19>aside her book, and cast her eyes round&H4 the room in&H4;

<lb n=P55.20>quest of some amusement; when hearing her brother

<lb n=P55.21>mentioning a ball&H02 to&H4 <name who=PPE>Miss&sp;Bennet</name>, she turned suddenly

<lb n=P55.22>towards him and said,</q></p><p><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P55.23>&dq;By&sp;the&sp;bye, <name who=PPI>Charles</name>, are you really serious&H2 in&H4 meditating

<lb n=P55.24>a dance&H0 at Netherfield? &dash; I would advise you, before&H3;

<lb n=P55.25>you determine on&H4 it, to&H9 consult the wishes&H0 of the present&H2;

<lb n=P55.26>party; I am much mistaken if there are not some among

<lb n=P55.27>us to&H4 whom&H61 a ball&H02 would be rather a punishment than

<lb n=P55.28>a pleasure.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPI>

<lb n=P55.29>&dq;If you mean&H1 <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried her brother,</q><q who=PPI>&dq;he may&H1 go

<lb n=P55.30>to&H4 bed, if he chuses, before&H3 it begins &dash; but as for&H4 the ball&H02;,

<lb n=P55.31>it is quite a settled thing; and as soon as <name who=PPZZF>Nicholls</name> has

<lb n=P55.32>made white soup enough I shall send round&H5 my cards.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P55.33>&dq;I should like&H1 balls infinitely better,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>she replied,</q><q who=PPJ>&dq;if

<lb n=P55.34>they were carried on&H5 in&H4 a different manner; but there is

<lb n=P55.35>something insufferably tedious in&H4 the usual process of

<lb n=P55.36>such a meeting. It would surely be much more rational

<lb n=P55.37>if conversation instead of dancing made the order of

<lb n=P55.38>the day.&dq;<pb n=P56></q></p><p><q who=PPI>

<lb n=P56.1>&dq;Much more rational, my dear&H21 <name who=PPJ>Caroline</name>, I dare&H12 say

<lb n=P56.2>but it would not be near&H5 so&H51 much like&H4 a ball&H02;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P56.3><name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name> made no&H2 answer&H0;; and soon afterwards

<lb n=P56.4>got up&H5 and walked about&H4 the room. Her figure was

<lb n=P56.5>elegant, and she walked well&H5;; &dash; but <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>, at whom&H61 it

<lb n=P56.6>was all aimed, was still&H5 inflexibly studious. In&H4 the desperation

<lb n=P56.7>of her feeling she resolved on&H4 one effort more; and,

<lb n=P56.8>turning to&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, said,</q></p><p><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P56.9>&dq;<name who=PPA>Miss&sp;Eliza&sp;Bennet</name>, let me persuade you to&H9 follow my

<lb n=P56.10>example, and take a turn&H0 about&H4 the room. &dash; I assure you

<lb n=P56.11>it is very refreshing after&H4 sitting so&H51 long in&H4 one attitude.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P56.12><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was surprised, but agreed to&H4 it immediately.

<lb n=P56.13><name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name> succeeded no&H2 less in&H4 the real object&H0 of her

<lb n=P56.14>civility; <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> looked up&H5;. He was as much awake&H2;

<lb n=P56.15>to&H4 the novelty of attention in&H4 that&H62 quarter&H02 as <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P56.16>herself could be, and unconsciously closed his book. He

<lb n=P56.17>was directly invited to&H9 join their party, but he declined

<lb n=P56.18>it, observing, that&H3;</q><q who=PPB type=indirect>he could imagine but two motives for&H4;

<lb n=P56.19>their chusing to&H9 walk&H1 up&H4 and down&H4 the room together,

<lb n=P56.20>with either of which&H61 motives his joining them would

<lb n=P56.21>interfere.</q><q who=PPJ>&dq;What could he mean&H1;? she was dying to&H9;

<lb n=P56.22>know what could be his meaning&dq; &dash;</q><q who=PP0>and asked <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P56.23>whether she could at all understand him?</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P56.24>&dq;Not at all,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>was her answer&H0;;</q><q who=PPA>&dq;but depend upon&H4 it,

<lb n=P56.25>he means&H1 to&H9 be severe on&H4 us, and our surest way of disappointing

<lb n=P56.26>him, will&H1 be to&H9 ask nothing about&H4 it.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P56.27><name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name>, however, was incapable of disappointing

<lb n=P56.28><name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> in&H4 any&sp;thing, and persevered therefore in&H4;

<lb n=P56.29>requiring an explanation of his two motives.</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P56.30>&dq;I have not the smallest objection to&H4 explaining them,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P56.31>said he, as soon as she allowed him to&H9 speak.</q><q who=PPB>&dq;You

<lb n=P56.32>either chuse this method of passing the evening because

<lb n=P56.33>you are in&H4 each other's confidence and have secret&H2 affairs

<lb n=P56.34>to&H9 discuss, or because you are conscious that&H3 your figures&H0;

<lb n=P56.35>appear to&H4 the greatest advantage in&H4 walking; &dash; if the first,

<lb n=P56.36>I should be completely in&H4 your way; &dash; and if the second&H2;,

<lb n=P56.37>I can admire you much better as I sit by&H4 the fire&H0;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P56.38>&dq;Oh! shocking?&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name>.</q><q who=PPJ>&dq;I never heard<pb n=P57>

<lb n=P57.1>any&sp;thing so&H51 abominable. How shall we punish him for&H4;

<lb n=P57.2>such a speech?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P57.3>&dq;Nothing so&H51 easy, if you have but the inclination,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P57.4>said <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>.</q><q who=PPA>&dq;We can all plague and punish one

<lb n=P57.5>another. Teaze him &dash; laugh&H1 at him. &dash; Intimate&H2 as you

<lb n=P57.6>are, you must know how it is to&H9 be done.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P57.7>&dq;But upon&H4 my honour&H0 I do <hi r=Italic>not</hi>. I do assure you that&H3;

<lb n=P57.8>my intimacy has not yet taught me <hi r=Italic>that&H62;</hi>. Teaze calmness of

<lb n=P57.9>temper and presence of mind&H0;! No&H7;, no&H7 &dash; I feel he may&H1 defy

<lb n=P57.10>us there. And as to&H4 laughter, we will&H1 not expose ourselves,

<lb n=P57.11>if you please, by&H4 attempting to&H9 laugh&H1 without a subject&H0;.

<lb n=P57.12><name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> may&H1 hug himself.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P57.13>&dq;<name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> is not to&H9 be laughed at!&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>.</q><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P57.14>&dq;That&H62 is an uncommon advantage, and uncommon I hope&H1;

<lb n=P57.15>it will&H1 continue, for&H3 it would be a great loss to&H4 <hi r=Italic>me</hi> to&H9 have

<lb n=P57.16>many such acquaintance. I dearly&H51 love&H1 a laugh&H0;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P57.17>&dq;<name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said he,</q><q who=PPB>&dq;has given me credit&H0 for&H4 more

<lb n=P57.18>than can be. The wisest and the best of men, nay, the

<lb n=P57.19>wisest and best of their actions, may&H1 be rendered ridiculous

<lb n=P57.20>by&H4 a person whose&H61 first object&H0 in&H4 life is a joke.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P57.21>&dq;Certainly,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> &dash;</q><q who=PPA>&dq;there are such people,

<lb n=P57.22>but I hope&H1 I am not one of <hi r=Italic>them</hi>. I hope&H1 I never ridicule&H1;

<lb n=P57.23>what is wise or good. Follies and nonsense, whims and

<lb n=P57.24>inconsistencies <hi r=Italic>do</hi> divert me, I own&H1;, and I laugh&H1 at them

<lb n=P57.25>whenever I can. &dash; But these, I suppose, are precisely what

<lb n=P57.26>you are without.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P57.27>&dq;Perhaps that&H62 is not possible for&H4 any&sp;one. But it has

<lb n=P57.28>been the study&H0 of my life to&H9 avoid those weaknesses which&H61;

<lb n=P57.29>often expose a strong understanding to&H9 ridicule&H01;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P57.30>&dq;Such as vanity and pride.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P57.31>&dq;Yes, vanity is a weakness indeed. But pride &dash; where

<lb n=P57.32>there is a real superiority of mind&H0;, pride will&H1 be always

<lb n=P57.33>under good regulation.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P57.34><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> turned away to&H9 hide a smile&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P57.35>&dq;Your examination of <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> is over, I presume,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P57.36>said <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley;</name> &dash;</q><q who=PPJ>&dq;and pray what is the result&H0;?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P57.37>&dq;I am perfectly convinced by&H4 it that&H3 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> has

<lb n=P57.38>no&H2 defect. He owns it himself without disguise.&dq;<pb n=P58></q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P58.1>&dq;No&H7;&dq; &dash;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>,</q><q who=PPB>&dq;I have made no&H2 such pretension.

<lb n=P58.2>I have faults enough, but they are not, I hope&H1;, of understanding.

<lb n=P58.3>My temper I dare&H12 not vouch for&H4;. &dash; It is I believe

<lb n=P58.4>too&H51 little yielding &dash; certainly too&H51 little for&H4 the convenience

<lb n=P58.5>of the world. I cannot forget the follies and vices of others

<lb n=P58.6>so&H51 soon as I ought, nor their offences against myself.

<lb n=P58.7>My feelings are not puffed about&H5 with every attempt&H0 to&H9;

<lb n=P58.8>move&H1 them. My temper would perhaps be called resentful.

<lb n=P58.9>My good opinion once lost is lost for&sp;ever.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P58.10>&dq;<hi r=Italic>That&H62;</hi> is a failing indeed!&dq; &dash;</q><q who=PP0>cried <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>.</q><q who=PPA>&dq;Implacable

<lb n=P58.11>resentment <hi r=Italic>is</hi> a shade in&H4 a character. But you

<lb n=P58.12>have chosen your fault well&H5;. &dash; I really cannot <hi r=Italic>laugh&H1;</hi> at it.

<lb n=P58.13>You are safe from me.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P58.14>&dq;There is, I believe, in&H4 every disposition a tendency

<lb n=P58.15>to&H4 some particular evil, a natural&H2 defect, which&H61 not even&H5;

<lb n=P58.16>the best education can overcome.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P58.17>&dq;And <hi r=Italic>your</hi> defect is a propensity to&H9 hate every&sp;body.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P58.18>&dq;And yours,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>he replied with a smile&H0;,</q><q who=PPB>&dq;is wilfully to&H9;

<lb n=P58.19>misunderstand them.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P58.20>&dq;Do let us have a little music,&dq; &dash;</q><q who=PP0>cried <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name>,

<lb n=P58.21>tired of a conversation in&H4 which&H61 she had no&H2 share&H0;. &dash;</q><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P58.22>&dq;<name who=PPV>Louisa</name>, you will&H1 not mind&H1 my waking <name who=PPW>Mr&point;&sp;Hurst</name>.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P58.23>Her sister made not the smallest objection, and the

<lb n=P58.24>piano&sp;forte was opened, and <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>, after&H4 a few moments

<lb n=P58.25>recollection, was not sorry for&H4 it. He began to&H9 feel the

<lb n=P58.26>danger of paying <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> too&H51 much attention.</q></p></div2>

<div2 type=chap n=12><p><pb n=P59>

<lb n=P59.1><q who=pp0>In&H4 consequence of an agreement between the sisters,

<lb n=P59.2><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> wrote the next morning to&H4 her mother, to&H9 beg

<lb n=P59.3>that&H3 the carriage might be sent for&H4 them in&H4 the course&H0;

<lb n=P59.4>of the day. But <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>, who&H61 had calculated on&H4 her

<lb n=P59.5>daughters remaining at Netherfield till the following

<lb n=P59.6>Tuesday, which&H61 would exactly finish&H1 <name who=PPE>Jane</name>'s week, could

<lb n=P59.7>not bring herself to&H9 receive them with pleasure before&H5;.

<lb n=P59.8>Her answer&H0;, therefore, was not propitious, at least not to&H4;

<lb n=P59.9><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>'s wishes&H0;, for&H3 she was impatient to&H9 get home.

<lb n=P59.10><name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> sent them word that&H3 they could not possibly

<lb n=P59.11>have the carriage before&H4 Tuesday; and in&H4 her postscript

<lb n=P59.12>it was added, that&H3;</q><q who=PPD type=indirect>if <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> and his sister pressed them

<lb n=P59.13>to&H9 stay&H1 longer, she could spare&H1 them very well&H5;. &dash;</q><q who=PP0>Against

<lb n=P59.14>staying longer, however, <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was positively resolved

<lb n=P59.15>&dash; nor did she much expect it would be asked; and fearful,

<lb n=P59.16>on&H4 the contrary, as being&H1 considered as intruding themselves

<lb n=P59.17>needlessly long, she urged <name who=PPE>Jane</name> to&H9 borrow <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>'s

<lb n=P59.18>carriage immediately, and at length it was

<lb n=P59.19>settled that&H3 their original design&H0 of leaving Netherfield

<lb n=P59.20>that&H62 morning should be mentioned, and the request&H0 made.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P59.21>The communication excited many professions of concern&H0;;

<lb n=P59.22>and enough was said of wishing them to&H9 stay&H1 at least till

<lb n=P59.23>the following day to&H9 work&H1 on&H4 <name who=PPE>Jane;</name> and till the morrow,

<lb n=P59.24>their going was deferred. <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name> was then sorry that&H3;

<lb n=P59.25>she had proposed the delay&H0;, for&H3 her jealousy and dislike&H0;

<lb n=P59.26>of one sister much exceeded her affection for&H4 the other.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P59.27>The master of the house heard with real sorrow that&H3;

<lb n=P59.28>they were to&H9 go so&H51 soon, and repeatedly tried to&H9 persuade

<lb n=P59.29><name who=PPE>Miss&sp;Bennet</name> that&H3;</q><q who=PPI type=indirect>it would not be safe for&H4 her &dash; that&H3 she

<lb n=P59.30>was not enough recovered;</q><q who=PP0>but <name who=PPE>Jane</name> was firm where she

<lb n=P59.31>felt herself to&H9 be right&H21;.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P59.32>To&H4 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> it was welcome&H2 intelligence &dash;</q><q who=PPB type=indirect><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P59.33>had been at Netherfield long enough. She attracted him

<lb n=P59.34>more than he liked &dash; and <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name> was uncivil to&H4 <hi r=Italic>her</hi>,<pb n=P60>

<lb n=P60.1>and more teazing than usual to&H4 himself.</q><q who=PP0>He wisely

<lb n=P60.2>resolved to&H9 be particularly careful that&H3 no&H2 sign of admiration

<lb n=P60.3>should <hi r=Italic>now</hi> escape&H1 him, nothing that&H61 could elevate

<lb n=P60.4>her with the hope&H0 of influencing his felicity; sensible&H21 that&H3;

<lb n=P60.5>if such an idea had been suggested, his behaviour during

<lb n=P60.6>the last&H2 day must have material&H2 weight in&H4 confirming or

<lb n=P60.7>crushing it. Steady to&H4 his purpose, he scarcely spoke ten

<lb n=P60.8>words to&H4 her through&H4 the whole&H0 of Saturday, and though

<lb n=P60.9>they were at one time left by&H4 themselves for&H4 half an hour,

<lb n=P60.10>he adhered most conscientiously to&H4 his book, and would

<lb n=P60.11>not even&H5 look&H1 at her.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P60.12>On&H4 Sunday, after&H4 morning service, the separation, so&H51;

<lb n=P60.13>agreeable to&H4 almost all, took place&H0;. <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name>'s civility

<lb n=P60.14>to&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> increased at last&H0 very rapidly, as well&H5 as her

<lb n=P60.15>affection for&H4 <name who=PPE>Jane;</name> and when they parted, after&H4 assuring

<lb n=P60.16>the latter of the pleasure it would always give her to&H9 see her

<lb n=P60.17>either at Longbourn or Netherfield, and embracing her most

<lb n=P60.18>tenderly, she even&H5 shook hands with the former. &dash; <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P60.19>took leave&H0 of the whole&H2 party in&H4 the liveliest spirits.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P60.20>They were not welcomed home very cordially by&H4 their

<lb n=P60.21>mother. <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name></q><q who=PPD type=indirect>wondered at their coming, and

<lb n=P60.22>thought&H1 them very wrong to&H9 give so&H51 much trouble&H0;, and

<lb n=P60.23>was sure <name who=PPE>Jane</name> would have caught cold&H0 again. &dash;</q><q who=PP0>But their

<lb n=P60.24>father, though very laconic in&H4 his expressions of pleasure,

<lb n=P60.25>was really glad to&H9 see them; he had felt their importance

<lb n=P60.26>in&H4 the family circle. The evening conversation, when they

<lb n=P60.27>were all assembled, had lost much of its animation, and

<lb n=P60.28>almost all its sense, by&H4 the absence of <name who=PPE>Jane</name> and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P60.29>They found <name who=PPF>Mary</name>, as usual, deep in&H4 the study&H0 of thorough&sp;bass

<lb n=P60.30>and human nature; and had some new extracts to&H9;

<lb n=P60.31>admire, and some new observations of thread-bare morality

<lb n=P60.32>to&H9 listen to&H4;. <name who=PPG>Catherine</name> and <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> had information for&H4;

<lb n=P60.33>them of a different sort. Much had been done, and much

<lb n=P60.34>had been said in&H4 the regiment since the preceding Wednesday;

<lb n=P60.35>several of the officers had dined lately with their

<lb n=P60.36>uncle, a private&H0 had been flogged, and it had actually

<lb n=P60.37>been hinted that&H3 <name who=PPZL>Colonel&sp;Forster</name> was going to&H9 be married.</q></p></div2>

<div2 type=chap n=13><p><pb n=P61><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P61.1>&dq;I hope&H1;, my dear&H21;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name> to&H4 his wife, as

<lb n=P61.2>they were at breakfast&H0 the next morning,</q><q who=PPC>&dq;that&H3 you have

<lb n=P61.3>ordered a good dinner to-day, because I have reason&H0 to&H9;

<lb n=P61.4>expect an addition to&H4 our family party.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P61.5>&dq;Who&H62 do you mean&H1;, my dear&H21;? I know of nobody that&H61;

<lb n=P61.6>is coming I am sure, unless <name who=PPQ>Charlotte&sp;Lucas</name> should happen

<lb n=P61.7>to&H9 call&H1 in&H5;, and I hope&H1 <hi r=Italic>my</hi> dinners are good enough for&H4 her.

<lb n=P61.8>I do not believe she often sees such at home.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P61.9>&dq;The person of whom&H61 I speak, is a gentleman and a

<lb n=P61.10>stranger&H0;.&dq;</q><q who=PP0><name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>'s eyes sparkled. &dash;</q><q who=PPD>&dq;A gentleman

<lb n=P61.11>and a stranger&H0;! It is <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> I am sure. Why <name who=PPE>Jane</name>

<lb n=P61.12>&dash; you never dropt a word of this; you sly thing! Well&H7;,

<lb n=P61.13>I am sure I shall be extremely glad to&H9 see <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>. &dash;

<lb n=P61.14>But &dash; good lord&H7;! how unlucky! there is not a bit of fish

<lb n=P61.15>to&H9 be got to-day. <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>, my love&H0;, ring&H1 the bell. I must

<lb n=P61.16>speak to&H4 <name who=PPV>Hill</name>, this moment.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P61.17>&dq;It is <hi r=Italic>not</hi> <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said her husband;</q><q who=PPC>&dq;it is

<lb n=P61.18>a person whom&H61 I never saw in&H4 the whole&H2 course&H0 of my

<lb n=P61.19>life.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P61.20>This roused a general&H2 astonishment; and he had the

<lb n=P61.21>pleasure of being&H1 eagerly questioned by&H4 his wife and five

<lb n=P61.22>daughters at once.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P61.23>After&H4 amusing himself some time with their curiosity,

<lb n=P61.24>he thus explained.</q><q who=PPC>&dq;About&H4 a month ago I received this

<lb n=P61.25>letter, and about&H4 a fortnight ago I answered it, for&H3 I

<lb n=P61.26>thought&H1 it a case of some delicacy, and requiring early

<lb n=P61.27>attention. It is from my cousin, <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>, who&H61;, when

<lb n=P61.28>I am dead, may&H1 turn&H1 you all out&H5 of this house as soon as

<lb n=P61.29>he pleases.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>&dq;Oh! my dear&H21;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried his wife,</q><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P61.30>&dq;I cannot bear&H1 to&H9;

<lb n=P61.31>hear that&H62 mentioned. Pray do not talk&H1 of that&H62 odious

<lb n=P61.32>man. I do think it is the hardest thing in&H4 the world, that&H3;

<lb n=P61.33>your estate should be entailed away from your own&H2;<pb n=P62>

<lb n=P62.1>children; and I am sure if I had been you, I should have

<lb n=P62.2>tried long ago to&H9 do something or other about&H4 it.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P62.3><name who=PPE>Jane</name> and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> attempted to&H9 explain to&H4 her the

<lb n=P62.4>nature of an entail. They had often attempted it before&H5;,

<lb n=P62.5>but it was a subject&H0 on&H4 which&H61 <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> was beyond&H4;

<lb n=P62.6>the reach&H0 of reason&H0;; and she continued to&H9 rail bitterly

<lb n=P62.7>against the cruelty of settling an estate away from a family

<lb n=P62.8>of five daughters, in&H4 favour&H0 of a man whom&H61 nobody cared

<lb n=P62.9>anything about&H4;.</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P62.10>&dq;It certainly is a most iniquitous affair,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name>,</q><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P62.11>&dq;and nothing can clear&H1 <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> from the guilt

<lb n=P62.12>of inheriting Longbourn. But if you will&H1 listen to&H4 his

<lb n=P62.13>letter, you may&H1 perhaps be a little softened by&H4 his manner

<lb n=P62.14>of expressing himself.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P62.15>&dq;No&H7;, that&H62 I am sure I shall not; and I think it was

<lb n=P62.16>very impertinent of him to&H9 write to&H4 you at all, and very

<lb n=P62.17>hypocritical. I hate such false friends. Why could not

<lb n=P62.18>he keep on&H5 quarrelling with you, as his father did before&H4;

<lb n=P62.19>him?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P62.20>&dq;Why, indeed, he does seem to&H9 have had some filial

<lb n=P62.21>scruples on&H4 that&H62 head&H0;, as you will&H1 hear.&dq;

<lb n=P62.22></q><q who=PPK>

<lb n=P62.23><hi r=Italic>Hunsford</hi>, <hi r=Italic>near&H4;</hi> <hi r=Italic>Westerham</hi>, <hi r=Italic>Kent</hi>,

<lb n=P62.24><hi r=Italic>15th</hi> <hi r=Italic>October</hi>.

<lb n=P62.25>DEAR&H21 SIR,</q></p><p><q who=PPK>

<lb n=P62.26>The disagreement subsisting between yourself and

<lb n=P62.27>my late honoured father, always gave me much uneasiness,

<lb n=P62.28>and since I have had the misfortune to&H9 lose him, I have

<lb n=P62.29>frequently wished to&H9 heal the breach; but for&H4 some time

<lb n=P62.30>I was kept back&H5 by&H4 my own&H2 doubts&H0;, fearing lest it might

<lb n=P62.31>seem disrespectful to&H4 his memory for&H4 me to&H9 be on&H4 good

<lb n=P62.32>terms with any&sp;one, with whom&H61 it had always pleased

<lb n=P62.33>him to&H9 be at variance.</q><q who=PPC>&dq;There, <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>.&dq; &dash;</q><q who=PPK>My mind&H0;

<lb n=P62.34>however is now made up&H5 on&H4 the subject&H0;, for&H3 having received

<lb n=P62.35>ordination at Easter, I have been so&H51 fortunate as to&H9 be

<lb n=P62.36>distinguished by&H4 the patronage of <name who=PPL>the&sp;Right&sp;Honourable&sp;Lady&sp;Catherine&sp;de&sp;Bourgh</name>,

<lb n=P62.37>widow of <name who=PPZI>Sir&sp;Lewis&sp;de&sp;Bourgh</name>,

<lb n=P62.38>whose&H61 bounty and beneficence has preferred me to&H4 the<pb n=P63>

<lb n=P63.1>valuable rectory of this parish, where it shall be my

<lb n=P63.2>earnest endeavour&H0 to&H9 demean myself with grateful respect&H0;

<lb n=P63.3>towards her Ladyship, and be ever ready to&H9 perform those

<lb n=P63.4>rites and ceremonies which&H61 are instituted by&H4 the Church

<lb n=P63.5>of England. As a clergyman, moreover, I feel it my duty

<lb n=P63.6>to&H9 promote and establish the blessing of peace in&H4 all families

<lb n=P63.7>within the reach&H0 of my influence&H0;; and on&H4 these grounds

<lb n=P63.8>I flatter myself that&H3 my present&H2 overtures of good-will

<lb n=P63.9>are highly commendable, and that&H3 the circumstance of

<lb n=P63.10>my being&H1 next in&H4 the entail of Longbourn estate, will&H1 be

<lb n=P63.11>kindly overlooked on&H4 your side&H0;, and not lead&H1 you to&H9 reject

<lb n=P63.12>the offered olive branch. I cannot be otherwise than

<lb n=P63.13>concerned at being&H1 the means&H0 of injuring your amiable

<lb n=P63.14>daughters, and beg leave&H0 to&H9 apologise for&H4 it, as well&H5 as to&H9;

<lb n=P63.15>assure you of my readiness to&H9 make&H1 them every possible

<lb n=P63.16>amends, &dash; but of this hereafter. If you should have no&H2;

<lb n=P63.17>objection to&H9 receive me into your house, I propose myself

<lb n=P63.18>the satisfaction of waiting on&H4 you and your family,

<lb n=P63.19>Monday, November 18th, by&H4 four o'clock, and shall

<lb n=P63.20>probably trespass on&H4 your hospitality till the Saturday

<lb n=P63.21>se'night following, which&H61 I can do without any inconvenience,

<lb n=P63.22>as <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name> is far from objecting to&H4;

<lb n=P63.23>my occasional absence on&H4 a Sunday, provided that&H3 some

<lb n=P63.24>other clergyman is engaged to&H9 do the duty of the day.

<lb n=P63.25>I remain, dear&H21 sir, with respectful compliments to&H4 your

<lb n=P63.26>lady and daughters, your well-wisher and friend,

<lb n=P63.27><name who=PPK>WILLIAM&sp;COLLINS</name>.&dq;

<lb n=P63.28></q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P63.29>&dq;At four o'clock, therefore, we may&H1 expect this peace-making

<lb n=P63.30>gentleman,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name>, as he folded up&H5 the

<lb n=P63.31>letter.</q><q who=PPC>&dq;He seems to&H9 be a most conscientious and polite

<lb n=P63.32>young man, upon&H4 my word; and I doubt&H1 not will&H1 prove

<lb n=P63.33>a valuable acquaintance, especially if <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name>

<lb n=P63.34>should be so&H51 indulgent as to&H9 let him come to&H4 us again.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P63.35>&dq;There is some sense in&H4 what he says about&H4 the girls

<lb n=P63.36>however; and if he is disposed to&H9 make&H1 them any amends,

<lb n=P63.37>I shall not be the person to&H9 discourage him.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P63.38>&dq;Though it is difficult,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPE>Jane</name>,</q><q who=PPE>&dq;to&H9 guess&H1 in&H4 what<pb n=P64>

<lb n=P64.1>way he can mean&H1 to&H9 make&H1 us the atonement he thinks

<lb n=P64.2>our due&H0;, the wish&H0 is certainly to&H4 his credit&H0;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P64.3><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was chiefly struck with his extraordinary

<lb n=P64.4>deference for&H4 <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name>, and his kind&H2 intention of

<lb n=P64.5>christening, marrying, and burying his parishioners whenever

<lb n=P64.6>it were required.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P64.7>&dq;He must be an oddity, I think,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said she,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;I cannot

<lb n=P64.8>make&H1 him out&H5;. &dash; There is something very pompous in&H4 his

<lb n=P64.9>stile. &dash; And what can he mean&H1 by&H4 apologizing for&H4 being&H1;

<lb n=P64.10>next in&H4 the entail? &dash; We cannot suppose he would help&H1;

<lb n=P64.11>it, if he could. &dash; Can he be a sensible&H22 man, sir?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P64.12>&dq;No&H7;, my dear&H21;; I think not. I have great hopes&H0 of

<lb n=P64.13>finding him quite the reverse. There is a mixture of

<lb n=P64.14>servility and self-importance in&H4 his letter, which&H61 promises&H1;

<lb n=P64.15>well&H5;. I am impatient to&H9 see him.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPF>

<lb n=P64.16>&dq;In&H4 point&H0 of composition,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPF>Mary</name>,</q><q who=PPF>&dq;his letter does

<lb n=P64.17>not seem defective. The idea of the olive branch perhaps

<lb n=P64.18>is not wholly new, yet I think it is well&H5 expressed.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P64.19>To&H4 <name who=PPG>Catherine</name> and <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>, neither the letter nor its

<lb n=P64.20>writer were in&H4 any degree interesting. It was next to&H4;

<lb n=P64.21>impossible that&H3 their cousin should come in&H4 a scarlet coat,

<lb n=P64.22>and it was now some weeks since they had received

<lb n=P64.23>pleasure from the society of a man in&H4 any other colour.

<lb n=P64.24>As for&H4 their mother, <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>'s letter had done away

<lb n=P64.25>much of her ill-will, and she was preparing to&H9 see him

<lb n=P64.26>with a degree of composure, which&H61 astonished her husband

<lb n=P64.27>and daughters.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P64.28><name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> was punctual to&H4 his time, and was received

<lb n=P64.29>with great politeness by&H4 the whole&H2 family. <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name>

<lb n=P64.30>indeed said little; but the ladies were ready enough to&H9;

<lb n=P64.31>talk&H1;, and <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> seemed neither in&H4 need&H0 of encouragement,

<lb n=P64.32>nor inclined to&H9 be silent himself. He was a tall, heavy looking

<lb n=P64.33>young man of five&sp;and&sp;twenty. His air was grave&H2;

<lb n=P64.34>and stately, and his manners were very formal. He had

<lb n=P64.35>not been long seated before&H3 he complimented <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>

<lb n=P64.36>on&H4 having so&H51 fine a family of daughters, said</q><q who=PPK type=indirect>he had heard

<lb n=P64.37>much of their beauty, but that&H3;, in&H4 this instance&H0;, fame had

<lb n=P64.38>fallen short of the truth;</q><q who=PP0>and added, that&H3;</q><q who=PPK type=indirect>he did not<pb n=P65>

<lb n=P65.1>doubt&H1 her seeing them all in&H4 due&H2 time well&H5 disposed of in&H4;

<lb n=P65.2>marriage.</q><q who=PP0>This gallantry was not much to&H4 the taste of

<lb n=P65.3>some of his hearers, but <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>, who&H61 quarrelled with

<lb n=P65.4>no&H2 compliments, answered most readily,</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P65.5>&dq;You are very kind&H2;, sir, I am sure; and I wish&H1 with all

<lb n=P65.6>my heart it may&H1 prove so&H52;; for&H3 else they will&H1 be destitute

<lb n=P65.7>enough. Things are settled so&H51 oddly.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPK>

<lb n=P65.8>&dq;You allude perhaps to&H4 the entail of this estate.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P65.9>&dq;Ah! sir, I do indeed. It is a grievous affair to&H4 my

<lb n=P65.10>poor girls, you must confess. Not that&H3 I mean&H1 to&H9 find

<lb n=P65.11>fault with <hi r=Italic>you</hi>, for&H3 such things I know are all chance&H0 in&H4;

<lb n=P65.12>this world. There is no&H2 knowing how estates will&H1 go when

<lb n=P65.13>once they come to&H9 be entailed.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPK>

<lb n=P65.14>&dq;I am very sensible&H21;, madam, of the hardship to&H4 my

<lb n=P65.15>fair cousins, &dash; and could say much on&H4 the subject&H0;, but that&H3;

<lb n=P65.16>I am cautious of appearing forward&H2 and precipitate.

<lb n=P65.17>But I can assure the young ladies that&H3 I come prepared

<lb n=P65.18>to&H9 admire them. At present&H01 I will&H1 not say more, but

<lb n=P65.19>perhaps when we are better acquainted ~&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P65.20>He was interrupted by&H4 a summons to&H4 dinner; and the

<lb n=P65.21>girls smiled on&H4 each other. They were not the only objects&H0;

<lb n=P65.22>of <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>'s admiration. The hall, the dining-room,

<lb n=P65.23>and all its furniture were examined and praised; and his

<lb n=P65.24>commendation of every&sp;thing would have touched <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>'s

<lb n=P65.25>heart, but for&H4 the mortifying supposition of his

<lb n=P65.26>viewing it all as his own&H2 future property. The dinner too&H52;

<lb n=P65.27>in&H4 its turn&H0 was highly admired; and he begged to&H9 know</q><q who=PPK type=indirect>

<lb n=P65.28>to&H4 which&H61 of his fair cousins, the excellence of its cookery

<lb n=P65.29>was owing.</q><q who=PP0>But here he was set&H1 right&H21 by&H4 <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>,

<lb n=P65.30>who&H61 assured him with some asperity that&H3;</q><q who=PPD type=indirect>they were very

<lb n=P65.31>well&H5 able to&H9 keep a good cook, and that&H3 her daughters had

<lb n=P65.32>nothing to&H9 do in&H4 the kitchen.</q><q who=PP0>He begged pardon&H0 for&H4 having

<lb n=P65.33>displeased her. In&H4 a softened tone she declared herself

<lb n=P65.34>not at all offended; but he continued to&H9 apologise for&H4;

<lb n=P65.35>about&H4 a quarter&H01 of an hour.</q></p></div2>

<div2 type=chap n=14><p><pb n=P66>

<lb n=P66.1><q who=pp0>During dinner, <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name> scarcely spoke at all; but

<lb n=P66.2>when the servants were withdrawn, he thought&H1 it time

<lb n=P66.3>to&H9 have some conversation with his guest, and therefore

<lb n=P66.4>started a subject&H0 in&H4 which&H61 he expected him to&H9 shine, by&H4;

<lb n=P66.5>observing that&H3;</q><q who=PPC type=indirect>he seemed very fortunate in&H4 his patroness.

<lb n=P66.6><name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine&sp;de&sp;Bourgh</name>'s attention to&H4 his wishes&H0;, and

<lb n=P66.7>consideration for&H4 his comfort&H0;, appeared very remarkable.</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P66.8><name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name> could not have chosen better. <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>

<lb n=P66.9>was eloquent in&H4 her praise&H0;. The subject&H0 elevated him to&H4;

<lb n=P66.10>more than usual solemnity of manner, and with a most

<lb n=P66.11>important aspect he protested that&H3;</q><q who=PPK type=indirect>he had never in&H4 his

<lb n=P66.12>life witnessed such behaviour in&H4 a person of rank&H0 &dash; such

<lb n=P66.13>affability and condescension, as he had himself experienced

<lb n=P66.14>from <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name>. She had been graciously pleased

<lb n=P66.15>to&H9 approve of both the discourses, which&H61 he had already

<lb n=P66.16>had the honour&H0 of preaching before&H4 her. She had also

<lb n=P66.17>asked him twice to&H9 dine at Rosings, and had sent for&H4 him

<lb n=P66.18>only the Saturday before&H5;, to&H9 make&H1 up&H5 her pool of quadrille

<lb n=P66.19>in&H4 the evening. <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name> was reckoned proud by&H4;

<lb n=P66.20>many people he knew, but <hi r=Italic>he</hi> had never seen any&sp;thing

<lb n=P66.21>but affability in&H4 her. She had always spoken to&H4 him as

<lb n=P66.22>she would to&H4 any other gentleman; she made not the

<lb n=P66.23>smallest objection to&H4 his joining in&H4 the society of the

<lb n=P66.24>neighbourhood, nor to&H4 his leaving his parish occasionally

<lb n=P66.25>for&H4 a week or two, to&H9 visit&H1 his relations. She had even&H5;

<lb n=P66.26>condescended to&H9 advise him to&H9 marry as soon as he could,

<lb n=P66.27>provided he chose with discretion; and had once paid

<lb n=P66.28>him a visit&H0 in&H4 his humble&H2 parsonage; where she had

<lb n=P66.29>perfectly approved all the alterations he had been making,

<lb n=P66.30>and had even&H5 vouchsafed to&H9 suggest some herself, &dash; some

<lb n=P66.31>shelves in&H4 the closets up&sp;stairs.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P66.32>&dq;That&H62 is all very proper and civil, I am sure,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said

<lb n=P66.33><name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>,</q><q who=PPD>&dq;and I dare&H12 say she is a very agreeable<pb n=P67>

<lb n=P67.1>woman. It is a pity&H0 that&H3 great ladies in&H4 general&H0 are not

<lb n=P67.2>more like&H4 her. Does she live near&H4 you, sir?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPK>

<lb n=P67.3>&dq;The garden in&H4 which&H61 stands my humble&H2 abode, is

<lb n=P67.4>separated only by&H4 a lane from Rosings&sp;Park, her ladyship's

<lb n=P67.5>residence.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P67.6>&dq;I think you said she was a widow, sir? has she any

<lb n=P67.7>family?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPK>

<lb n=P67.8>&dq;She has one only daughter, the heiress of Rosings,

<lb n=P67.9>and of very extensive property.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P67.10>&dq;Ah!&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>, shaking her head&H0;,</q><q who=PPD>&dq;then

<lb n=P67.11>she is better off than many girls. And what sort of young

<lb n=P67.12>lady is she? is she handsome?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPK>

<lb n=P67.13>&dq;She is a most charming young lady indeed. <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name>

<lb n=P67.14>herself says that&H3 in&H4 point&H0 of true beauty, <name who=PPZJ>Miss&sp;De&sp;Bourgh</name>

<lb n=P67.15>is far superior to&H4 the handsomest of her sex;

<lb n=P67.16>because there is that&H62 in&H4 her features which&H61 marks the

<lb n=P67.17>young woman of distinguished birth&H01;. She is unfortunately

<lb n=P67.18>of a sickly constitution, which&H61 has prevented her

<lb n=P67.19>making that&H62 progress in&H4 many accomplishments, which&H61;

<lb n=P67.20>she could not otherwise have failed of; as I am informed

<lb n=P67.21>by&H4 the lady who&H61 superintended her education, and who&H61;

<lb n=P67.22>still&H5 resides with them. But she is perfectly amiable,

<lb n=P67.23>and often condescends to&H9 drive&H1 by&H4 my humble&H2 abode in&H4;

<lb n=P67.24>her little phaeton and ponies.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P67.25>&dq;Has she been presented? I do not remember her

<lb n=P67.26>name&H0 among the ladies at court&H0;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPK>

<lb n=P67.27>&dq;Her indifferent state&H0 of health unhappily prevents

<lb n=P67.28>her being&H1 in&H4 town; and by&H4 that&H62 means&H0;, as I told <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name>

<lb n=P67.29>myself one day, has deprived the British court&H0;

<lb n=P67.30>of its brightest ornament. Her ladyship seemed pleased

<lb n=P67.31>with the idea, and you may&H1 imagine that&H3 I am happy

<lb n=P67.32>on&H4 every occasion&H0 to&H9 offer&H1 those little delicate compliments

<lb n=P67.33>which&H61 are always acceptable to&H4 ladies. I have

<lb n=P67.34>more than once observed to&H4 <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name>, that&H3 her

<lb n=P67.35>charming daughter seemed born&H11 to&H9 be a duchess, and that&H3;

<lb n=P67.36>the most elevated rank&H0;, instead of giving her consequence,

<lb n=P67.37>would be adorned by&H4 her. &dash; These are the kind&H0 of little

<lb n=P67.38>things which&H61 please her ladyship, and it is a sort of<pb n=P68>

<lb n=P68.1>attention which&H61 I conceive myself peculiarly bound to&H9;

<lb n=P68.2>pay&H1;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P68.3>&dq;You judge&H1 very properly,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name>,</q><q who=PPC>&dq;and it

<lb n=P68.4>is happy for&H4 you that&H3 you possess the talent of flattering

<lb n=P68.5>with delicacy. May&H1 I ask whether these pleasing attentions

<lb n=P68.6>proceed from the impulse of the moment, or are the

<lb n=P68.7>result&H0 of previous study&H0;?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPK>

<lb n=P68.8>&dq;They arise chiefly from what is passing at the time,

<lb n=P68.9>and though I sometimes amuse myself with suggesting

<lb n=P68.10>and arranging such little elegant compliments as may&H1 be

<lb n=P68.11>adapted to&H4 ordinary occasions, I always wish&H1 to&H9 give them

<lb n=P68.12>as unstudied an air as possible.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P68.13><name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name>'s expectations were fully answered. His

<lb n=P68.14>cousin was as absurd as he had hoped, and he listened

<lb n=P68.15>to&H4 him with the keenest enjoyment, maintaining at the

<lb n=P68.16>same time the most resolute composure of countenance,

<lb n=P68.17>and except in&H4 an occasional glance&H0 at <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, requiring

<lb n=P68.18>no&H2 partner in&H4 his pleasure.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P68.19>By&H4 tea-time however the dose had been enough, and

<lb n=P68.20><name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name> was glad to&H9 take his guest into the drawing-room

<lb n=P68.21>again, and when tea was over, glad to&H9 invite him

<lb n=P68.22>to&H9 read aloud to&H4 the ladies. <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> readily assented,

<lb n=P68.23>and a book was produced; but on&H4 beholding it, (for&H3;

<lb n=P68.24>every&sp;thing announced it to&H9 be from a circulating library,)

<lb n=P68.25>he started back&H5;, and begging pardon&H0;, protested that&H3 he

<lb n=P68.26>never read novels. &dash; <name who=PPG>Kitty</name> stared at him, and <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>

<lb n=P68.27>exclaimed. &dash; Other books were produced, and after&H4 some

<lb n=P68.28>deliberation he chose <name who=PPZ1>Fordyce</name>'s Sermons. <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> gaped

<lb n=P68.29>as he opened the volume, and before&H3 he had, with very

<lb n=P68.30>monotonous solemnity, read three pages, she interrupted

<lb n=P68.31>him with,</q></p><p><q who=PPH>

<lb n=P68.32>&dq;Do you know, mama, that&H3 my uncle <name who=PPZZG>Philips</name> talks

<lb n=P68.33>of turning away <name who=PPZZJ>Richard</name>, and if he does, <name who=PPZL>Colonel&sp;Forster</name>

<lb n=P68.34>will&H1 hire&H1 him. My aunt told me so&H52 herself on&H4 Saturday.

<lb n=P68.35>I shall walk&H1 to&H4 Meryton to-morrow to&H9 hear more about&H4;

<lb n=P68.36>it, and to&H9 ask when <name who=PPW>Mr&point;&sp;Denny</name> comes back&H5 from

<lb n=P68.37>town.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P68.38><name who=PPH>Lydia</name> was bid by&H4 her two eldest sisters to&H9 hold&H1 her<pb n=P69>

<lb n=P69.1>tongue; but <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>, much offended, laid aside his

<lb n=P69.2>book, and said,</q></p><p><q who=PPK>

<lb n=P69.3>&dq;I have often observed how little young ladies are

<lb n=P69.4>interested by&H4 books of a serious&H2 stamp, though written

<lb n=P69.5>solely for&H4 their benefit. It amazes me, I confess; &dash; for&H3;

<lb n=P69.6>certainly, there can be nothing so&H51 advantageous to&H4 them

<lb n=P69.7>as instruction. But I will&H1 no&H2 longer importune my young

<lb n=P69.8>cousin.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P69.9>Then turning to&H4 <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name> he offered himself as his

<lb n=P69.10>antagonist at backgammon. <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name> accepted the

<lb n=P69.11>challenge, observing that&H3;</q><q who=PPC type=indirect>he acted very wisely in&H4 leaving

<lb n=P69.12>the girls to&H4 their own&H2 trifling amusements.</q><q who=PP0><name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>

<lb n=P69.13>and her daughters apologised most civilly for&H4 <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>'s

<lb n=P69.14>interruption, and promised that&H3 it should not occur again,

<lb n=P69.15>if he would resume his book; but <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>, after&H4;

<lb n=P69.16>assuring them that&H3;</q><q who=PPK type=indirect>he bore&H11 his young cousin no&H2 ill&sp;will,

<lb n=P69.17>and should never resent her behaviour as any affront,</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P69.18>seated himself at another table with <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name>, and

<lb n=P69.19>prepared for&H4 backgammon.</q></p></div2>

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<lb n=P70.1><q who=pp0><name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> was not a sensible&H22 man, and the deficiency

<lb n=P70.2>of nature had been but little assisted by&H4 education or

<lb n=P70.3>society; the greatest part&H0 of his life having been spent

<lb n=P70.4>under the guidance of an illiterate and miserly father;

<lb n=P70.5>and though he belonged to&H4 one of the universities, he had

<lb n=P70.6>merely kept the necessary terms, without forming at it

<lb n=P70.7>any useful acquaintance. The subjection in&H4 which&H61 his

<lb n=P70.8>father had brought him up&H5;, had given him originally great

<lb n=P70.9>humility of manner, but it was now a good deal&H0 counteracted

<lb n=P70.10>by&H4 the self-conceit of a weak head&H0;, living in&H4 retirement,

<lb n=P70.11>and the consequential feelings of early and unexpected

<lb n=P70.12>prosperity. A fortunate chance&H0 had recommended

<lb n=P70.13>him to&H4 <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine&sp;de&sp;Bourgh</name> when the living of

<lb n=P70.14>Hunsford was vacant; and the respect&H0 which&H61 he felt for&H4;

<lb n=P70.15>her high rank&H0;, and his veneration for&H4 her as his patroness,

<lb n=P70.16>mingling with a very good opinion of himself, of his

<lb n=P70.17>authority as a clergyman, and his rights as a rector, made

<lb n=P70.18>him altogether a mixture of pride and obsequiousness,

<lb n=P70.19>self-importance and humility.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P70.20><q who=pp0>Having now a good house and very sufficient income,

<lb n=P70.21>he intended to&H9 marry; and in&H4 seeking a reconciliation

<lb n=P70.22>with the Longbourn family he had a wife in&H4 view&H0;, as he

<lb n=P70.23>meant to&H9 chuse one of the daughters, if he found them

<lb n=P70.24>as handsome and amiable as they were represented by&H4;

<lb n=P70.25>common&H2 report&H0;. This was his plan of amends &dash; of atonement &dash;

<lb n=P70.26>for&H4 inheriting their father's estate; and he thought&H1;

<lb n=P70.27>it an excellent one, full of eligibility and suitableness,

<lb n=P70.28>and excessively generous and disinterested on&H4 his own&H2;

<lb n=P70.29>part&H0;.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P70.30><q who=pp0>His plan did not vary on&H4 seeing them. &dash; <name who=PPE>Miss&sp;Bennet</name>'s

<lb n=P70.31>lovely face&H0 confirmed his views, and established all his

<lb n=P70.32>strictest notions of what was due&H2 to&H4 seniority; and for&H4;

<lb n=P70.33>the first evening <hi r=Italic>she</hi> was his settled choice&H0;. The next<pb n=P71>

<lb n=P71.1>morning, however, made an alteration; for&H3 in&H4 a quarter&H01;

<lb n=P71.2>of an hour's t&ecirc;te-&agrave;-t&ecirc;te with <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> before&H4 breakfast&H0;,

<lb n=P71.3>a conversation beginning with his parsonage-house, and

<lb n=P71.4>leading naturally to&H4 the avowal of his hopes&H0;, that&H3 a mistress

<lb n=P71.5>for&H4 it might be found at Longbourn, produced from her,

<lb n=P71.6>amid very complaisant smiles and general&H2 encouragement,

<lb n=P71.7>a caution&H0 against the very <name who=PPE>Jane</name> he had fixed on&H4;. &dash;</q><q who=PPD>&dq;As

<lb n=P71.8>to&H4 her <hi r=Italic>younger</hi> daughters she could not take upon&H4 her to&H9;

<lb n=P71.9>say &dash; she could not positively answer&H1 &dash; but she did not

<lb n=P71.10><hi r=Italic>know</hi> of any prepossession; &dash; her <hi r=Italic>eldest</hi> daughter, she must

<lb n=P71.11>just&H5 mention&H1 &dash; she felt it incumbent on&H4 her to&H9 hint&H1;, was

<lb n=P71.12>likely to&H9 be very soon engaged.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P71.13><name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> had only to&H9 change&H1 from <name who=PPE>Jane</name> to&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> &dash;

<lb n=P71.14>and it was soon done &dash; done while&H3 <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> was

<lb n=P71.15>stirring the fire&H0;. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, equally next to&H4 <name who=PPE>Jane</name> in&H4 birth&H01;

<lb n=P71.16>and beauty, succeeded her of course&H8;.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P71.17><name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> treasured up&H5 the hint&H0;, and trusted that&H3 she

<lb n=P71.18>might soon have two daughters married; and the man

<lb n=P71.19>whom&H61 she could not bear&H1 to&H9 speak of the day before&H5;, was

<lb n=P71.20>now high in&H4 her good graces.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P71.21><name who=PPH>Lydia</name>'s intention of walking to&H4 Meryton was not

<lb n=P71.22>forgotten; every sister except <name who=PPF>Mary</name> agreed to&H9 go with

<lb n=P71.23>her; and <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> was to&H9 attend them, at the request&H0;

<lb n=P71.24>of <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name>, who&H61 was most anxious to&H9 get rid of him,

<lb n=P71.25>and have his library to&H4 himself; for&H3 thither <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>

<lb n=P71.26>had followed him after&H4 breakfast&H0;, and there he would

<lb n=P71.27>continue, nominally engaged with one of the largest folios

<lb n=P71.28>in&H4 the collection, but really talking to&H4 <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name>, with

<lb n=P71.29>little cessation, of his house and garden at Hunsford.

<lb n=P71.30>Such doings discomposed <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name> exceedingly. In&H4 his

<lb n=P71.31>library he had been always sure of leisure and tranquillity;

<lb n=P71.32>and</q><q who=PPC type=indirect>though prepared,</q><q who=PP0>as he told <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,</q><q who=PPC type=indirect>to&H9 meet&H1 with

<lb n=P71.33>folly and conceit in&H4 every other room in&H4 the house, he was

<lb n=P71.34>used to&H9 be free from them there;</q><q who=PP0>his civility, therefore,

<lb n=P71.35>was most prompt&H2 in&H4 inviting <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> to&H9 join his

<lb n=P71.36>daughters in&H4 their walk&H0;; and <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>, being&H1 in&H4 fact

<lb n=P71.37>much better fitted for&H4 a walker than a reader, was extremely

<lb n=P71.38>well&H5 pleased to&H9 close&H1 his large book, and go.<pb n=P72></q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P72.1>In&H4 pompous nothings on&H4 his side&H0;, and civil assents on&H4;

<lb n=P72.2>that&H62 of his cousins, their time passed till they entered

<lb n=P72.3>Meryton. The attention of the younger ones was then

<lb n=P72.4>no&H2 longer to&H9 be gained by&H4 <hi r=Italic>him</hi>. Their eyes were immediately

<lb n=P72.5>wandering up&H5 in&H4 the street in&H4 quest of the officers,

<lb n=P72.6>and nothing less than a very smart bonnet indeed, or

<lb n=P72.7>a really new muslin in&H4 a shop window, could recal&H0 them.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P72.8>But the attention of every lady was soon caught by&H4;

<lb n=P72.9>a young man, whom&H61 they had never seen before&H5;, of most

<lb n=P72.10>gentlemanlike appearance, walking with an officer on&H4 the

<lb n=P72.11>other side&H0 of the way. The officer was the very <name who=PPW>Mr&point;&sp;Denny</name>,

<lb n=P72.12>concerning whose&H61 return&H0 from London <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> came to&H9;

<lb n=P72.13>inquire, and he bowed as they passed. All were struck

<lb n=P72.14>with the stranger's air, all wondered who&H61 he could be, and

<lb n=P72.15><name who=PPG>Kitty</name> and <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>, determined if possible to&H9 find out&H5;, led

<lb n=P72.16>the way across&H4 the street, under pretence of wanting

<lb n=P72.17>something in&H4 an opposite shop, and fortunately had just&H5;

<lb n=P72.18>gained the pavement when the two gentlemen turning

<lb n=P72.19>back&H5 had reached the same spot. <name who=PPW>Mr&point;&sp;Denny</name> addressed

<lb n=P72.20>them directly, and</q><q who=PPW type=indirect>entreated permission to&H9 introduce his

<lb n=P72.21>friend, <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name>, who&H61 had returned with him the day

<lb n=P72.22>before&H5 from town, and he was happy to&H9 say had accepted

<lb n=P72.23>a commission in&H4 their corps.</q><q who=PP0>This was exactly as it should

<lb n=P72.24>be; for&H3 the young man wanted only regimentals to&H9 make&H1;

<lb n=P72.25>him completely charming. His appearance was greatly

<lb n=P72.26>in&H4 his favour&H0;; he had all the best part&H0 of beauty, a fine

<lb n=P72.27>countenance, a good figure, and very pleasing address&H0;.

<lb n=P72.28>The introduction was followed up&H5 on&H4 his side&H0 by&H4 a happy

<lb n=P72.29>readiness of conversation &dash; a readiness at the same time

<lb n=P72.30>perfectly correct&H2 and unassuming; and the whole&H2 party

<lb n=P72.31>were still&H5 standing and talking together very agreeably,

<lb n=P72.32>when the sound&H0 of horses drew their notice&H0;, and <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>

<lb n=P72.33>and <name who=PPI>Bingley</name> were seen riding down&H4 the street. On&H4 distinguishing

<lb n=P72.34>the ladies of the group, the two gentlemen

<lb n=P72.35>came directly towards them, and began the usual civilities.

<lb n=P72.36><name who=PPI>Bingley</name> was the principal&H2 spokesman, and <name who=PPE>Miss&sp;Bennet</name> the

<lb n=P72.37>principal&H2 object&H0;.</q><q who=PPI type=indirect>He was then,</q><q who=PP0>he said,</q><q who=PPI type=indirect>on&H4 his way to&H4;

<lb n=P72.38>Longbourn on&H4 purpose to&H9 inquire after&H4 her.</q><q who=PP0><name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name><pb n=P73>

<lb n=P73.1>corroborated it with a bow&H01;, and was beginning to&H9 determine

<lb n=P73.2>not to&H9 fix his eyes on&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, when they were

<lb n=P73.3>suddenly arrested by&H4 the sight of the stranger&H0;, and

<lb n=P73.4><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> happening to&H9 see the countenance of both as

<lb n=P73.5>they looked at each other, was all astonishment at the

<lb n=P73.6>effect&H0 of the meeting.</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>Both changed colour, one looked

<lb n=P73.7>white, the other red. <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name>, after&H4 a few moments,

<lb n=P73.8>touched his hat &dash; a salutation which&H61 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> just&H5;

<lb n=P73.9>deigned to&H9 return&H1;. What could be the meaning of it? &dash;

<lb n=P73.10>It was impossible to&H9 imagine; it was impossible not to&H9;

<lb n=P73.11>long to&H9 know.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P73.12>In&H4 another minute&H0 <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>, but without seeming

<lb n=P73.13>to&H9 have noticed what passed, took leave&H0 and rode on&H5 with

<lb n=P73.14>his friend.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P73.15><name who=PPW>Mr&point;&sp;Denny</name> and <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name> walked with the young

<lb n=P73.16>ladies to&H4 the door of <name who=PPZZG>Mr&point;&sp;Philips</name>'s house, and then made

<lb n=P73.17>their bows, in&H4 spite&H8 of <name who=PPH>Miss&sp;Lydia</name>'s pressing entreaties

<lb n=P73.18>that&H3 they would come in&H5;, and even&H5 in&H4 spite&H8 of <name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Philips</name>'

<lb n=P73.19>throwing up&H5 the parlour window, and loudly seconding the

<lb n=P73.20>invitation.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P73.21><name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Philips</name> was always glad to&H9 see her nieces, and the

<lb n=P73.22>two eldest, from their recent absence, were particularly

<lb n=P73.23>welcome&H2;, and she was eagerly expressing</q><q who=PPV type=indirect>her surprise&H0 at

<lb n=P73.24>their sudden&H2 return&H0 home, which&H61;, as their own&H2 carriage

<lb n=P73.25>had not fetched them, she should have known nothing

<lb n=P73.26>about&H4;, if she had not happened to&H9 see <name who=PPZV>Mr&point;&sp;Jones</name>'s shop&sp;boy

<lb n=P73.27>in&H4 the street, who&H61 had told her that&H3 they were not to&H9 send

<lb n=P73.28>any more draughts to&H4 Netherfield because the <name who=PPE1>Miss&sp;Bennets</name>

<lb n=P73.29>were come away,</q><q who=PP0>when her civility was claimed

<lb n=P73.30>towards <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> by&H4 <name who=PPE>Jane</name>'s introduction of him. She

<lb n=P73.31>received him with her very best politeness, which&H61 he

<lb n=P73.32>returned with as much more, apologising for&H4 his intrusion,

<lb n=P73.33>without any previous acquaintance with her, which&H61 he

<lb n=P73.34>could not help&H1 flattering himself however might be justified

<lb n=P73.35>by&H4 his relationship to&H4 the young ladies who&H61 introduced

<lb n=P73.36>him to&H4 her notice&H0;. <name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Philips</name> was quite awed by&H4 such

<lb n=P73.37>an excess of good&sp;breeding; but her contemplation of

<lb n=P73.38>one stranger&H0 was soon put an end&H0 to&H4 by&H4 exclamations and<pb n=P74>

<lb n=P74.1>inquiries about&H4 the other, of whom&H61;, however, she could

<lb n=P74.2>only tell her nieces what they already knew, that&H3;</q><q who=PPV type=indirect><name who=PPW>Mr&point;&sp;Denny</name>

<lb n=P74.3>had brought him from London, and that&H3 he was

<lb n=P74.4>to&H9 have a lieutenant's commission in&H4 the &blank;shire. She

<lb n=P74.5>had been watching him the last&H2 hour,</q><q who=PP0>she said,</q><q who=PPV type=indirect>as he walked

<lb n=P74.6>up&H4 and down&H4 the street,</q><q who=PP0>and had <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name> appeared

<lb n=P74.7><name who=PPG>Kitty</name> and <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> would certainly have continued the

<lb n=P74.8>occupation, but unluckily no&sp;one passed the window

<lb n=P74.9>now except a few of the officers, who&H61 in&H4 comparison with

<lb n=P74.10>the stranger&H0;, were become</q><q who=PPY>&dq;stupid, disagreeable fellows.&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P74.11>Some of them were to&H9 dine with the <name who=PPZZG>Philipses</name> the next

<lb n=P74.12>day, and their aunt promised to&H9 make&H1 her husband call&H1;

<lb n=P74.13>on&H4 <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name>, and give him an invitation also, if the

<lb n=P74.14>family from Longbourn would come in&H4 the evening. This

<lb n=P74.15>was agreed to&H4;, and <name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Philips</name> protested that&H3;</q><q who=PPV type=indirect>they would

<lb n=P74.16>have a nice comfortable noisy game of lottery tickets, and

<lb n=P74.17>a little bit of hot supper afterwards.</q><q who=PP0>The prospect of

<lb n=P74.18>such delights&H0 was very cheering, and they parted in&H4 mutual

<lb n=P74.19>good spirits. <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> repeated his apologies in&H4 quitting

<lb n=P74.20>the room, and was assured with unwearying civility that&H3;

<lb n=P74.21>they were perfectly needless.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P74.22>As they walked home, <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> related to&H4 <name who=PPE>Jane</name> what

<lb n=P74.23>she had seen pass&H1 between the two gentlemen; but though

<lb n=P74.24><name who=PPE>Jane</name> would have defended either or both, had they

<lb n=P74.25>appeared to&H9 be wrong, she could no&H2 more explain such

<lb n=P74.26>behaviour than her sister.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P74.27><name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> on&H4 his return&H0 highly gratified <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>

<lb n=P74.28>by&H4 admiring <name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Philips</name>'s manners and politeness. He

<lb n=P74.29>protested that&H3;</q><q who=PPK type=indirect>except <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name> and her daughter,

<lb n=P74.30>he had never seen a more elegant woman; for&H3 she had

<lb n=P74.31>not only received him with the utmost civility, but had

<lb n=P74.32>even&H5 pointedly included him in&H4 her invitation for&H4 the next

<lb n=P74.33>evening, although utterly unknown to&H4 her before&H5;. Something

<lb n=P74.34>he supposed might be attributed to&H4 his connection

<lb n=P74.35>with them, but yet he had never met with so&H51 much

<lb n=P74.36>attention in&H4 the whole&H2 course&H0 of his life.</q></p></div2>

<div2 type=chap n=16><p><pb n=P75><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P75.1>As no&H2 objection was made to&H4 the young people's engagement

<lb n=P75.2>with their aunt, and all <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>'s scruples of

<lb n=P75.3>leaving <name who=PPC>Mr&point;</name> and <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> for&H4 a single evening during

<lb n=P75.4>his visit&H0 were most steadily resisted, the coach conveyed

<lb n=P75.5>him and his five cousins at a suitable hour to&H4 Meryton;

<lb n=P75.6>and the girls had the pleasure of hearing, as they entered

<lb n=P75.7>the drawing-room, that&H3 <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name> had accepted their

<lb n=P75.8>uncle's invitation, and was then in&H4 the house.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P75.9>When this information was given, and they had all

<lb n=P75.10>taken their seats, <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> was at leisure to&H9 look&H1 around&H4;

<lb n=P75.11>him and admire, and he was so&H51 much struck with the size

<lb n=P75.12>and furniture of the apartment, that&H3 he declared</q><q who=PPK type=indirect>he might

<lb n=P75.13>almost have supposed himself in&H4 the small summer

<lb n=P75.14>breakfast&sp;parlour at Rosings;</q><q who=PP0>a comparison that&H61 did not

<lb n=P75.15>at first convey much gratification; but when <name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Philips</name>

<lb n=P75.16>understood from him what Rosings was, and who&H61 was its

<lb n=P75.17>proprietor, when she had listened to&H4 the description of

<lb n=P75.18>only one of <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name>'s drawing-rooms, and found

<lb n=P75.19>that&H3 the chimney-piece alone had cost&H1 eight hundred

<lb n=P75.20>pounds, she felt all the force&H0 of the compliment&H0;, and would

<lb n=P75.21>hardly have resented a comparison with the housekeeper's

<lb n=P75.22>room.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P75.23>In&H4 describing to&H4 her all the grandeur of <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name>

<lb n=P75.24>and her mansion, with occasional digressions in&H4 praise&H0 of

<lb n=P75.25>his own&H2 humble&H2 abode, and the improvements it was

<lb n=P75.26>receiving, he was happily employed until the gentlemen

<lb n=P75.27>joined them; and he found in&H4 <name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Philips</name> a very attentive

<lb n=P75.28>listener, whose&H61 opinion of his consequence increased with

<lb n=P75.29>what she heard, and who&H61 was resolving to&H9 retail it all

<lb n=P75.30>among her neighbours as soon as she could. To&H4 the girls,

<lb n=P75.31>who&H61 could not listen to&H4 their cousin, and who&H61 had nothing

<lb n=P75.32>to&H9 do but to&H9 wish&H1 for&H4 an instrument, and examine their

<lb n=P75.33>own&H2 indifferent imitations of china on&H4 the mantlepiece, the<pb n=P76>

<lb n=P76.1>interval of waiting appeared very long. It was over at

<lb n=P76.2>last&H0 however. The gentlemen did approach&H1;; and when

<lb n=P76.3><name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name> walked into the room, <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> felt that&H3;

<lb n=P76.4>she had neither been seeing him before&H5;, nor thinking of him

<lb n=P76.5>since, with the smallest degree of unreasonable admiration.</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>

<lb n=P76.6>The officers of the &blank;shire were in&H4 general&H0 a very creditable,

<lb n=P76.7>gentlemanlike set&H0;, and the best of them were of the

<lb n=P76.8>present&H2 party; but <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name> was as far beyond&H4 them

<lb n=P76.9>all in&H4 person, countenance, air, and walk&H0;, as <hi r=Italic>they</hi> were

<lb n=P76.10>superior to&H4 the broad-faced stuffy uncle <name who=PPZZG>Philips</name>, breathing

<lb n=P76.11>port wine, who&H61 followed them into the room.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P76.12><name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name> was the happy man towards whom&H61 almost

<lb n=P76.13>every female&H2 eye was turned, and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was the

<lb n=P76.14>happy woman by&H4 whom&H61 he finally seated himself; and

<lb n=P76.15>the agreeable manner in&H4 which&H61 he immediately fell into

<lb n=P76.16>conversation, though it was only on&H4 its being&H1 a wet&H2 night,

<lb n=P76.17>and on&H4 the probability of a rainy season, made her feel

<lb n=P76.18>that&H3;</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>the commonest, dullest, most threadbare topic might

<lb n=P76.19>be rendered interesting by&H4 the skill of the speaker.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P76.20>With such rivals for&H4 the notice&H0 of the fair, as <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name>

<lb n=P76.21>and the officers, <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> seemed likely to&H9 sink

<lb n=P76.22>into insignificance; to&H4 the young ladies he certainly was

<lb n=P76.23>nothing; but he had still&H5 at intervals a kind&H2 listener in&H4;

<lb n=P76.24><name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Philips</name>, and was, by&H4 her watchfulness, most abundantly

<lb n=P76.25>supplied with coffee and muffin.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P76.26>When the card&sp;tables were placed, he had an opportunity

<lb n=P76.27>of obliging her in&H4 return&H0;, by&H4 sitting down&H5 to&H4 whist.</q></p><p><q who=PPK>

<lb n=P76.28>&dq;I know little of the game, at present&H01;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said he,</q><q who=PPK>&dq;but

<lb n=P76.29>I shall be glad to&H9 improve myself, for&H3 in&H4 my situation of

<lb n=P76.30>life ~&dq;</q><q who=PP0><name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Philips</name> was very thankful for&H4 his compliance,

<lb n=P76.31>but could not wait for&H4 his reason&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P76.32><name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name> did not play&H1 at whist, and with ready

<lb n=P76.33>delight&H0 was he received at the other table between <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P76.34>and <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>. At first there seemed danger of <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>'s

<lb n=P76.35>engrossing him entirely, for&H3 she was a most determined

<lb n=P76.36>talker; but being&H1 likewise extremely fond of lottery

<lb n=P76.37>tickets, she soon grew too&H51 much interested in&H4 the game,

<lb n=P76.38>too&H51 eager in&H4 making bets and exclaiming after&H4 prizes, to&H9;<pb n=P77>

<lb n=P77.1>have attention for&H4 any&sp;one in&H4 particular. Allowing for&H4;

<lb n=P77.2>the common&H2 demands&H0 of the game, <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name> was

<lb n=P77.3>therefore at leisure to&H9 talk&H1 to&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, and she was very

<lb n=P77.4>willing to&H9 hear him, though what she chiefly wished to&H9;

<lb n=P77.5>hear she could not hope&H1 to&H9 be told, the history of his

<lb n=P77.6>acquaintance with <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>. She dared not even&H5;

<lb n=P77.7>mention&H1 that&H62 gentleman. Her curiosity however was

<lb n=P77.8>unexpectedly relieved. <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name> began the subject&H0;

<lb n=P77.9>himself. He inquired how far Netherfield was from

<lb n=P77.10>Meryton; and, after&H4 receiving her answer&H0;, asked in&H4 an

<lb n=P77.11>hesitating manner how long <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> had been staying

<lb n=P77.12>there.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P77.13>&dq;About&H4 a month,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPA>Elizabeth;</name> and then, unwilling

<lb n=P77.14>to&H9 let the subject&H0 drop&H1;, added,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;He is a man of very large

<lb n=P77.15>property in&H4 Derbyshire, I understand.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPP>

<lb n=P77.16>&dq;Yes,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied <name who=PPP>Wickham;</name> &dash;</q><q who=PPP>&dq;his estate there is a noble

<lb n=P77.17>one. A clear&H2 ten thousand per&sp;annum. You could not

<lb n=P77.18>have met with a person more capable of giving you certain

<lb n=P77.19>information on&H4 that&H62 head&H0 than myself &dash; for&H3 I have been

<lb n=P77.20>connected with his family in&H4 a particular manner from my

<lb n=P77.21>infancy.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P77.22><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> could not but look&H1 surprised.</q></p><p><q who=PPP>

<lb n=P77.23>&dq;You may&H1 well&H5 be surprised, <name who=PPA>Miss&sp;Bennet</name>, at such an

<lb n=P77.24>assertion, after&H4 seeing, as you probably might, the very

<lb n=P77.25>cold&H2 manner of our meeting yesterday. &dash; Are you much

<lb n=P77.26>acquainted with <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P77.27>&dq;As much as I ever wish&H1 to&H9 be,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P77.28>warmly, &dash;</q><q who=PPA>&dq;I have spent four days in&H4 the same house

<lb n=P77.29>with him, and I think him very disagreeable.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPP>

<lb n=P77.30>&dq;I have no&H2 right&H0 to&H9 give <hi r=Italic>my</hi> opinion,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>,</q><q who=PPP>

<lb n=P77.31>&dq;as to&H4 his being&H1 agreeable or otherwise. I am not qualified

<lb n=P77.32>to&H9 form&H1 one. I have known him too&H51 long and too&H51 well&H5 to&H9;

<lb n=P77.33>be a fair judge&H0;. It is impossible for&H4 <hi r=Italic>me</hi> to&H9 be impartial.

<lb n=P77.34>But I believe your opinion of him would in&H4 general&H0;

<lb n=P77.35>astonish &dash; and perhaps you would not express&H1 it quite so&H51;

<lb n=P77.36>strongly anywhere else. &dash; Here you are in&H4 your own&H2 family.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P77.37>&dq;Upon&H4 my word I say no&H2 more <hi r=Italic>here</hi> than I might say

<lb n=P77.38>in&H4 any house in&H4 the neighbourhood, except Netherfield.<pb n=P78>

<lb n=P78.1>He is not at all liked in&H4 Hertfordshire. Every&sp;body is

<lb n=P78.2>disgusted with his pride. You will&H1 not find him more

<lb n=P78.3>favourably spoken of by&H4 any&sp;one.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPP>

<lb n=P78.4>&dq;I cannot pretend to&H9 be sorry,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>, after&H4;

<lb n=P78.5>a short interruption,</q><q who=PPP>&dq;that&H3 he or that&H3 any man should

<lb n=P78.6>not be estimated beyond&H4 their deserts; but with <hi r=Italic>him</hi>

<lb n=P78.7>I believe it does not often happen. The world is blinded

<lb n=P78.8>by&H4 his fortune and consequence, or frightened by&H4 his high

<lb n=P78.9>and imposing manners, and sees him only as he chuses to&H9;

<lb n=P78.10>be seen.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P78.11>&dq;I should take him, even&H5 on&H4 <hi r=Italic>my</hi> slight&H2 acquaintance,

<lb n=P78.12>to&H9 be an ill-tempered man.&dq;</q><q who=PP0><name who=PPP>Wickham</name> only shook his

<lb n=P78.13>head&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PPP>

<lb n=P78.14>&dq;I wonder&H1;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said he, at the next opportunity of speaking,</q><q who=PPP>

<lb n=P78.15>&dq;whether he is likely to&H9 be in&H4 this country much

<lb n=P78.16>longer.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P78.17>&dq;I do not at all know; but I <hi r=Italic>heard</hi> nothing of his going

<lb n=P78.18>away when I was at Netherfield. I hope&H1 your plans in&H4;

<lb n=P78.19>favour&H0 of the &blank;shire will&H1 not be affected by&H4 his being&H1;

<lb n=P78.20>in&H4 the neighbourhood.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPP>

<lb n=P78.21>&dq;Oh! no&H7 &dash; it is not for&H4 <hi r=Italic>me</hi> to&H9 be driven away by&H4;

<lb n=P78.22><name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>. If <hi r=Italic>he</hi> wishes&H1 to&H9 avoid seeing <hi r=Italic>me</hi>, he must go.

<lb n=P78.23>We are not on&H4 friendly terms, and it always gives me pain&H0;

<lb n=P78.24>to&H9 meet&H1 him, but I have no&H2 reason&H0 for&H4 avoiding <hi r=Italic>him</hi>

<lb n=P78.25>but what I might proclaim to&H4 all the world; a sense of

<lb n=P78.26>very great ill&sp;usage, and most painful regrets at his being&H1;

<lb n=P78.27>what he is. His father, <name who=PPA>Miss&sp;Bennet</name>, the late <name who=PPZE>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>,

<lb n=P78.28>was one of the best men that&H61 ever breathed, and the truest

<lb n=P78.29>friend I ever had; and I can never be in&H4 company with

<lb n=P78.30>this <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> without being&H1 grieved to&H4 the soul by&H4 a

<lb n=P78.31>thousand tender&H2 recollections. His behaviour to&H4 myself

<lb n=P78.32>has been scandalous; but I verily believe I could forgive

<lb n=P78.33>him any&sp;thing and every&sp;thing, rather than his disappointing

<lb n=P78.34>the hopes&H0 and disgracing the memory of his father.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P78.35><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> found the interest&H0 of the subject&H0 increase&H1;, and

<lb n=P78.36>listened with all her heart; but the delicacy of it prevented

<lb n=P78.37>farther inquiry.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P78.38><name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name> began to&H9 speak on&H4 more general&H2 topics,<pb n=P79>

<lb n=P79.1>Meryton, the neighbourhood, the society, appearing highly

<lb n=P79.2>pleased with all that&H61 he had yet seen, and speaking of the

<lb n=P79.3>latter especially, with gentle but very intelligible gallantry.</q></p><p><q who=PPP>

<lb n=P79.4>&dq;It was the prospect of constant society, and good

<lb n=P79.5>society,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>he added,</q><q who=PPP>&dq;which&H61 was my chief inducement to&H9;

<lb n=P79.6>enter the &blank;shire. I knew it to&H9 be a most respectable,

<lb n=P79.7>agreeable corps, and my friend <name who=PPW>Denny</name> tempted me farther

<lb n=P79.8>by&H4 his account&H0 of their present&H2 quarters, and the very great

<lb n=P79.9>attentions and excellent acquaintance Meryton had procured

<lb n=P79.10>them. Society, I own&H1;, is necessary to&H4 me. I have

<lb n=P79.11>been a disappointed man, and my spirits will&H1 not bear&H1;

<lb n=P79.12>solitude. I <hi r=Italic>must</hi> have employment and society. A

<lb n=P79.13>military life is not what I was intended for&H4;, but circumstances

<lb n=P79.14>have now made it eligible. The church <hi r=Italic>ought</hi> to&H9;

<lb n=P79.15>have been my profession&H02 &dash; I was brought up&H5 for&H4 the church,

<lb n=P79.16>and I should at this time have been in&H4 possession of a most

<lb n=P79.17>valuable living, had it pleased the gentleman we were

<lb n=P79.18>speaking of just&H5 now.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P79.19>&dq;Indeed!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPP>

<lb n=P79.20>&dq;Yes &dash; the late <name who=PPZE>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> bequeathed me the next

<lb n=P79.21>presentation of the best living in&H4 his gift. He was my

<lb n=P79.22>godfather, and excessively attached to&H4 me. I cannot do

<lb n=P79.23>justice to&H4 his kindness. He meant to&H9 provide for&H4 me

<lb n=P79.24>amply, and thought&H1 he had done it; but when the living

<lb n=P79.25>fell, it was given elsewhere.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P79.26>&dq;Good heavens!&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried <name who=PPA>Elizabeth;</name></q><q who=PPA>&dq;but how could

<lb n=P79.27><hi r=Italic>that&H62;</hi> be? &dash; How could his will&H0 be disregarded? &dash; Why did

<lb n=P79.28>not you seek legal redress?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPP>

<lb n=P79.29>&dq;There was just&H5 such an informality in&H4 the terms of

<lb n=P79.30>the bequest as to&H9 give me no&H2 hope&H0 from law. A man of

<lb n=P79.31>honour&H0 could not have doubted the intention, but <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>

<lb n=P79.32>chose to&H9 doubt&H1 it &dash; or to&H9 treat&H1 it as a merely conditional

<lb n=P79.33>recommendation, and to&H9 assert that&H3 I had forfeited

<lb n=P79.34>all claim&H0 to&H4 it by&H4 extravagance, imprudence, in&H4 short

<lb n=P79.35>any&sp;thing or nothing. Certain it is, that&H3 the living became

<lb n=P79.36>vacant two years ago, exactly as I was of an age to&H9 hold&H1;

<lb n=P79.37>it, and that&H3 it was given to&H4 another man; and no&H2 less

<lb n=P79.38>certain is it, that&H3 I cannot accuse myself of having really<pb n=P80>

<lb n=P80.1>done any&sp;thing to&H9 deserve to&H9 lose it. I have a warm&H2;,

<lb n=P80.2>unguarded temper, and I may&H1 perhaps have sometimes

<lb n=P80.3>spoken my opinion <hi r=Italic>of</hi> him, and <hi r=Italic>to&H4;</hi> him, too&H51 freely. I can

<lb n=P80.4>recal&H0 nothing worse. But the fact is, that&H3 we are very

<lb n=P80.5>different sort of men, and that&H3 he hates me.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P80.6>&dq;This is quite shocking! &dash; He deserves to&H9 be publicly

<lb n=P80.7>disgraced.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPP>

<lb n=P80.8>&dq;Some&sp;time or other he <hi r=Italic>will&H1;</hi> be &dash; but it shall not be

<lb n=P80.9>by&H4 <hi r=Italic>me</hi>. Till I can forget his father, I can never defy or

<lb n=P80.10>expose <hi r=Italic>him</hi>.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P80.11><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> honoured him for&H4 such feelings, and thought&H1;

<lb n=P80.12>him handsomer than ever as he expressed them.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P80.13>&dq;But what,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said she, after&H4 a pause&H0;,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;can have been

<lb n=P80.14>his motive? &dash; what can have induced him to&H9 behave so&H51;

<lb n=P80.15>cruelly?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPP>

<lb n=P80.16>&dq;A thorough, determined dislike&H0 of me &dash; a dislike&H0 which&H61;

<lb n=P80.17>I cannot but attribute in&H4 some measure&H0 to&H4 jealousy. Had

<lb n=P80.18>the late <name who=PPZE>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> liked me less, his son might have borne

<lb n=P80.19>with me better; but his father's uncommon attachment

<lb n=P80.20>to&H4 me, irritated him I believe very early in&H4 life. He had

<lb n=P80.21>not a temper to&H9 bear&H1 the sort of competition in&H4 which&H61 we

<lb n=P80.22>stood &dash; the sort of preference which&H61 was often given me.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P80.23>&dq;I had not thought&H1 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> so&H51 bad as this &dash; though

<lb n=P80.24>I have never liked him, I had not thought&H1 so&H51 very ill of

<lb n=P80.25>him &dash; I had supposed him to&H9 be despising his fellow-creatures

<lb n=P80.26>in&H4 general&H0;, but did not suspect him of descending

<lb n=P80.27>to&H4 such malicious revenge, such injustice, such inhumanity

<lb n=P80.28>as this!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P80.29>After&H4 a few minutes reflection, however, she continued,</q><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P80.30>&dq;I <hi r=Italic>do</hi> remember his boasting one day, at Netherfield, of

<lb n=P80.31>the implacability of his resentments, of his having an

<lb n=P80.32>unforgiving temper. His disposition must be dreadful.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPP>

<lb n=P80.33>&dq;I will&H1 not trust&H1 myself on&H4 the subject&H0;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>,</q><q who=PPP>

<lb n=P80.34>&dq;<hi r=Italic>I</hi> can hardly be just&H2 to&H4 him.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P80.35><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was again deep in&H4 thought&H0;, and after&H4 a time

<lb n=P80.36>exclaimed,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;To&H9 treat&H1 in&H4 such a manner, the godson, the

<lb n=P80.37>friend, the favourite&H0 of his father!&dq; &dash;</q><q who=PP0>She could have

<lb n=P80.38>added,</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>&dq;A young man too&H52;, like&H4 <hi r=Italic>you</hi>, whose&H61 very countenance<pb n=P81>

<lb n=P81.1>may&H1 vouch for&H4 your being&H1 amiable? &dash;</q><q who=PP0>but she

<lb n=P81.2>contented herself with</q><q who=PPA>&dq;And one, too&H52;, who&H61 had probably

<lb n=P81.3>been his own&H2 companion from childhood, connected

<lb n=P81.4>together, as I think you said, in&H4 the closest manner!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPP>

<lb n=P81.5>&dq;We were born&H11 in&H4 the same parish, within the same

<lb n=P81.6>park, the greatest part&H0 of our youth was passed together;

<lb n=P81.7>inmates of the same house, sharing the same amusements,

<lb n=P81.8>objects&H0 of the same parental care&H0;. <hi r=Italic>My</hi> father began life

<lb n=P81.9>in&H4 the profession&H02 which&H61 your uncle, <name who=PPZZG>Mr&point;&sp;Philips</name>, appears

<lb n=P81.10>to&H9 do so&H51 much credit&H0 to&H4 &dash; but he gave up&H5 every&sp;thing to&H9;

<lb n=P81.11>be of use&H0 to&H4 the late <name who=PPZE>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>, and devoted all his time

<lb n=P81.12>to&H4 the care&H0 of the Pemberley property. He was most

<lb n=P81.13>highly esteemed by&H4 <name who=PPZE>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>, a most intimate&H2;, confidential

<lb n=P81.14>friend. <name who=PPZE>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> often acknowledged himself to&H9;

<lb n=P81.15>be under the greatest obligations to&H4 my father's active

<lb n=P81.16>superintendance, and when immediately before&H4 my father's

<lb n=P81.17>death, <name who=PPZE>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> gave him a voluntary promise&H0 of providing

<lb n=P81.18>for&H4 me, I am convinced that&H3 he felt it to&H9 be as much

<lb n=P81.19>a debt of gratitude to&H4 <hi r=Italic>him</hi>, as of affection to&H4 myself.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P81.20>&dq;How strange!&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>.</q><q who=PPA>&dq;How abominable! &dash;

<lb n=P81.21>I wonder&H1 that&H3 the very pride of this <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>

<lb n=P81.22>has not made him just&H2 to&H4 you! &dash; If from no&H2 better motive,

<lb n=P81.23>that&H3 he should not have been too&H51 proud to&H9 be dishonest, &dash;

<lb n=P81.24>for&H3 dishonesty I must call&H1 it.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPP>

<lb n=P81.25>&dq;It <hi r=Italic>is</hi> wonderful,&dq; &dash;</q><q who=PP0>replied <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>, &dash;</q><q who=PPP>&dq;for&H3 almost

<lb n=P81.26>all his actions may&H1 be traced to&H4 pride; &dash; and pride has

<lb n=P81.27>often been his best friend. It has connected him nearer

<lb n=P81.28>with virtue than any other feeling. But we are none of

<lb n=P81.29>us consistent; and in&H4 his behaviour to&H4 me, there were

<lb n=P81.30>stronger impulses even&H5 than pride.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P81.31>&dq;Can such abominable pride as his, have ever done

<lb n=P81.32>him good?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPP>

<lb n=P81.33>&dq;Yes. It has often led him to&H9 be liberal and generous, &dash;

<lb n=P81.34>to&H9 give his money freely, to&H9 display&H1 hospitality, to&H9 assist

<lb n=P81.35>his tenants, and relieve the poor. Family pride, and <hi r=Italic>filial</hi>

<lb n=P81.36>pride, for&H3 he is very proud of what his father was, have

<lb n=P81.37>done this. Not to&H9 appear to&H9 disgrace&H1 his family, to&H9 degenerate

<lb n=P81.38>from the popular qualities, or lose the influence&H0 of the<pb n=P82>

<lb n=P82.1>Pemberley&sp;House, is a powerful motive. He has also

<lb n=P82.2><hi r=Italic>brotherly</hi> pride, which&H61 with <hi r=Italic>some</hi> brotherly affection, makes

<lb n=P82.3>him a very kind&H2 and careful guardian of his sister; and you

<lb n=P82.4>will&H1 hear him generally cried up&H5 as the most attentive and

<lb n=P82.5>best of brothers.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P82.6>&dq;What sort of a girl is <name who=PPZG>Miss&sp;Darcy</name>?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P82.7>He shook his head&H0;. &dash;</q><q who=PPP>&dq;I wish&H1 I could call&H1 her amiable.

<lb n=P82.8>It gives me pain&H0 to&H9 speak ill of a <name who=PPZG>Darcy</name>. But she is too&H51;

<lb n=P82.9>much like&H4 her brother, &dash; very, very proud. &dash; As a child,

<lb n=P82.10>she was affectionate and pleasing, and extremely fond of

<lb n=P82.11>me; and I have devoted hours and hours to&H4 her amusement.

<lb n=P82.12>But she is nothing to&H4 me now. She is a handsome

<lb n=P82.13>girl, about&H4 fifteen or sixteen, and I understand highly

<lb n=P82.14>accomplished. Since her father's death, her home has

<lb n=P82.15>been London, where a lady lives&H1 with her, and superintends

<lb n=P82.16>her education.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P82.17>After&H4 many pauses and many trials of other subjects,

<lb n=P82.18><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> could not help&H1 reverting once more to&H4 the first,

<lb n=P82.19>and saying,</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P82.20>&dq;I am astonished at his intimacy with <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>!

<lb n=P82.21>How can <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>, who&H61 seems good&sp;humour itself, and

<lb n=P82.22>is, I really believe, truly amiable, be in&H4 friendship with

<lb n=P82.23>such a man? How can they suit&H1 each other? &dash; Do you

<lb n=P82.24>know <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPP>

<lb n=P82.25>&dq;Not at all.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P82.26>&dq;He is a sweet tempered, amiable, charming man.

<lb n=P82.27>He cannot know what <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> is.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPP>

<lb n=P82.28>&dq;Probably not; &dash; but <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> can please where he

<lb n=P82.29>chuses. He does not want&H1 abilities. He can be a conversible

<lb n=P82.30>companion if he thinks it worth his while&H0;. Among

<lb n=P82.31>those who&H61 are at all his equals in&H4 consequence, he is a very

<lb n=P82.32>different man from what he is to&H4 the less prosperous.

<lb n=P82.33>His pride never deserts him; but with the rich, he is

<lb n=P82.34>liberal-minded, just&H2;, sincere, rational, honourable, and

<lb n=P82.35>perhaps agreeable, &dash; allowing something for&H4 fortune and

<lb n=P82.36>figure.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P82.37>The whist party soon afterwards breaking up&H5;, the players

<lb n=P82.38>gathered round&H4 the other table, and <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> took his<pb n=P83>

<lb n=P83.1>station between his cousin <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> and <name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Philips</name>. &dash;

<lb n=P83.2>The usual inquiries as to&H4 his success were made by&H4 the latter.

<lb n=P83.3>It had not been very great; he had lost every point&H0;;

<lb n=P83.4>but when <name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Philips</name> began to&H9 express&H1 her concern&H0 thereupon,

<lb n=P83.5>he assured her with much earnest gravity that&H3;</q><q who=PPK type=indirect>it

<lb n=P83.6>was not of the least importance, that&H3 he considered the

<lb n=P83.7>money as a mere trifle&H0;, and begged she would not make&H1;

<lb n=P83.8>herself uneasy.</q></p><p><q who=PPK>

<lb n=P83.9>&dq;I know very well&H5;, madam,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said he,</q><q who=PPK>&dq;that&H3 when

<lb n=P83.10>persons sit down&H5 to&H4 a card&sp;table, they must take their

<lb n=P83.11>chance&H0 of these things, &dash; and happily I am not in&H4 such

<lb n=P83.12>circumstances as to&H9 make&H1 five shillings any object&H0;. There

<lb n=P83.13>are undoubtedly many who&H61 could not say the same, but

<lb n=P83.14>thanks to&H4 <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine&sp;de&sp;Bourgh</name>, I am removed far

<lb n=P83.15>beyond&H4 the necessity of regarding little matters.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P83.16><name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name>'s attention was caught; and after&H4 observing

<lb n=P83.17><name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> for&H4 a few moments, he asked <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> in&H4;

<lb n=P83.18>a low voice whether her relation were very intimately

<lb n=P83.19>acquainted with the family of <name who=PPZI>de&sp;Bourgh</name>.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P83.20>&dq;<name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine&sp;de&sp;Bourgh</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>she replied,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;has very

<lb n=P83.21>lately given him a living. I hardly know how <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>

<lb n=P83.22>was first introduced to&H4 her notice&H0;, but he certainly has

<lb n=P83.23>not known her long.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPP>

<lb n=P83.24>&dq;You know of course&H8 that&H3 <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine&sp;de&sp;Bourgh</name>

<lb n=P83.25>and <name who=PPZF>Lady&sp;Anne&sp;Darcy</name> were sisters; consequently that&H3;

<lb n=P83.26>she is aunt to&H4 the present&H2 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P83.27>&dq;No&H7;, indeed, I did not. &dash; I knew nothing at all of <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name>'s

<lb n=P83.28>connections. I never heard of her existence

<lb n=P83.29>till the day before&H4 yesterday.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPP>

<lb n=P83.30>&dq;Her daughter, <name who=PPZJ>Miss&sp;de&sp;Bourgh</name>, will&H1 have a very large

<lb n=P83.31>fortune, and it is believed that&H3 she and her cousin will&H1;

<lb n=P83.32>unite the two estates.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P83.33>This information made <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> smile&H1;, as she thought&H1;

<lb n=P83.34>of poor <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name>.</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>Vain indeed must be all her attentions,

<lb n=P83.35>vain and useless her affection for&H4 his sister and her

<lb n=P83.36>praise&H0 of himself, if he were already self-destined to&H4;

<lb n=P83.37>another.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P83.38>&dq;<name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said she,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;speaks highly both of <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name><pb n=P84>

<lb n=P84.1>and her daughter; but from some particulars

<lb n=P84.2>that&H61 he has related of her ladyship, I suspect his gratitude

<lb n=P84.3>misleads him, and that&H3 in&H4 spite&H8 of her being&H1 his patroness,

<lb n=P84.4>she is an arrogant, conceited woman.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPP>

<lb n=P84.5>&dq;I believe her to&H9 be both in&H4 a great degree,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied

<lb n=P84.6><name who=PPP>Wickham;</name></q><q who=PPP>&dq;I have not seen her for&H4 many years, but

<lb n=P84.7>I very well&H5 remember that&H3 I never liked her, and that&H3;

<lb n=P84.8>her manners were dictatorial and insolent. She has the

<lb n=P84.9>reputation of being&H1 remarkably sensible&H22 and clever; but

<lb n=P84.10>I rather believe she derives part&H0 of her abilities from her

<lb n=P84.11>rank&H0 and fortune, part&H0 from her authoritative manner,

<lb n=P84.12>and the rest&H01 from the pride of her nephew, who&H61 chuses

<lb n=P84.13>that&H3 every&sp;one connected with him should have an understanding

<lb n=P84.14>of the first class&H0;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P84.15><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> allowed that&H3 he had given a very rational

<lb n=P84.16>account&H0 of it, and they continued talking together with

<lb n=P84.17>mutual satisfaction till supper put an end&H0 to&H4 cards; and

<lb n=P84.18>gave the rest&H01 of the ladies their share&H0 of <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name>'s

<lb n=P84.19>attentions. There could be no&H2 conversation in&H4 the noise

<lb n=P84.20>of <name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Philips</name>'s supper party, but his manners recommended

<lb n=P84.21>him to&H4 every&sp;body. Whatever he said, was said

<lb n=P84.22>well&H5;; and whatever he did, done gracefully. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P84.23>went away with her head&H0 full of him. She could think of

<lb n=P84.24>nothing but of <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name>, and of what he had told her,

<lb n=P84.25>all the way home; but there was not time for&H4 her even&H5;

<lb n=P84.26>to&H9 mention&H1 his name&H0 as they went, for&H3 neither <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> nor

<lb n=P84.27><name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> were once silent. <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> talked incessantly of

<lb n=P84.28>lottery tickets, of the fish she had lost and the fish she had

<lb n=P84.29>won, <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>, in&H4 describing the civility of <name who=PPZZG>Mr&point;</name> and

<lb n=P84.30><name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Philips</name>, protesting that&H3 he did not in&H4 the least regard&H1;

<lb n=P84.31>his losses at whist, enumerating all the dishes at supper,

<lb n=P84.32>and repeatedly fearing that&H3 he crouded his cousins, had

<lb n=P84.33>more to&H9 say than he could well&H5 manage before&H3 the carriage

<lb n=P84.34>stopped at Longbourn&sp;House.</q></p></div2>

<div2 type=chap n=17><p><pb n=P85>

<lb n=P85.1><q who=pp0><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> related to&H4 <name who=PPE>Jane</name> the next day, what had

<lb n=P85.2>passed between <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name> and herself. <name who=PPE>Jane</name> listened

<lb n=P85.3>with astonishment and concern&H0;; &dash; she knew not how to&H9;

<lb n=P85.4>believe that&H3 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> could be so&H51 unworthy of <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>'s

<lb n=P85.5>regard&H0;; and yet, it was not in&H4 her nature to&H9;

<lb n=P85.6>question&H1 the veracity of a young man of such amiable

<lb n=P85.7>appearance as <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>. &dash; The possibility of his having

<lb n=P85.8>really endured such unkindness, was enough to&H9 interest&H1;

<lb n=P85.9>all her tender&H2 feelings; and nothing therefore remained

<lb n=P85.10>to&H9 be done, but to&H9 think well&H5 of them both, to&H9 defend the

<lb n=P85.11>conduct&H0 of each, and throw&H1 into the account&H0 of accident

<lb n=P85.12>or mistake&H0;, whatever could not be otherwise explained.</q><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P85.13>&dq;They have both,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said she,</q><q who=PPE>&dq;been deceived, I dare&H12;

<lb n=P85.14>say, in&H4 some way or other, of which&H61 we can form&H1 no&H2 idea.

<lb n=P85.15>Interested people have perhaps misrepresented each to&H4;

<lb n=P85.16>the other. It is, in&H4 short, impossible for&H4 us to&H9 conjecture&H1;

<lb n=P85.17>the causes or circumstances which&H61 may&H1 have alienated

<lb n=P85.18>them, without actual blame&H0 on&H4 either side&H0;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P85.19>&dq;Very true, indeed; &dash; and now, my dear&H21 <name who=PPE>Jane</name>, what

<lb n=P85.20>have you got to&H9 say in&H4 behalf of the interested people

<lb n=P85.21>who&H61 have probably been concerned in&H4 the business? &dash;

<lb n=P85.22>Do clear&H1 <hi r=Italic>them</hi> too&H52;, or we shall be obliged to&H9 think ill of

<lb n=P85.23>somebody.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P85.24>&dq;Laugh&H1 as much as you chuse, but you will&H1 not laugh&H1;

<lb n=P85.25>me out&H5 of my opinion. My dearest <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>, do but consider

<lb n=P85.26>in&H4 what a disgraceful light&H0 it places&H1 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>, to&H9 be

<lb n=P85.27>treating his father's favourite&H0 in&H4 such a manner, &dash; one,

<lb n=P85.28>whom&H61 his father had promised to&H9 provide for&H4;. &dash; It is impossible.

<lb n=P85.29>No&H2 man of common&H2 humanity, no&H2 man who&H61 had

<lb n=P85.30>any value&H0 for&H4 his character, could be capable of it. Can

<lb n=P85.31>his most intimate&H2 friends be so&H51 excessively deceived in&H4;

<lb n=P85.32>him? oh! no&H7;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P85.33>&dq;I can much more easily believe <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>'s being&H1;<pb n=P86>

<lb n=P86.1>imposed on&H5;, than that&H3 <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name> should invent such

<lb n=P86.2>a history of himself as he gave me last&H2 night; names,

<lb n=P86.3>facts, every&sp;thing mentioned without ceremony. &dash; If it be

<lb n=P86.4>not so&H52;, let <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> contradict it. Besides, there was

<lb n=P86.5>truth in&H4 his looks&H0;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P86.6>&dq;It is difficult indeed &dash; it is distressing. &dash; One does not

<lb n=P86.7>know what to&H9 think.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P86.8>&dq;I beg your pardon&H0;; &dash; one knows exactly what to&H9;

<lb n=P86.9>think.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P86.10>But <name who=PPE>Jane</name> could think with certainty on&H4 only one

<lb n=P86.11>point&H0;, &dash; that&H3 <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>, if he <hi r=Italic>had</hi> <hi r=Italic>been</hi> imposed on&H5;,

<lb n=P86.12>would have much to&H9 suffer when the affair became public&H2;.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P86.13>The two young ladies were summoned from the shrubbery

<lb n=P86.14>where this conversation passed, by&H4 the arrival of

<lb n=P86.15>some of the very persons of whom&H61 they had been speaking;

<lb n=P86.16><name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> and his sisters came to&H9 give their personal

<lb n=P86.17>invitation for&H4 the long expected ball&H02 at Netherfield, which&H61;

<lb n=P86.18>was fixed for&H4 the following Tuesday. The two ladies were</q><q who=PPY type=indirect>

<lb n=P86.19>delighted to&H9 see their dear&H21 friend again,</q><q who=PP0>called it</q><q who=PPY type=indirect>an age

<lb n=P86.20>since they had met,</q><q who=PP0>and repeatedly asked</q><q who=PPY type=indirect>what she had

<lb n=P86.21>been doing with herself since their separation.</q><q who=PP0>To&H4 the rest&H01;

<lb n=P86.22>of the family they paid little attention; avoiding <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>

<lb n=P86.23>as much as possible, saying not much to&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,

<lb n=P86.24>and nothing at all to&H4 the others. They were soon gone

<lb n=P86.25>again, rising from their seats with an activity which&H61 took

<lb n=P86.26>their brother by&H4 surprise&H0;, and hurrying off as if eager

<lb n=P86.27>to&H9 escape&H1 from <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>'s civilities.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P86.28>The prospect of the Netherfield ball&H02 was extremely

<lb n=P86.29>agreeable to&H4 every female&H0 of the family. <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>

<lb n=P86.30>chose to&H9 consider it as given in&H4 compliment&H0 to&H4 her eldest

<lb n=P86.31>daughter, and was particularly flattered by&H4 receiving the

<lb n=P86.32>invitation from <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> himself, instead of a ceremonious

<lb n=P86.33>card. <name who=PPE>Jane</name> pictured to&H4 herself a happy evening

<lb n=P86.34>in&H4 the society of her two friends, and the attentions of their

<lb n=P86.35>brother; and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> thought&H1 with pleasure of dancing

<lb n=P86.36>a great deal&H0 with <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name>, and of seeing a confirmation

<lb n=P86.37>of every&sp;thing in&H4 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>'s looks&H0 and behaviour.

<lb n=P86.38>The happiness anticipated by&H4 <name who=PPG>Catherine</name> and <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>,<pb n=P87>

<lb n=P87.1>depended less on&H4 any single event, or any particular

<lb n=P87.2>person, for&H3 though they each, like&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, meant to&H9;

<lb n=P87.3>dance&H1 half the evening with <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name>, he was by&H4 no&H2;

<lb n=P87.4>means&H0 the only partner who&H61 could satisfy them, and a ball&H02;

<lb n=P87.5>was at any rate&H0;, a ball&H02;. And even&H5 <name who=PPF>Mary</name> could assure her

<lb n=P87.6>family that&H3 she had no&H2 disinclination for&H4 it.</q></p><p><q who=PPF>

<lb n=P87.7>&dq;While&H3 I can have my mornings to&H4 myself,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said she,</q><q who=PPF>

<lb n=P87.8>&dq;it is enough. &dash; I think it no&H2 sacrifice&H0 to&H9 join occasionally

<lb n=P87.9>in&H4 evening engagements. Society has claims on&H4 us all;

<lb n=P87.10>and I profess myself one of those who&H61 consider intervals

<lb n=P87.11>of recreation and amusement as desirable for&H4 every&sp;body.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P87.12><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>'s spirits were so&H51 high on&H4 the occasion&H0;, that&H3;

<lb n=P87.13>though she did not often speak unnecessarily to&H4 <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>,

<lb n=P87.14>she could not help&H1 asking him whether he intended to&H9;

<lb n=P87.15>accept <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>'s invitation, and if he did, whether

<lb n=P87.16>he would think it proper to&H9 join in&H4 the evening's amusement;

<lb n=P87.17>and she was rather surprised to&H9 find that&H3 he entertained

<lb n=P87.18>no&H2 scruple&H0 whatever on&H4 that&H62 head&H0;, and was very

<lb n=P87.19>far from dreading a rebuke either from the Archbishop,

<lb n=P87.20>or <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine&sp;de&sp;Bourgh</name>, by&H4 venturing to&H9 dance&H1;.</q></p><p><q who=PPK>

<lb n=P87.21>&dq;I am by&H4 no&H2 means&H0 of opinion, I assure you,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said he,</q><q who=PPK>

<lb n=P87.22>&dq;that&H3 a ball&H02 of this kind&H0;, given by&H4 a young man of character,

<lb n=P87.23>to&H4 respectable people, can have any evil tendency;

<lb n=P87.24>and I am so&H51 far from objecting to&H4 dancing myself that&H3;

<lb n=P87.25>I shall hope&H1 to&H9 be honoured with the hands of all my fair

<lb n=P87.26>cousins in&H4 the course&H0 of the evening, and I take this opportunity

<lb n=P87.27>of soliciting yours, <name who=PPA>Miss&sp;Elizabeth</name>, for&H4 the two first

<lb n=P87.28>dances&H0 especially, &dash; a preference which&H61 I trust&H1 my cousin

<lb n=P87.29><name who=PPE>Jane</name> will&H1 attribute to&H4 the right&H21 cause, and not to&H4 any

<lb n=P87.30>disrespect for&H4 her.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P87.31><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> felt herself completely taken in&H5;. She had

<lb n=P87.32>fully proposed being&H1 engaged by&H4 <name who=PPP>Wickham</name> for&H4 those

<lb n=P87.33>very dances&H0;: &dash; and to&H9 have <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> instead! her liveliness

<lb n=P87.34>had been never worse timed. There was no&H2 help&H0 for&H4;

<lb n=P87.35>it however. <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name>'s happiness and her own&H2 was

<lb n=P87.36>per&sp;force delayed a little longer, and <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>'s proposal

<lb n=P87.37>accepted with as good a grace&H0 as she could. She was not

<lb n=P87.38>the better pleased with his gallantry, from the idea it<pb n=P88>

<lb n=P88.1>suggested of something more. &dash; It now first struck her,

<lb n=P88.2>that&H3;</q><q who=PPA type=indirect><hi r=Italic>she</hi> was selected from among her sisters as worthy

<lb n=P88.3>of being&H1 the mistress of Hunsford&sp;Parsonage, and of

<lb n=P88.4>assisting to&H9 form&H1 a quadrille&sp;table at Rosings, in&H4 the

<lb n=P88.5>absence of more eligible visitors.</q><q who=PP0>The idea soon reached

<lb n=P88.6>to&H4 conviction, as she observed his increasing civilities

<lb n=P88.7>toward herself, and heard his frequent attempt&H0 at a compliment&H0;

<lb n=P88.8>on&H4 her wit and vivacity; and though more astonished

<lb n=P88.9>than gratified herself, by&H4 this effect&H0 of her charms,

<lb n=P88.10>it was not long before&H3 her mother gave her to&H9 understand

<lb n=P88.11>that&H3 the probability of their marriage was exceedingly

<lb n=P88.12>agreeable to&H4 <hi r=Italic>her</hi>. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> however did not chuse to&H9 take

<lb n=P88.13>the hint&H0;, being&H1 well&H5 aware that&H3 a serious&H2 dispute must be

<lb n=P88.14>the consequence of any reply&H0;.</q><q who=PPA type=indirect><name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> might never

<lb n=P88.15>make&H1 the offer&H0;, and till he did, it was useless to&H9 quarrel&H1;

<lb n=P88.16>about&H4 him.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P88.17>If there had not been a Netherfield ball&H02 to&H9 prepare for&H4;

<lb n=P88.18>and talk&H1 of, the younger <name who=PPG1>Miss&sp;Bennets</name> would have been

<lb n=P88.19>in&H4 a pitiable state&H0 at this time, for&H3 from the day of the

<lb n=P88.20>invitation, to&H4 the day of the ball&H02;, there was such a succession

<lb n=P88.21>of rain&H0 as prevented their walking to&H4 Meryton once.

<lb n=P88.22>No&H2 aunt, no&H2 officers, no&H2 news could be sought after&H5;; &dash; the

<lb n=P88.23>very shoe-roses for&H4 Netherfield were got by&H4 proxy. Even&H5;

<lb n=P88.24><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> might have found some trial of her patience

<lb n=P88.25>in&H4 weather, which&H61 totally suspended the improvement of

<lb n=P88.26>her acquaintance with <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham;</name> and nothing less

<lb n=P88.27>than a dance&H0 on&H4 Tuesday, could have made such a Friday,

<lb n=P88.28>Saturday, Sunday and Monday, endurable to&H4 <name who=PPG>Kitty</name> and

<lb n=P88.29><name who=PPH>Lydia</name>.</q></p></div2>

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<lb n=P89.1><q who=pp0>Till <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> entered the drawing-room at Netherfield

<lb n=P89.2>and looked in&H4 vain for&H4 <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name> among the cluster

<lb n=P89.3>of red coats there assembled, a doubt&H0 of his being&H1 present&H5;

<lb n=P89.4>had never occurred to&H4 her. The certainty of meeting him

<lb n=P89.5>had not been checked by&H4 any of those recollections that&H61;

<lb n=P89.6>might not unreasonably have alarmed her. She had

<lb n=P89.7>dressed with more than usual care&H0;, and prepared in&H4 the

<lb n=P89.8>highest spirits for&H4 the conquest of all that&H61 remained

<lb n=P89.9>unsubdued of his heart, trusting that&H3 it was not more

<lb n=P89.10>than might be won in&H4 the course&H0 of the evening. But

<lb n=P89.11>in&H4 an instant&H0 arose the dreadful suspicion of his being&H1;

<lb n=P89.12>purposely omitted for&H4 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>'s pleasure in&H4 the <name who=PPI1>Bingleys</name>'

<lb n=P89.13>invitation to&H4 the officers; and though this was not exactly

<lb n=P89.14>the case, the absolute fact of his absence was pronounced

<lb n=P89.15>by&H4 his friend <name who=PPW>Mr&point;&sp;Denny</name>, to&H4 whom&H61 <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> eagerly applied,

<lb n=P89.16>and who&H61 told them that&H3 <name who=PPP>Wickham</name> had been obliged to&H9 go

<lb n=P89.17>to&H4 town on&H4 business the day before&H5;, and was not yet

<lb n=P89.18>returned; adding, with a significant smile&H0;,</q><q who=PPW>

<lb n=P89.19>&dq;I do not imagine his business would have called him

<lb n=P89.20>away just&H5 now, if he had not wished to&H9 avoid a certain

<lb n=P89.21>gentleman here.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P89.22>This part&H0 of his intelligence, though unheard by&H4 <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>,

<lb n=P89.23>was caught by&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, and as it assured her that&H3 <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>

<lb n=P89.24>was not less answerable for&H4 <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>'s absence than if her

<lb n=P89.25>first surmise&H0 had been just&H2;, every feeling of displeasure

<lb n=P89.26>against the former was so&H51 sharpened by&H4 immediate disappointment,

<lb n=P89.27>that&H3 she could hardly reply&H1 with tolerable

<lb n=P89.28>civility to&H4 the polite inquiries which&H61 he directly afterwards

<lb n=P89.29>approached to&H9 make&H1;. &dash;</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>Attention, forbearance, patience

<lb n=P89.30>with <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>, was injury to&H4 <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>.</q><q who=PP0>She was resolved

<lb n=P89.31>against any sort of conversation with him, and turned

<lb n=P89.32>away with a degree of ill&sp;humour, which&H61 she could not<pb n=P90>

<lb n=P90.1>wholly surmount even&H5 in&H4 speaking to&H4 <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>, whose&H61;

<lb n=P90.2>blind&H2 partiality provoked her.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P90.3>But <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was not formed for&H4 ill-humour; and

<lb n=P90.4>though every prospect of her own&H2 was destroyed for&H4 the

<lb n=P90.5>evening, it could not dwell long on&H4 her spirits; and

<lb n=P90.6>having told all her griefs to&H4 <name who=PPQ>Charlotte&sp;Lucas</name>, whom&H61 she

<lb n=P90.7>had not seen for&H4 a week, she was soon able to&H9 make&H1 a

<lb n=P90.8>voluntary transition to&H4 the oddities of her cousin, and

<lb n=P90.9>to&H9 point&H1 him out&H5 to&H4 her particular notice&H0;. The two first

<lb n=P90.10>dances&H0;, however, brought a return&H0 of distress&H0;; they were

<lb n=P90.11>dances&H0 of mortification. <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>, awkward and solemn,

<lb n=P90.12>apologising instead of attending, and often moving wrong

<lb n=P90.13>without being&H1 aware of it, gave her all the shame&H0 and

<lb n=P90.14>misery which&H61 a disagreeable partner for&H4 a couple of dances&H0;

<lb n=P90.15>can give. The moment of her release&H0 from him was exstacy.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P90.16>She danced next with an officer, and had the refreshment

<lb n=P90.17>of talking of <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>, and of hearing that&H3 he was

<lb n=P90.18>universally liked. When those dances&H0 were over she

<lb n=P90.19>returned to&H4 <name who=PPQ>Charlotte&sp;Lucas</name>, and was in&H4 conversation

<lb n=P90.20>with her, when she found herself suddenly addressed by&H4;

<lb n=P90.21><name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>, who&H61 took her so&H51 much by&H4 surprise&H0 in&H4 his

<lb n=P90.22>application for&H4 her hand&H0;, that&H3;, without knowing what she

<lb n=P90.23>did, she accepted him. He walked away again immediately,

<lb n=P90.24>and she was left to&H9 fret over her own&H2 want&H0 of presence

<lb n=P90.25>of mind&H0;; <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name> tried to&H9 console her.</q></p><p><q who=PPQ>

<lb n=P90.26>&dq;I dare&H12 say you will&H1 find him very agreeable.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P90.27>&dq;Heaven forbid! &dash; <hi r=Italic>That&H62;</hi> would be the greatest misfortune

<lb n=P90.28>of all! &dash; To&H9 find a man agreeable whom&H61 one is

<lb n=P90.29>determined to&H9 hate! &dash; Do not wish&H1 me such an evil.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P90.30>When the dancing recommenced, however, and <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>

<lb n=P90.31>approached to&H9 claim&H1 her hand&H0;, <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name> could not help&H1;

<lb n=P90.32>cautioning her in&H4 a whisper&H0;</q><q who=PPQ type=indirect>not to&H9 be a simpleton and

<lb n=P90.33>allow her fancy&H0 for&H4 <name who=PPP>Wickham</name> to&H9 make&H1 her appear unpleasant

<lb n=P90.34>in&H4 the eyes of a man of ten times his consequence.</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P90.35><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> made no&H2 answer&H0;, and took her place&H0 in&H4 the set&H0;,

<lb n=P90.36>amazed at the dignity to&H4 which&H61 she was arrived in&H4 being&H1;

<lb n=P90.37>allowed to&H9 stand&H1 opposite to&H4 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>, and reading in&H4 her

<lb n=P90.38>neighbours' looks&H0 their equal&H2 amazement in&H4 beholding it.<pb n=P91>

<lb n=P91.1>They stood for&H4 some time without speaking a word; and

<lb n=P91.2>she began to&H9 imagine that&H3 their silence&H0 was to&H9 last&H1 through&H4;

<lb n=P91.3>the two dances&H0;, and at first was resolved not to&H9 break it;

<lb n=P91.4>till suddenly fancying that&H3 it would be the greater punishment

<lb n=P91.5>to&H4 her partner to&H9 oblige him to&H9 talk&H1;, she made some

<lb n=P91.6>slight&H2 observation on&H4 the dance&H0;. He replied, and was

<lb n=P91.7>again silent. After&H4 a pause&H0 of some minutes she addressed

<lb n=P91.8>him a second&H2 time with</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P91.9>&dq;It is <hi r=Italic>your</hi> turn&H0 to&H9 say something now, <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>. &dash;

<lb n=P91.10><hi r=Italic>I</hi> talked about&H4 the dance&H0;, and <hi r=Italic>you</hi> ought to&H9 make&H1 some

<lb n=P91.11>kind&H0 of remark&H0 on&H4 the size of the room, or the number

<lb n=P91.12>of couples.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P91.13>He smiled, and assured her that&H3;</q><q who=PPB type=indirect>whatever she wished

<lb n=P91.14>him to&H9 say should be said.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P91.15>&dq;Very well&H5;. &dash; That&H62 reply&H0 will&H1 do for&H4 the present&H01;. &dash;

<lb n=P91.16>Perhaps by&sp;and&sp;bye I may&H1 observe that&H3 private&H2 balls are

<lb n=P91.17>much pleasanter than public&H2 ones. &dash; But <hi r=Italic>now</hi> we may&H1 be

<lb n=P91.18>silent.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P91.19>&dq;Do you talk&H1 by&H4 rule then, while&H3 you are dancing?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P91.20>&dq;Sometimes. One must speak a little, you know. It

<lb n=P91.21>would look&H1 odd to&H9 be entirely silent for&H4 half an hour

<lb n=P91.22>together, and yet for&H4 the advantage of <hi r=Italic>some</hi>, conversation

<lb n=P91.23>ought to&H9 be so&H52 arranged as that&H3 they may&H1 have the trouble&H0;

<lb n=P91.24>of saying as little as possible.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P91.25>&dq;Are you consulting your own&H2 feelings in&H4 the present&H01;

<lb n=P91.26>case, or do you imagine that&H3 you are gratifying mine&H6;?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P91.27>&dq;Both,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> archly;</q><q who=PPA>&dq;for&H3 I have always

<lb n=P91.28>seen a great similarity in&H4 the turn&H0 of our minds. &dash; We are

<lb n=P91.29>each of an unsocial, taciturn disposition, unwilling to&H9;

<lb n=P91.30>speak, unless we expect to&H9 say something that&H61 will&H1 amaze

<lb n=P91.31>the whole&H2 room, and be handed down&H5 to&H4 posterity with

<lb n=P91.32>all the eclat of a proverb.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P91.33>&dq;This is no&H2 very striking resemblance of your own&H2;

<lb n=P91.34>character, I am sure,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said he.</q><q who=PPB>&dq;How near&H5 it may&H1 be

<lb n=P91.35>to&H4 <hi r=Italic>mine&H6;</hi>, I cannot pretend to&H9 say. &dash; <hi r=Italic>You</hi> think it a faithful

<lb n=P91.36>portrait undoubtedly.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P91.37>&dq;I must not decide on&H4 my own&H2 performance.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P91.38>He made no&H2 answer&H0;, and they were again silent till they<pb n=P92>

<lb n=P92.1>had gone down&H4 the dance&H0;, when he asked her if she and

<lb n=P92.2>her sisters did not very often walk&H1 to&H4 Meryton. She

<lb n=P92.3>answered in&H4 the affirmative, and, unable to&H9 resist the

<lb n=P92.4>temptation, added,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;When you met us there the other

<lb n=P92.5>day, we had just&H5 been forming a new acquaintance.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P92.6>The effect&H0 was immediate. A deeper shade of hauteur

<lb n=P92.7>overspread his features, but he said not a word, and

<lb n=P92.8><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, though blaming herself for&H4 her own&H2 weakness,

<lb n=P92.9>could not go on&H5;. At length <name who=PPB>Darcy</name> spoke, and in&H4 a constrained

<lb n=P92.10>manner said,</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P92.11>&dq;<name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name> is blessed with such happy manners as

<lb n=P92.12>may&H1 ensure his <hi r=Italic>making</hi> friends &dash; whether he may&H1 be equally

<lb n=P92.13>capable of <hi r=Italic>retaining</hi> them, is less certain.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P92.14>&dq;He has been so&H51 unlucky as to&H9 lose <hi r=Italic>your</hi> friendship,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P92.15>replied <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> with emphasis,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;and in&H4 a manner which&H61;

<lb n=P92.16>he is likely to&H9 suffer from all his life.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P92.17><name who=PPB>Darcy</name> made no&H2 answer&H0;, and seemed desirous of changing

<lb n=P92.18>the subject&H0;. At that&H62 moment <name who=PPR>Sir&sp;William&sp;Lucas</name> appeared

<lb n=P92.19>close&H5 to&H4 them, meaning to&H9 pass&H1 through&H4 the set&H0 to&H4 the other

<lb n=P92.20>side&H0 of the room; but on&H4 perceiving <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> he stopt

<lb n=P92.21>with a bow&H01 of superior courtesy to&H9 compliment&H1 him on&H4;

<lb n=P92.22>his dancing and his partner.</q></p><p><q who=PPR>

<lb n=P92.23>&dq;I have been most highly gratified indeed, my dear&H21 Sir.

<lb n=P92.24>Such very superior dancing is not often seen. It is evident

<lb n=P92.25>that&H3 you belong to&H4 the first circles. Allow me to&H9 say,

<lb n=P92.26>however, that&H3 your fair partner does not disgrace&H1 you,

<lb n=P92.27>and that&H3 I must hope&H1 to&H9 have this pleasure often repeated,

<lb n=P92.28>especially when a certain desirable event, my dear&H21 <name who=PPA>Miss&sp;Eliza</name>,</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P92.29>(glancing at her sister and <name who=PPI>Bingley</name>,)</q><q who=PPR>shall take place&H0;.

<lb n=P92.30>What congratulations will&H1 then flow&H1 in&H5;! I appeal to&H4;

<lb n=P92.31><name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>: &dash; but let me not interrupt you, Sir. &dash; You will&H1;

<lb n=P92.32>not thank me for&H4 detaining you from the bewitching

<lb n=P92.33>converse of that&H62 young lady, whose&H61 bright eyes are also

<lb n=P92.34>upbraiding me.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P92.35>The latter part&H0 of this address&H0 was scarcely heard by&H4;

<lb n=P92.36><name who=PPB>Darcy;</name> but <name who=PPR>Sir&sp;William</name>'s allusion to&H4 his friend seemed to&H9;

<lb n=P92.37>strike him forcibly, and his eyes were directed with a very

<lb n=P92.38>serious&H2 expression towards <name who=PPI>Bingley</name> and <name who=PPE>Jane</name>, who&H61 were<pb n=P93>

<lb n=P93.1>dancing together. Recovering himself, however, shortly,

<lb n=P93.2>he turned to&H4 his partner, and said,</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P93.3>&dq;<name who=PPR>Sir&sp;William</name>'s interruption has made me forget what

<lb n=P93.4>we were talking of.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P93.5>&dq;I do not think we were speaking at all. <name who=PPR>Sir&sp;William</name>

<lb n=P93.6>could not have interrupted any two people in&H4 the room

<lb n=P93.7>who&H61 had less to&H9 say for&H4 themselves. &dash; We have tried two

<lb n=P93.8>or three subjects already without success, and what we

<lb n=P93.9>are to&H9 talk&H1 of next I cannot imagine.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P93.10>&dq;What think you of books?&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said he, smiling.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P93.11>&dq;Books &dash; Oh! no&H7;. &dash; I am sure we never read the same,

<lb n=P93.12>or not with the same feelings.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P93.13>&dq;I am sorry you think so&H52;; but if that&H62 be the case,

<lb n=P93.14>there can at least be no&H2 want&H0 of subject&H0;. &dash; We may&H1;

<lb n=P93.15>compare our different opinions.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P93.16>&dq;No&H7 &dash; I cannot talk&H1 of books in&H4 a ball-room; my head&H0;

<lb n=P93.17>is always full of something else.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P93.18>&dq;The <hi r=Italic>present&H01;</hi> always occupies you in&H4 such scenes &dash; does

<lb n=P93.19>it?&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said he, with a look&H0 of doubt&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P93.20>&dq;Yes, always,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>she replied, without knowing what she

<lb n=P93.21>said, for&H3 her thoughts had wandered far from the subject&H0;,

<lb n=P93.22>as soon afterwards appeared by&H4 her suddenly exclaiming,</q><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P93.23>&dq;I remember hearing you once say, <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>, that&H3 you

<lb n=P93.24>hardly ever forgave, that&H3 your resentment once created

<lb n=P93.25>was unappeasable. You are very cautious, I suppose,

<lb n=P93.26>as to&H4 its <hi r=Italic>being&H1;</hi> <hi r=Italic>created</hi>.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P93.27>&dq;I am,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said he, with a firm voice.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P93.28>&dq;And never allow yourself to&H9 be blinded by&H4 prejudice?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P93.29>&dq;I hope&H1 not.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P93.30>&dq;It is particularly incumbent on&H4 those who&H61 never change&H1;

<lb n=P93.31>their opinion, to&H9 be secure&H2 of judging properly at first.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P93.32>&dq;May&H1 I ask to&H4 what these questions tend?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P93.33>&dq;Merely to&H4 the illustration of <hi r=Italic>your</hi> character,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said she,

<lb n=P93.34>endeavouring to&H9 shake&H1 off her gravity.</q><q who=PPA>&dq;I am trying to&H9;

<lb n=P93.35>make&H1 it out&H5;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P93.36>&dq;And what is your success?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P93.37>She shook her head&H0;.</q><q who=PPA>&dq;I do not get on&H5 at all. I hear

<lb n=P93.38>such different accounts of you as puzzle&H1 me exceedingly.&dq;<pb n=P94></q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P94.1>&dq;I can readily believe,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>answered he gravely,</q><q who=PPB>&dq;that&H3;

<lb n=P94.2>report&H0 may&H1 vary greatly with respect&H0 to&H4 me; and I could

<lb n=P94.3>wish&H1;, <name who=PPA>Miss&sp;Bennet</name>, that&H3 you were not to&H9 sketch my

<lb n=P94.4>character at the present&H2 moment, as there is reason&H0 to&H9;

<lb n=P94.5>fear&H1 that&H3 the performance would reflect no&H2 credit&H0 on&H4;

<lb n=P94.6>either.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P94.7>&dq;But if I do not take your likeness now, I may&H1 never

<lb n=P94.8>have another opportunity.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P94.9>&dq;I would by&H4 no&H2 means&H0 suspend any pleasure of yours,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P94.10>he coldly replied. She said no&H2 more, and they went down&H4;

<lb n=P94.11>the other dance&H0 and parted in&H4 silence&H0;; on&H4 each side&H0;

<lb n=P94.12>dissatisfied, though not to&H4 an equal&H2 degree, for&H3 in&H4 <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>'s

<lb n=P94.13>breast there was a tolerable powerful feeling towards her,

<lb n=P94.14>which&H61 soon procured her pardon&H0;, and directed all his anger&H0;

<lb n=P94.15>against another.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P94.16>They had not long separated when <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name> came

<lb n=P94.17>towards her, and with an expression of civil disdain&H0 thus

<lb n=P94.18>accosted her,</q></p><p><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P94.19>&dq;So&H3;, <name who=PPA>Miss&sp;Eliza</name>, I hear you are quite delighted with

<lb n=P94.20><name who=PPP>George&sp;Wickham</name>! &dash; Your sister has been talking to&H4 me

<lb n=P94.21>about&H4 him, and asking me a thousand questions; and

<lb n=P94.22>I find that&H3 the young man forgot to&H9 tell you, among his

<lb n=P94.23>other communications, that&H3 he was the son of old <name who=PPZZQ>Wickham</name>,

<lb n=P94.24>the late <name who=PPZE>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>'s steward. Let me recommend you,

<lb n=P94.25>however, as a friend, not to&H9 give implicit confidence to&H4 all

<lb n=P94.26>his assertions; for&H3 as to&H4 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>'s using him ill, it is

<lb n=P94.27>perfectly false; for&H3;, on&H4 the contrary, he has been always

<lb n=P94.28>remarkably kind&H2 to&H4 him, though <name who=PPP>George&sp;Wickham</name> has

<lb n=P94.29>treated <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> in&H4 a most infamous manner. I do not

<lb n=P94.30>know the particulars, but I know very well&H5 that&H3 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>

<lb n=P94.31>is not in&H4 the least to&H9 blame&H1;, that&H3 he cannot bear&H1 to&H9 hear

<lb n=P94.32><name who=PPP>George&sp;Wickham</name> mentioned, and that&H3 though my brother

<lb n=P94.33>thought&H1 he could not well&H5 avoid including him in&H4 his

<lb n=P94.34>invitation to&H4 the officers, he was excessively glad to&H9 find

<lb n=P94.35>that&H3 he had taken himself out&H5 of the way. His coming

<lb n=P94.36>into the country at all, is a most insolent thing indeed,

<lb n=P94.37>and I wonder&H1 how he could presume to&H9 do it. I pity&H1 you,

<lb n=P94.38><name who=PPA>Miss&sp;Eliza</name>, for&H4 this discovery of your favourite's guilt;<pb n=P95>

<lb n=P95.1>but really considering his descent, one could not expect

<lb n=P95.2>much better.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P95.3>&dq;His guilt and his descent appear by&H4 your account&H0 to&H9;

<lb n=P95.4>be the same,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> angrily;</q><q who=PPA>&dq;for&H3 I have heard

<lb n=P95.5>you accuse him of nothing worse than of being&H1 the son

<lb n=P95.6>of <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>'s steward, and of <hi r=Italic>that&H62;</hi>, I can assure you, he

<lb n=P95.7>informed me himself.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P95.8>&dq;I beg your pardon&H0;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name>, turning

<lb n=P95.9>away with a sneer.</q><q who=PPJ>&dq;Excuse&H1 my interference. &dash; It was

<lb n=P95.10>kindly meant.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P95.11>&dq;Insolent girl!&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> to&H4 herself. &dash;</q><q who=PPA>&dq;You are

<lb n=P95.12>much mistaken if you expect to&H9 influence&H1 me by&H4 such

<lb n=P95.13>a paltry attack&H0 as this. I see nothing in&H4 it but your own&H2;

<lb n=P95.14>wilful ignorance and the malice of <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>.&dq;</q><q who=PP0>She then

<lb n=P95.15>sought her eldest sister, who&H61 had undertaken to&H9 make&H1;

<lb n=P95.16>inquiries on&H4 the same subject&H0 of <name who=PPI>Bingley</name>. <name who=PPE>Jane</name> met her

<lb n=P95.17>with a smile&H0 of such sweet complacency, a glow of such

<lb n=P95.18>happy expression, as sufficiently marked how well&H5 she was

<lb n=P95.19>satisfied with the occurrences of the evening. &dash; <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P95.20>instantly read her feelings, and at that&H62 moment solicitude

<lb n=P95.21>for&H4 <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>, resentment against his enemies, and every&sp;thing

<lb n=P95.22>else gave way before&H4 the hope&H0 of <name who=PPE>Jane</name>'s being&H1 in&H4 the

<lb n=P95.23>fairest way for&H4 happiness.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P95.24>&dq;I want&H1 to&H9 know,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said she, with a countenance no&H2;

<lb n=P95.25>less smiling than her sister's,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;what you have learnt

<lb n=P95.26>about&H4 <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name>. But perhaps you have been too&H51;

<lb n=P95.27>pleasantly engaged to&H9 think of any third person; in&H4 which&H61;

<lb n=P95.28>case you may&H1 be sure of my pardon&H0;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P95.29>&dq;No&H7;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied <name who=PPE>Jane</name>,</q><q who=PPE>&dq;I have not forgotten him; but

<lb n=P95.30>I have nothing satisfactory to&H9 tell you. <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> does

<lb n=P95.31>not know the whole&H0 of his history, and is quite ignorant

<lb n=P95.32>of the circumstances which&H61 have principally offended

<lb n=P95.33><name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy;</name> but he will&H1 vouch for&H4 the good conduct&H0;, the

<lb n=P95.34>probity and honour&H0 of his friend, and is perfectly convinced

<lb n=P95.35>that&H3 <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name> has deserved much less attention from

<lb n=P95.36><name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> than he has received; and I am sorry to&H9 say

<lb n=P95.37>that&H3 by&H4 his account&H0 as well&H5 as his sister's, <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name>

<lb n=P95.38>is by&H4 no&H2 means&H0 a respectable young man. I am afraid<pb n=P96>

<lb n=P96.1>he has been very imprudent, and has deserved to&H9 lose

<lb n=P96.2><name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>'s regard&H0;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P96.3>&dq;<name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> does not know <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name> himself?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P96.4>&dq;No&H7;; he never saw him till the other morning at

<lb n=P96.5>Meryton.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P96.6>&dq;This account&H0 then is what he has received from

<lb n=P96.7><name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>. I am perfectly satisfied. But what does he

<lb n=P96.8>say of the living?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P96.9>&dq;He does not exactly recollect the circumstances,

<lb n=P96.10>though he has heard them from <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> more than

<lb n=P96.11>once, but he believes that&H3 it was left to&H4 him <hi r=Italic>conditionally</hi>

<lb n=P96.12>only.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P96.13>&dq;I have not a doubt&H0 of <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>'s sincerity,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said

<lb n=P96.14><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> warmly;</q><q who=PPA>&dq;but you must excuse&H1 my not being&H1;

<lb n=P96.15>convinced by&H4 assurances only. <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>'s defence of

<lb n=P96.16>his friend was a very able one I dare&H12 say, but since he

<lb n=P96.17>is unacquainted with several parts of the story, and has

<lb n=P96.18>learnt the rest&H01 from that&H62 friend himself, I shall venture

<lb n=P96.19>still&H5 to&H9 think of both gentlemen as I did before&H5;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P96.20>She then changed the discourse to&H4 one more gratifying

<lb n=P96.21>to&H4 each, and on&H4 which&H61 there could be no&H2 difference of

<lb n=P96.22>sentiment. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> listened with delight&H0 to&H4 the happy,

<lb n=P96.23>though modest hopes&H0 which&H61 <name who=PPE>Jane</name> entertained of <name who=PPI>Bingley</name>'s

<lb n=P96.24>regard&H0;, and said all in&H4 her power to&H9 heighten her confidence

<lb n=P96.25>in&H4 it. On&H4 their being&H1 joined by&H4 <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>

<lb n=P96.26>himself, <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> withdrew to&H4 <name who=PPQ>Miss&sp;Lucas;</name> to&H4 whose&H61;

<lb n=P96.27>inquiry after&H4 the pleasantness of her last&H2 partner she had

<lb n=P96.28>scarcely replied, before&H3 <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> came up&H5 to&H4 them and

<lb n=P96.29>told her with great exultation that&H3 he had just&H5 been so&H51;

<lb n=P96.30>fortunate as to&H9 make&H1 a most important discovery.</q></p><p><q who=PPK>

<lb n=P96.31>&dq;I have found out&H5;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said he,</q><q who=PPK>&dq;by&H4 a singular accident,

<lb n=P96.32>that&H3 there is now in&H4 the room a near&H2 relation of my

<lb n=P96.33>patroness. I happened to&H9 overhear the gentleman himself

<lb n=P96.34>mentioning to&H4 the young lady who&H61 does the honours of

<lb n=P96.35>this house the names of his cousin <name who=PPZJ>Miss&sp;de&sp;Bourgh</name>, and of

<lb n=P96.36>her mother <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name>. How wonderfully these sort

<lb n=P96.37>of things occur! Who&H62 would have thought&H1 of my meeting

<lb n=P96.38>with &dash; perhaps &dash; a nephew of <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine&sp;de&sp;Bourgh</name><pb n=P97>

<lb n=P97.1>in&H4 this assembly! &dash; I am most thankful that&H3 the discovery

<lb n=P97.2>is made in&H4 time for&H4 me to&H9 pay&H1 my respects to&H4 him, which&H61;

<lb n=P97.3>I am now going to&H9 do, and trust&H1 he will&H1 excuse&H1 my not

<lb n=P97.4>having done it before&H5;. My total ignorance of the connection

<lb n=P97.5>must plead my apology.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P97.6>&dq;You are not going to&H9 introduce yourself to&H4 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>?&dq;

<lb n=P97.7></q></p><p><q who=PPK>

<lb n=P97.8>&dq;Indeed I am. I shall intreat his pardon&H0 for&H4 not

<lb n=P97.9>having done it earlier. I believe him to&H9 be <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name>'s

<lb n=P97.10><hi r=Italic>nephew</hi>. It will&H1 be in&H4 my power to&H9 assure him that&H3 her

<lb n=P97.11>ladyship was quite well&H5 yesterday se'nnight.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P97.12><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> tried hard to&H9 dissuade him from such a

<lb n=P97.13>scheme&H0;; assuring him that&H3 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> would consider his

<lb n=P97.14>addressing him without introduction as an impertinent

<lb n=P97.15>freedom, rather than a compliment&H0 to&H4 his aunt; that&H3 it

<lb n=P97.16>was not in&H4 the least necessary there should be any notice&H0;

<lb n=P97.17>on&H4 either side&H0;, and that&H3 if it were, it must belong to&H4;

<lb n=P97.18><name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>, the superior in&H4 consequence, to&H9 begin the

<lb n=P97.19>acquaintance. &dash; <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> listened to&H4 her with the determined

<lb n=P97.20>air of following his own&H2 inclination, and when she

<lb n=P97.21>ceased speaking, replied thus,</q></p><p><q who=PPK>

<lb n=P97.22>&dq;My dear&H21 <name who=PPA>Miss&sp;Elizabeth</name>, I have the highest opinion

<lb n=P97.23>in&H4 the world of your excellent judgment in&H4 all matters

<lb n=P97.24>within the scope of your understanding, but permit me

<lb n=P97.25>to&H9 say that&H3 there must be a wide difference between the

<lb n=P97.26>established forms of ceremony amongst the laity, and those

<lb n=P97.27>which&H61 regulate the clergy; for&H3 give me leave&H0 to&H9 observe

<lb n=P97.28>that&H3 I consider the clerical office as equal&H2 in&H4 point&H0 of

<lb n=P97.29>dignity with the highest rank&H0 in&H4 the kingdom &dash; provided

<lb n=P97.30>that&H3 a proper humility of behaviour is at the same time

<lb n=P97.31>maintained. You must therefore allow me to&H9 follow the

<lb n=P97.32>dictates of my conscience on&H4 this occasion&H0;, which&H61 leads

<lb n=P97.33>me to&H9 perform what I look&H1 on&H5 as a point&H0 of duty. Pardon&H1;

<lb n=P97.34>me for&H4 neglecting to&H9 profit by&H4 your advice, which&H61 on&H4 every

<lb n=P97.35>other subject&H0 shall be my constant guide&H0;, though in&H4 the

<lb n=P97.36>case before&H4 us I consider myself more fitted by&H4 education

<lb n=P97.37>and habitual study&H0 to&H9 decide on&H4 what is right&H21 than a young

<lb n=P97.38>lady like&H4 yourself.&dq;</q><q who=PP0>And with a low bow&H01 he left her to&H9;<pb n=P98>

<lb n=P98.1>attack&H1 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>, whose&H61 reception of his advances&H0 she

<lb n=P98.2>eagerly watched, and whose&H61 astonishment at being&H1 so&H52;

<lb n=P98.3>addressed was very evident. Her cousin prefaced his

<lb n=P98.4>speech with a solemn bow&H01;, and though she could not hear

<lb n=P98.5>a word of it, she felt as if hearing it all, and saw in&H4 the

<lb n=P98.6>motion of his lips the words</q><q who=PPK>&dq;apology&dq;, &dq;Hunsford,&dq; and

<lb n=P98.7>&dq;<name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine&sp;de&sp;Bourgh</name>.&dq; &dash;</q><q who=PP0>It vexed her to&H9 see him

<lb n=P98.8>expose himself to&H4 such a man. <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> was eyeing him

<lb n=P98.9>with unrestrained wonder&H0;, and when at last&H0 <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>

<lb n=P98.10>allowed him time to&H9 speak, replied with an air of distant

<lb n=P98.11>civility. <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>, however, was not discouraged from

<lb n=P98.12>speaking again, and <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>'s contempt seemed abundantly

<lb n=P98.13>increasing with the length of his second&H2 speech,

<lb n=P98.14>and at the end&H0 of it he only made him a slight&H2 bow&H01;,

<lb n=P98.15>and moved another way. <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> then returned to&H4;

<lb n=P98.16><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>.</q></p><p><q who=PPK>

<lb n=P98.17>&dq;I have no&H2 reason&H0;, I assure you,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said he,</q><q who=PPK>&dq;to&H9 be

<lb n=P98.18>dissatisfied with my reception. <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> seemed much

<lb n=P98.19>pleased with the attention. He answered me with the

<lb n=P98.20>utmost civility, and even&H5 paid me the compliment&H0 of

<lb n=P98.21>saying, that&H3 he was so&H51 well&H5 convinced of <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name>'s

<lb n=P98.22>discernment as to&H9 be certain she could never bestow

<lb n=P98.23>a favour&H0 unworthily. It was really a very handsome

<lb n=P98.24>thought&H0;. Upon&H4 the whole&H0;, I am much pleased with him.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P98.25>As <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> had no&H2 longer any interest&H0 of her own&H2 to&H9;

<lb n=P98.26>pursue, she turned her attention almost entirely on&H4 her

<lb n=P98.27>sister and <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>, and the train of agreeable reflections

<lb n=P98.28>which&H61 her observations gave birth&H01 to&H4;, made her

<lb n=P98.29>perhaps almost as happy as <name who=PPE>Jane</name>. She saw her in&H4 idea

<lb n=P98.30>settled in&H4 that&H62 very house in&H4 all the felicity which&H61 a marriage

<lb n=P98.31>of true affection could bestow; and she felt capable

<lb n=P98.32>under such circumstances, of endeavouring even&H5 to&H9 like&H1;

<lb n=P98.33><name who=PPI>Bingley</name>'s two sisters. Her mother's thoughts she plainly

<lb n=P98.34>saw were bent the same way, and she determined not to&H9;

<lb n=P98.35>venture near&H4 her, lest she might hear too&H51 much. When they

<lb n=P98.36>sat down&H5 to&H4 supper, therefore, she considered it a most

<lb n=P98.37>unlucky perverseness which&H61 placed them within one of

<lb n=P98.38>each other; and deeply was she vexed to&H9 find that&H3 her<pb n=P99>

<lb n=P99.1>mother was talking to&H4 that&H62 one person (<name who=PPV>Lady&sp;Lucas</name>)

<lb n=P99.2>freely, openly, and of nothing else but of her expectation

<lb n=P99.3>that&H3 <name who=PPE>Jane</name> would be soon married to&H4 <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>. &dash; It was

<lb n=P99.4>an animating subject&H0;, and <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> seemed incapable

<lb n=P99.5>of fatigue&H0 while&H4 enumerating the advantages of the match&H0;.</q><q who=PPD type=indirect>

<lb n=P99.6>His being&H1 such a charming young man, and so&H51 rich, and

<lb n=P99.7>living but three miles from them,</q><q who=PP0>were the first points

<lb n=P99.8>of self-gratulation;</q><q who=PPD type=indirect>and then it was such a comfort&H0 to&H9;

<lb n=P99.9>think how fond the two sisters were of <name who=PPE>Jane</name>, and to&H9 be

<lb n=P99.10>certain that&H3 they must desire&H1 the connection as much as

<lb n=P99.11>she could do. It was, moreover, such a promising thing for&H4;

<lb n=P99.12>her younger daughters, as <name who=PPE>Jane</name>'s marrying so&H51 greatly

<lb n=P99.13>must throw&H1 them in&H4 the way of other rich men; and

<lb n=P99.14>lastly, it was so&H51 pleasant at her time of life to&H9 be able to&H9;

<lb n=P99.15>consign her single daughters to&H4 the care&H0 of their sister,

<lb n=P99.16>that&H3 she might not be obliged to&H9 go into company more

<lb n=P99.17>than she liked.</q><q who=PP0>It was necessary to&H9 make&H1 this circumstance

<lb n=P99.18>a matter of pleasure, because on&H4 such occasions

<lb n=P99.19>it is the etiquette; but no&sp;one was less likely than

<lb n=P99.20><name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> to&H9 find comfort&H0 in&H4 staying at home at any period

<lb n=P99.21>of her life. She concluded with many good wishes&H0 that&H3;

<lb n=P99.22><name who=PPV>Lady&sp;Lucas</name> might soon be equally fortunate, though

<lb n=P99.23>evidently and triumphantly believing there was no&H2 chance&H0;

<lb n=P99.24>of it.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P99.25>In&H4 vain did <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> endeavour&H1 to&H9 check&H1 the rapidity

<lb n=P99.26>of her mother's words, or persuade her to&H9 describe her

<lb n=P99.27>felicity in&H4 a less audible whisper&H0;; for&H3 to&H4 her inexpressible

<lb n=P99.28>vexation, she could perceive that&H3 the chief of it

<lb n=P99.29>was overheard by&H4 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>, who&H61 sat opposite to&H4 them.

<lb n=P99.30>Her mother only scolded her for&H4 being&H1 nonsensical.</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P99.31>&dq;What is <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> to&H4 me, pray, that&H3 I should be

<lb n=P99.32>afraid of him? I am sure we owe him no&H2 such particular

<lb n=P99.33>civility as to&H9 be obliged to&H9 say nothing <hi r=Italic>he</hi> may&H1 not like&H1;

<lb n=P99.34>to&H9 hear.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P99.35>&dq;For&H4 heaven's sake, madam, speak lower&H2;. &dash; What

<lb n=P99.36>advantage can it be to&H4 you to&H9 offend <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>? &dash; You

<lb n=P99.37>will&H1 never recommend yourself to&H4 his friend by&H4 so&H52 doing.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P99.38>Nothing that&H61 she could say, however, had any influence&H0;.<pb n=P100>

<lb n=P100.1>Her mother would talk&H1 of her views in&H4 the same intelligible

<lb n=P100.2>tone. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> blushed and blushed again with shame&H0;

<lb n=P100.3>and vexation. She could not help&H1 frequently glancing her

<lb n=P100.4>eye at <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>, though every glance&H0 convinced her of

<lb n=P100.5>what she dreaded; for&H3 though he was not always looking

<lb n=P100.6>at her mother, she was convinced that&H3 his attention was

<lb n=P100.7>invariably fixed by&H4 her. The expression of his face&H0 changed

<lb n=P100.8>gradually from indignant contempt to&H4 a composed and

<lb n=P100.9>steady gravity.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P100.10>At length however <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> had no&H2 more to&H9 say;

<lb n=P100.11>and <name who=PPV>Lady&sp;Lucas</name>, who&H61 had been long yawning at the

<lb n=P100.12>repetition of delights&H0 which&H61 she saw no&H2 likelihood of

<lb n=P100.13>sharing, was left to&H4 the comforts of cold&H2 ham and chicken.

<lb n=P100.14><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> now began to&H9 revive. But not long was the

<lb n=P100.15>interval of tranquillity; for&H3 when supper was over, singing

<lb n=P100.16>was talked of, and she had the mortification of seeing

<lb n=P100.17><name who=PPF>Mary</name>, after&H4 very little entreaty, preparing to&H9 oblige the

<lb n=P100.18>company. By&H4 many significant looks&H0 and silent entreaties,

<lb n=P100.19>did she endeavour&H1 to&H9 prevent such a proof of complaisance,

<lb n=P100.20>&dash; but in&H4 vain; <name who=PPF>Mary</name> would not understand them; such

<lb n=P100.21>an opportunity of exhibiting was delightful to&H4 her, and

<lb n=P100.22>she began her song. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>'s eyes were fixed on&H4 her

<lb n=P100.23>with most painful sensations; and she watched her progress

<lb n=P100.24>through&H4 the several stanzas with an impatience which&H61 was

<lb n=P100.25>very ill rewarded at their close&H0;; for&H3 <name who=PPF>Mary</name>, on&H4 receiving

<lb n=P100.26>amongst the thanks of the table, the hint&H0 of a hope&H0 that&H3;

<lb n=P100.27>she might be prevailed on&H5 to&H9 favour&H1 them again, after&H4 the

<lb n=P100.28>pause&H0 of half a minute&H0 began another. <name who=PPF>Mary</name>'s powers

<lb n=P100.29>were by&H4 no&H2 means&H0 fitted for&H4 such a display&H0;; her voice

<lb n=P100.30>was weak, and her manner affected. &dash; <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was in&H4;

<lb n=P100.31>agonies. She looked at <name who=PPE>Jane</name>, to&H9 see how she bore&H11 it; but

<lb n=P100.32><name who=PPE>Jane</name> was very composedly talking to&H4 <name who=PPI>Bingley</name>. She looked

<lb n=P100.33>at his two sisters, and saw them making signs of derision

<lb n=P100.34>at each other, and at <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>, who&H61 continued however

<lb n=P100.35>impenetrably grave&H2;. She looked at her father to&H9 entreat

<lb n=P100.36>his interference, lest <name who=PPF>Mary</name> should be singing all night.

<lb n=P100.37>He took the hint&H0;, and when <name who=PPF>Mary</name> had finished her second&H2;

<lb n=P100.38>song, said aloud,<pb n=P101></q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P101.1>&dq;That&H62 will&H1 do extremely well&H5;, child. You have delighted

<lb n=P101.2>us long enough. Let the other young ladies have time

<lb n=P101.3>to&H9 exhibit.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P101.4><name who=PPF>Mary</name>, though pretending not to&H9 hear, was somewhat

<lb n=P101.5>disconcerted; and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> sorry for&H4 her, and sorry for&H4;

<lb n=P101.6>her father's speech, was afraid her anxiety had done no&H2;

<lb n=P101.7>good. &dash; Others of the party were now applied to&H5;.</q></p><p><q who=PPK>

<lb n=P101.8>&dq;If I,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>,</q><q who=PPK>&dq;were so&H51 fortunate as to&H9 be

<lb n=P101.9>able to&H9 sing, I should have great pleasure, I am sure, in&H4;

<lb n=P101.10>obliging the company with an air; for&H3 I consider music

<lb n=P101.11>as a very innocent diversion, and perfectly compatible

<lb n=P101.12>with the profession&H02 of a clergyman. &dash; I do not mean&H1 however

<lb n=P101.13>to&H9 assert that&H3 we can be justified in&H4 devoting too&H51 much

<lb n=P101.14>of our time to&H4 music, for&H3 there are certainly other things

<lb n=P101.15>to&H9 be attended to&H5;. The rector of a parish has much to&H9 do. &dash;

<lb n=P101.16>In&H4 the first place&H0;, he must make&H1 such an agreement for&H4;

<lb n=P101.17>tythes as may&H1 be beneficial to&H4 himself and not offensive

<lb n=P101.18>to&H4 his patron. He must write his own&H2 sermons; and the

<lb n=P101.19>time that&H61 remains&H1 will&H1 not be too&H51 much for&H4 his parish

<lb n=P101.20>duties, and the care&H0 and improvement of his dwelling,

<lb n=P101.21>which&H61 he cannot be excused from making as comfortable

<lb n=P101.22>as possible. And I do not think it of light&H2 importance that&H3;

<lb n=P101.23>he should have attentive and conciliatory manners towards

<lb n=P101.24>every&sp;body, especially towards those to&H4 whom&H61 he owes

<lb n=P101.25>his preferment. I cannot acquit him of that&H62 duty; nor

<lb n=P101.26>could I think well&H5 of the man who&H61 should omit an occasion&H0;

<lb n=P101.27>of testifying his respect&H0 towards any&sp;body connected with

<lb n=P101.28>the family.&dq;</q><q who=PP0>And with a bow&H01 to&H4 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>, he concluded

<lb n=P101.29>his speech, which&H61 had been spoken so&H51 loud as to&H9 be heard

<lb n=P101.30>by&H4 half the room. &dash; Many stared. &dash; Many smiled; but no&sp;one

<lb n=P101.31>looked more amused than <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name> himself, while&H3;

<lb n=P101.32>his wife seriously commended <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> for&H4 having spoken

<lb n=P101.33>so&H51 sensibly, and observed in&H4 a half-whisper to&H4 <name who=PPV>Lady&sp;Lucas</name>,

<lb n=P101.34>that&H3;</q><q who=PPD type=indirect>he was a remarkably clever, good kind&H0 of young man.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P101.35>To&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> it appeared, that&H3;</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>had her family made

<lb n=P101.36>an agreement to&H9 expose themselves as much as they

<lb n=P101.37>could during the evening, it would have been impossible

<lb n=P101.38>for&H4 them to&H9 play&H1 their parts with more spirit, or finer<pb n=P102>

<lb n=P102.1>success; and happy did she think it for&H4 <name who=PPI>Bingley</name> and her

<lb n=P102.2>sister that&H3 some of the exhibition had escaped his notice&H0;,

<lb n=P102.3>and that&H3 his feelings were not of a sort to&H9 be much distressed

<lb n=P102.4>by&H4 the folly which&H61 he must have witnessed. That&H3;

<lb n=P102.5>his two sisters and <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>, however, should have such

<lb n=P102.6>an opportunity of ridiculing her relations was bad enough,

<lb n=P102.7>and she could not determine whether the silent contempt

<lb n=P102.8>of the gentleman, or the insolent smiles of the ladies, were

<lb n=P102.9>more intolerable.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P102.10>The rest&H01 of the evening brought her little amusement.

<lb n=P102.11>She was teazed by&H4 <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>, who&H61 continued most perseveringly

<lb n=P102.12>by&H4 her side&H0;, and though he could not prevail

<lb n=P102.13>with her to&H9 dance&H1 with him again, put it out&H5 of her power

<lb n=P102.14>to&H9 dance&H1 with others. In&H4 vain did she entreat him to&H9 stand&H1;

<lb n=P102.15>up&H5 with somebody else, and offer&H1 to&H9 introduce him to&H4 any

<lb n=P102.16>young lady in&H4 the room. He assured her that&H3;</q><q who=PPK type=indirect>as to&H4 dancing,

<lb n=P102.17>he was perfectly indifferent to&H4 it; that&H3 his chief object&H0;

<lb n=P102.18>was by&H4 delicate attentions to&H9 recommend himself to&H4 her,

<lb n=P102.19>and that&H3 he should therefore make&H1 a point&H0 of remaining

<lb n=P102.20>close&H5 to&H4 her the whole&H2 evening.</q><q who=PP0>There was no&H2 arguing

<lb n=P102.21>upon&H4 such a project. She owed her greatest relief to&H4 her

<lb n=P102.22>friend <name who=PPQ>Miss&sp;Lucas</name>, who&H61 often joined them, and good-naturedly

<lb n=P102.23>engaged <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>'s conversation to&H4 herself.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P102.24>She was at least free from the offence of <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>'s

<lb n=P102.25>farther notice&H0;; though often standing within a very short

<lb n=P102.26>distance&H0 of her, quite disengaged, he never came near&H5;

<lb n=P102.27>enough to&H9 speak. She felt it to&H9 be the probable consequence

<lb n=P102.28>of her allusions to&H4 <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name>, and rejoiced in&H4 it.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P102.29>The Longbourn party were the last&H0 of all the company

<lb n=P102.30>to&H9 depart; and by&H4 a man&oelig;uvre of <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> had to&H9;

<lb n=P102.31>wait for&H4 their carriages a quarter&H01 of an hour after&H3 every&sp;body

<lb n=P102.32>else was gone, which&H61 gave them time to&H9 see how

<lb n=P102.33>heartily they were wished away by&H4 some of the family.

<lb n=P102.34><name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Hurst</name> and her sister scarcely opened their mouths

<lb n=P102.35>except to&H9 complain of fatigue&H0;, and were evidently impatient

<lb n=P102.36>to&H9 have the house to&H4 themselves. They repulsed every

<lb n=P102.37>attempt&H0 of <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> at conversation, and by&H4 so&H52 doing,

<lb n=P102.38>threw a languor over the whole&H2 party, which&H61 was very<pb n=P103>

<lb n=P103.1>little relieved by&H4 the long speeches of <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>, who&H61 was

<lb n=P103.2>complimenting <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> and his sisters on&H4 the elegance

<lb n=P103.3>of their entertainment, and the hospitality and politeness

<lb n=P103.4>which&H61 had marked their behaviour to&H4 their guests. <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>

<lb n=P103.5>said nothing at all. <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name>, in&H4 equal&H2 silence&H0;, was

<lb n=P103.6>enjoying the scene. <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> and <name who=PPE>Jane</name> were standing

<lb n=P103.7>together, a little detached from the rest&H01;, and talked only

<lb n=P103.8>to&H4 each other. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> preserved as steady a silence&H0 as

<lb n=P103.9>either <name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Hurst</name> or <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley;</name> and even&H5 <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> was

<lb n=P103.10>too&H51 much fatigued to&H9 utter&H1 more than the occasional

<lb n=P103.11>exclamation of</q><q who=PPH>&dq;Lord&H7;, how tired I am!&dq;</q><q who=PP0>accompanied

<lb n=P103.12>by&H4 a violent yawn.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P103.13>When at length they arose to&H9 take leave&H0;, <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>

<lb n=P103.14>was most pressingly civil in&H4 her hope&H0 of seeing the whole&H2;

<lb n=P103.15>family soon at Longbourn; and addressed herself particularly

<lb n=P103.16>to&H4 <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>, to&H9 assure him</q><q who=PPD type=indirect>how happy he would

<lb n=P103.17>make&H1 them, by&H4 eating a family dinner with them at any

<lb n=P103.18>time, without the ceremony of a formal invitation.</q><q who=PP0><name who=PPI>Bingley</name>

<lb n=P103.19>was all grateful pleasure, and he readily engaged for&H4 taking

<lb n=P103.20>the earliest opportunity of waiting on&H4 her, after&H4 his return&H0;

<lb n=P103.21>from London, whither he was obliged to&H9 go the next day

<lb n=P103.22>for&H4 a short time.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P103.23><name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> was perfectly satisfied; and quitted the

<lb n=P103.24>house under the delightful persuasion that&H3;, allowing for&H4;

<lb n=P103.25>the necessary preparations of settlements, new carriages

<lb n=P103.26>and wedding&sp;clothes, she should undoubtedly see her

<lb n=P103.27>daughter settled at Netherfield, in&H4 the course&H0 of three or

<lb n=P103.28>four months. Of having another daughter married to&H4;

<lb n=P103.29><name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>, she thought&H1 with equal&H2 certainty, and with

<lb n=P103.30>considerable, though not equal&H2;, pleasure. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was

<lb n=P103.31>the least dear&H21 to&H4 her of all her children; and</q><q who=PPD type=indirect>though the

<lb n=P103.32>man and the match&H0 were quite good enough for&H4 <hi r=Italic>her</hi>,

<lb n=P103.33>the worth of each was eclipsed by&H4 <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> and

<lb n=P103.34>Netherfield.</q></p></div2>

<div2 type=chap n=19><p><pb n=P104><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P104.1>The next day opened a new scene at Longbourn.

<lb n=P104.2><name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> made his declaration in&H4 form&H0;. Having resolved

<lb n=P104.3>to&H9 do it without loss of time, as his leave&H0 of absence

<lb n=P104.4>extended only to&H4 the following Saturday, and having no&H2;

<lb n=P104.5>feelings of diffidence to&H9 make&H1 it distressing to&H4 himself

<lb n=P104.6>even&H5 at the moment, he set&H1 about&H4 it in&H4 a very orderly

<lb n=P104.7>manner, with all the observances which&H61 he supposed a

<lb n=P104.8>regular part&H0 of the business. On&H4 finding <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>,

<lb n=P104.9><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, and one of the younger girls together, soon

<lb n=P104.10>after&H4 breakfast&H0;, he addressed the mother in&H4 these words,</q></p><p><q who=PPK>

<lb n=P104.11>&dq;May&H1 I hope&H1;, Madam, for&H4 your interest&H0 with your fair

<lb n=P104.12>daughter <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, when I solicit for&H4 the honour&H0 of a

<lb n=P104.13>private&H2 audience with her in&H4 the course&H0 of this morning?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P104.14>Before&H3 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> had time for&H4 any&sp;thing but a blush&H0;

<lb n=P104.15>of surprise&H0;, <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> instantly answered,</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P104.16>&dq;Oh dear&H7;! &dash; Yes &dash; certainly. &dash; I am sure <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name> will&H1 be

<lb n=P104.17>very happy &dash; I am sure she can have no&H2 objection. &dash; Come,

<lb n=P104.18><name who=PPG>Kitty</name>, I want&H1 you up&sp;stairs.&dq;</q><q who=PP0>And gathering her work&H0;

<lb n=P104.19>together, she was hastening away, when <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> called

<lb n=P104.20>out&H5;,</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P104.21>&dq;Dear&H21 Ma'am, do not go. &dash; I beg you will&H1 not go. &dash;

<lb n=P104.22><name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> must excuse&H1 me. &dash; He can have nothing to&H9;

<lb n=P104.23>say to&H4 me that&H61 any&sp;body need&H1 not hear. I am going away

<lb n=P104.24>myself.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P104.25>&dq;No&H7;, no&H7;, nonsense, <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>. &dash; I desire&H1 you will&H1 stay&H1;

<lb n=P104.26>where you are.&dq; &dash;</q><q who=PP0>And upon&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>'s seeming really,

<lb n=P104.27>with vexed and embarrassed looks&H0;, about&H5 to&H9 escape&H1;, she

<lb n=P104.28>added,</q><q who=PPD>&dq;<name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>, I <hi r=Italic>insist</hi> upon&H4 your staying and hearing

<lb n=P104.29><name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P104.30><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> would not oppose such an injunction &dash; and

<lb n=P104.31>a moment's consideration making her also sensible&H21 that&H3;</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>

<lb n=P104.32>it would be wisest to&H9 get it over as soon and as quietly

<lb n=P104.33>as possible,</q><q who=PP0>she sat down&H5 again, and tried to&H9 conceal by&H4;<pb n=P105>

<lb n=P105.1>incessant employment the feelings which&H61 were divided

<lb n=P105.2>between distress&H0 and diversion. <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> and <name who=PPG>Kitty</name>

<lb n=P105.3>walked off, and as soon as they were gone <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>

<lb n=P105.4>began.</q></p><p><q who=PPK>

<lb n=P105.5>&dq;Believe me, my dear&H21 <name who=PPA>Miss&sp;Elizabeth</name>, that&H3 your

<lb n=P105.6>modesty, so&H51 far from doing you any disservice, rather

<lb n=P105.7>adds to&H4 your other perfections. You would have been

<lb n=P105.8>less amiable in&H4 my eyes had there <hi r=Italic>not</hi> been this little

<lb n=P105.9>unwillingness; but allow me to&H9 assure you that&H3 I have

<lb n=P105.10>your respected mother's permission for&H4 this address&H0;.

<lb n=P105.11>You can hardly doubt&H1 the purport of my discourse,

<lb n=P105.12>however your natural&H2 delicacy may&H1 lead&H1 you to&H9 dissemble;

<lb n=P105.13>my attentions have been too&H51 marked to&H9 be mistaken.

<lb n=P105.14>Almost as soon as I entered the house I singled you out&H5;

<lb n=P105.15>as the companion of my future life. But before&H3 I am run&H1;

<lb n=P105.16>away with by&H4 my feelings on&H4 this subject&H0;, perhaps it will&H1;

<lb n=P105.17>be advisable for&H4 me to&H9 state&H1 my reasons for&H4 marrying &dash;

<lb n=P105.18>and moreover for&H4 coming into Hertfordshire with the

<lb n=P105.19>design&H0 of selecting a wife, as I certainly did.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P105.20>The idea of <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>, with all his solemn composure,

<lb n=P105.21>being&H1 run&H1 away with by&H4 his feelings, made <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> so&H51;

<lb n=P105.22>near&H5 laughing that&H3 she could not use&H1 the short pause&H0 he

<lb n=P105.23>allowed in&H4 any attempt&H0 to&H9 stop&H1 him farther, and he continued:

<lb n=P105.24></q></p><p><q who=PPK>

<lb n=P105.25>&dq;My reasons for&H4 marrying are, first, that&H3 I think it

<lb n=P105.26>a right&H21 thing for&H4 every clergyman in&H4 easy circumstances

<lb n=P105.27>(like&H4 myself) to&H9 set&H1 the example of matrimony in&H4 his

<lb n=P105.28>parish. Secondly, that&H3 I am convinced it will&H1 add very

<lb n=P105.29>greatly to&H4 my happiness; and thirdly &dash; which&H61 perhaps

<lb n=P105.30>I ought to&H9 have mentioned earlier, that&H3 it is the particular

<lb n=P105.31>advice and recommendation of the very noble lady whom&H61;

<lb n=P105.32>I have the honour&H0 of calling patroness. Twice has she

<lb n=P105.33>condescended to&H9 give me her opinion (unasked too&H52;!) on&H4;

<lb n=P105.34>this subject&H0;; and it was but the very Saturday night

<lb n=P105.35>before&H3 I left Hunsford &dash; between our pools at quadrille,

<lb n=P105.36>while&H3 <name who=PPZS>Mrs&point;&sp;Jenkinson</name> was arranging <name who=PPZJ>Miss&sp;de&sp;Bourgh</name>'s

<lb n=P105.37>foot-stool, that&H3 she said,</q><q who=PPL type=indirect>&onq;<name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>, you must marry.

<lb n=P105.38>A clergyman like&H4 you must marry. &dash; Chuse properly, chuse<pb n=P106>

<lb n=P106.1>a gentlewoman for&H4 <hi r=Italic>my</hi> sake; and for&H4 your <hi r=Italic>own&H2;</hi>, let her

<lb n=P106.2>be an active, useful sort of person, not brought up&H5 high,

<lb n=P106.3>but able to&H9 make&H1 a small income go a good way. This is

<lb n=P106.4>my advice. Find such a woman as soon as you can, bring

<lb n=P106.5>her to&H4 Hunsford, and I will&H1 visit&H1 her.&cnq;</q><q who=PPK>Allow me, by&H4 the

<lb n=P106.6>way, to&H9 observe, my fair cousin, that&H3 I do not reckon

<lb n=P106.7>the notice&H0 and kindness of <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine&sp;de&sp;Bourgh</name>

<lb n=P106.8>as among the least of the advantages in&H4 my power to&H9;

<lb n=P106.9>offer&H1;. You will&H1 find her manners beyond&H4 any&sp;thing I can

<lb n=P106.10>describe; and your wit and vivacity I think must be

<lb n=P106.11>acceptable to&H4 her, especially when tempered with the

<lb n=P106.12>silence&H0 and respect&H0 which&H61 her rank&H0 will&H1 inevitably excite.

<lb n=P106.13>Thus much for&H4 my general&H2 intention in&H4 favour&H0 of matrimony;

<lb n=P106.14>it remains&H1 to&H9 be told why my views were directed

<lb n=P106.15>to&H4 Longbourn instead of my own&H2 neighbourhood, where

<lb n=P106.16>I assure you there are many amiable young women.

<lb n=P106.17>But the fact is, that&H3 being&H1;, as I am, to&H9 inherit this estate

<lb n=P106.18>after&H4 the death of your honoured father, (who&H61;, however,

<lb n=P106.19>may&H1 live many years longer,) I could not satisfy myself

<lb n=P106.20>without resolving to&H9 chuse a wife from among his daughters,

<lb n=P106.21>that&H3 the loss to&H4 them might be as little as possible, when

<lb n=P106.22>the melancholy&H2 event takes place&H0 &dash; which&H61;, however, as

<lb n=P106.23>I have already said, may&H1 not be for&H4 several years. This

<lb n=P106.24>has been my motive, my fair cousin, and I flatter myself

<lb n=P106.25>it will&H1 not sink me in&H4 your esteem&H0;. And now nothing

<lb n=P106.26>remains&H1 for&H4 me but to&H9 assure you in&H4 the most animated

<lb n=P106.27>language of the violence of my affection. To&H4 fortune I am

<lb n=P106.28>perfectly indifferent, and shall make&H1 no&H2 demand&H0 of that&H62;

<lb n=P106.29>nature on&H4 your father, since I am well&H5 aware that&H3 it could

<lb n=P106.30>not be complied with; and that&H3 one thousand pounds

<lb n=P106.31>in&H4 the 4&sp;per&sp;cents&point; which&H61 will&H1 not be yours till after&H4 your

<lb n=P106.32>mother's decease, is all that&H61 you may&H1 ever be entitled to&H4;.

<lb n=P106.33>On&H4 that&H62 head&H0;, therefore, I shall be uniformly silent; and

<lb n=P106.34>you may&H1 assure youself that&H3 no&H2 ungenerous reproach&H0;

<lb n=P106.35>shall ever pass&H1 my lips when we are married.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P106.36>It was absolutely necessary to&H9 interrupt him now.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P106.37>&dq;You are too&H51 hasty, Sir,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>she cried.</q><q who=PPA>&dq;You forget that&H3;

<lb n=P106.38>I have made no&H2 answer&H0;. Let me do it without farther<pb n=P107>

<lb n=P107.1>loss of time. Accept my thanks for&H4 the compliment&H0 you

<lb n=P107.2>are paying me. I am very sensible&H21 of the honour&H0 of your

<lb n=P107.3>proposals, but it is impossible for&H4 me to&H9 do otherwise

<lb n=P107.4>than decline them.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPK>

<lb n=P107.5>&dq;I am not now to&H9 learn,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>, with

<lb n=P107.6>a formal wave of the hand&H0;,</q><q who=PPK>&dq;that&H3 it is usual with young

<lb n=P107.7>ladies to&H9 reject the addresses of the man whom&H61 they

<lb n=P107.8>secretly mean&H1 to&H9 accept, when he first applies for&H4 their

<lb n=P107.9>favour&H0;; and that&H3 sometimes the refusal is repeated a

<lb n=P107.10>second&H2 or even&H5 a third time. I am therefore by&H4 no&H2 means&H0;

<lb n=P107.11>discouraged by&H4 what you have just&H5 said, and shall hope&H1;

<lb n=P107.12>to&H9 lead&H1 you to&H4 the altar ere long.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P107.13>&dq;Upon&H4 my word, Sir,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;your hope&H0 is

<lb n=P107.14>rather an extraordinary one after&H4 my declaration. I do

<lb n=P107.15>assure you that&H3 I am not one of those young ladies (if such

<lb n=P107.16>young ladies there are) who&H61 are so&H51 daring as to&H9 risk&H1 their

<lb n=P107.17>happiness on&H4 the chance&H0 of being&H1 asked a second&H2 time.

<lb n=P107.18>I am perfectly serious&H2 in&H4 my refusal. &dash; You could not

<lb n=P107.19>make&H1 <hi r=Italic>me</hi> happy, and I am convinced that&H3 I am the last&H2;

<lb n=P107.20>woman in&H4 the world who&H61 would make&H1 <hi r=Italic>you</hi> so&H52;. &dash; Nay, were

<lb n=P107.21>your friend <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name> to&H9 know me, I am persuaded

<lb n=P107.22>she would find me in&H4 every respect&H0 ill qualified for&H4 the

<lb n=P107.23>situation.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPK>

<lb n=P107.24>&dq;Were it certain that&H3 <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name> would think so&H52;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P107.25>said <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> very gravely &dash;</q><q who=PPK>&dq;but I cannot imagine

<lb n=P107.26>that&H3 her ladyship would at all disapprove of you. And

<lb n=P107.27>you may&H1 be certain that&H3 when I have the honour&H0 of seeing

<lb n=P107.28>her again I shall speak in&H4 the highest terms of your

<lb n=P107.29>modesty, economy, and other amiable qualifications.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P107.30>&dq;Indeed, <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>, all praise&H0 of me will&H1 be unnecessary.

<lb n=P107.31>You must give me leave&H0 to&H9 judge&H1 for&H4 myself, and

<lb n=P107.32>pay&H1 me the compliment&H0 of believing what I say. I wish&H1;

<lb n=P107.33>you very happy and very rich, and by&H4 refusing your hand&H0;,

<lb n=P107.34>do all in&H4 my power to&H9 prevent your being&H1 otherwise. In&H4;

<lb n=P107.35>making me the offer&H0;, you must have satisfied the delicacy

<lb n=P107.36>of your feelings with regard&H0 to&H4 my family, and may&H1 take

<lb n=P107.37>possession of Longbourn estate whenever it falls, without

<lb n=P107.38>any self-reproach. This matter may&H1 be considered, therefore,<pb n=P108>

<lb n=P108.1>as finally settled.&dq;</q><q who=PP0>And rising as she thus spoke, she

<lb n=P108.2>would have quitted the room, had not <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> thus

<lb n=P108.3>addressed her,</q></p><p><q who=PPK>

<lb n=P108.4>&dq;When I do myself the honour&H0 of speaking to&H4 you

<lb n=P108.5>next on&H4 this subject&H0 I shall hope&H1 to&H9 receive a more favourable

<lb n=P108.6>answer&H0 than you have now given me; though I am

<lb n=P108.7>far from accusing you of cruelty at present&H01;, because

<lb n=P108.8>I know it to&H9 be the established custom of your sex to&H9 reject

<lb n=P108.9>a man on&H4 the first application, and perhaps you have even&H5;

<lb n=P108.10>now said as much to&H9 encourage my suit&H0 as would be consistent

<lb n=P108.11>with the true delicacy of the female&H2 character.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P108.12>&dq;Really, <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> with some

<lb n=P108.13>warmth,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;you puzzle&H1 me exceedingly. If what I have

<lb n=P108.14>hitherto said can appear to&H4 you in&H4 the form&H0 of encouragement,

<lb n=P108.15>I know not how to&H9 express&H1 my refusal in&H4 such a way

<lb n=P108.16>as may&H1 convince you of its being&H1 one.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPK>

<lb n=P108.17>&dq;You must give me leave&H0 to&H9 flatter myself, my dear&H21;

<lb n=P108.18>cousin, that&H3 your refusal of my addresses is merely

<lb n=P108.19>words of course&H0;. My reasons for&H4 believing it are briefly

<lb n=P108.20>these: &dash; It does not appear to&H4 me that&H3 my hand&H0 is unworthy

<lb n=P108.21>your acceptance, or that&H3 the establishment I can

<lb n=P108.22>offer&H1 would be any other than highly desirable. My

<lb n=P108.23>situation in&H4 life, my connections with the family of

<lb n=P108.24><name who=PPZI>De&sp;Bourgh</name>, and my relationship to&H4 your own&H2;, are circumstances

<lb n=P108.25>highly in&H4 my favour&H0;; and you should take

<lb n=P108.26>it into farther consideration that&H3 in&H4 spite&H8 of your manifold

<lb n=P108.27>attractions, it is by&H4 no&H2 means&H0 certain that&H3 another offer&H0;

<lb n=P108.28>of marriage may&H1 ever be made you. Your portion is

<lb n=P108.29>unhappily so&H51 small that&H3 it will&H1 in&H4 all likelihood undo the

<lb n=P108.30>effects of your loveliness and amiable qualifications. As

<lb n=P108.31>I must therefore conclude that&H3 you are not serious&H2 in&H4 your

<lb n=P108.32>rejection of me, I shall chuse to&H9 attribute it to&H4 your wish&H0;

<lb n=P108.33>of increasing my love&H0 by&H4 suspense, according to&H4 the usual

<lb n=P108.34>practice&H0 of elegant females.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P108.35>&dq;I do assure you, Sir, that&H3 I have no&H2 pretension

<lb n=P108.36>whatever to&H4 that&H62 kind&H0 of elegance which&H61 consists in&H4;

<lb n=P108.37>tormenting a respectable man. I would rather be paid<pb n=P109>

<lb n=P109.1>the compliment&H0 of being&H1 believed sincere. I thank you

<lb n=P109.2>again and again for&H4 the honour&H0 you have done me in&H4;

<lb n=P109.3>your proposals, but to&H9 accept them is absolutely impossible.

<lb n=P109.4>My feelings in&H4 every respect&H0 forbid it. Can

<lb n=P109.5>I speak plainer? Do not consider me now as an elegant

<lb n=P109.6>female&H0 intending to&H9 plague you, but as a rational creature

<lb n=P109.7>speaking the truth from her heart.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPK>

<lb n=P109.9>&dq;You are uniformly charming!&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried he, with an air

<lb n=P109.10>of awkward gallantry;</q><q who=PPK>&dq;and I am persuaded that&H3 when

<lb n=P109.11>sanctioned by&H4 the express&H2 authority of both your excellent

<lb n=P109.12>parents, my proposals will&H1 not fail of being&H1 acceptable.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P109.13>To&H4 such perseverance in&H4 wilful self-deception <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P109.14>would make&H1 no&H2 reply&H0;, and immediately and in&H4 silence&H0;

<lb n=P109.15>withdrew; determined, if he persisted in&H4 considering her

<lb n=P109.16>repeated refusals as flattering encouragement, to&H9 apply

<lb n=P109.17>to&H4 her father, whose&H61 negative might be uttered in&H4 such

<lb n=P109.18>a manner as must be decisive, and whose&H61 behaviour

<lb n=P109.19>at least could not be mistaken for&H4 the affectation and

<lb n=P109.20>coquetry of an elegant female&H0;.</q></p></div2>

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<lb n=P110.1><q who=pp0><name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> was not left long to&H4 the silent contemplation

<lb n=P110.2>of his successful love&H0;; for&H3 <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>, having dawdled

<lb n=P110.3>about&H5 in&H4 the vestibule to&H9 watch&H1 for&H4 the end&H0 of the conference,

<lb n=P110.4>no&H2 sooner saw <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> open&H1 the door and with

<lb n=P110.5>quick&H2 step&H0 pass&H1 her towards the staircase, than she entered

<lb n=P110.6>the breakfast-room, and congratulated both him and herself

<lb n=P110.7>in&H4 warm&H2 terms on&H4 the happy prospect of their nearer

<lb n=P110.8>connection. <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> received and returned these

<lb n=P110.9>felicitations with equal&H2 pleasure, and then proceeded to&H9;

<lb n=P110.10>relate the particulars of their interview, with the result&H0;

<lb n=P110.11>of which&H61 he trusted he had every reason&H0 to&H9 be satisfied,

<lb n=P110.12>since the refusal which&H61 his cousin had stedfastly given

<lb n=P110.13>him would naturally flow&H1 from her bashful modesty and

<lb n=P110.14>the genuine delicacy of her character.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P110.15><q who=pp0>This information, however, startled <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet;</name> &dash;

<lb n=P110.16>she would have been glad to&H9 be equally satisfied that&H3 her

<lb n=P110.17>daughter had meant to&H9 encourage him by&H4 protesting

<lb n=P110.18>against his proposals, but she dared not to&H9 believe it, and

<lb n=P110.19>could not help&H1 saying so&H52;.</q><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P110.20>&dq;But depend upon&H4 it, <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>she added,</q><q who=PPD>&dq;that&H3;

<lb n=P110.21><name who=PPA>Lizzy</name> shall be brought to&H4 reason&H0;. I will&H1 speak to&H4 her

<lb n=P110.22>about&H4 it myself directly. She is a very headstrong foolish

<lb n=P110.23>girl, and does not know her own&H2 interest&H0;; but I will&H1;

<lb n=P110.24><hi r=Italic>make&H1;</hi> her know it.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPK>

<lb n=P110.25>&dq;Pardon&H1 me for&H4 interrupting you, Madam,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried

<lb n=P110.26><name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins;</name></q><q who=PPK>&dq;but if she is really headstrong and foolish,

<lb n=P110.27>I know not whether she would altogether be a very

<lb n=P110.28>desirable wife to&H4 a man in&H4 my situation, who&H61 naturally

<lb n=P110.29>looks&H1 for&H4 happiness in&H4 the marriage state&H0;. If therefore

<lb n=P110.30>she actually persists in&H4 rejecting my suit&H0;, perhaps it were

<lb n=P110.31>better not to&H9 force&H1 her into accepting me, because if liable

<lb n=P110.32>to&H4 such defects of temper, she could not contribute much

<lb n=P110.33>to&H4 my felicity.&dq;<pb n=P111></q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P111.1>&dq;Sir, you quite misunderstand me,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>,

<lb n=P111.2>alarmed.</q><q who=PPD>&dq;<name who=PPA>Lizzy</name> is only headstrong in&H4 such matters as

<lb n=P111.3>these. In&H4 every&sp;thing else she is as good&sp;natured a girl

<lb n=P111.4>as ever lived. I will&H1 go directly to&H4 <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name>, and we

<lb n=P111.5>shall very soon settle it with her, I am sure.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P111.6>She would not give him time to&H9 reply&H1;, but hurrying

<lb n=P111.7>instantly to&H4 her husband, called out&H5 as she entered the

<lb n=P111.8>library,</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P111.9>&dq;Oh! <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name>, you are wanted immediately; we

<lb n=P111.10>are all in&H4 an uproar. You must come and make&H1 <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>

<lb n=P111.11>marry <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>, for&H3 she vows she will&H1 not have him,

<lb n=P111.12>and if you do not make&H1 haste he will&H1 change&H1 his mind&H0 and

<lb n=P111.13>not have <hi r=Italic>her</hi>.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P111.14><name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name> raised his eyes from his book as she entered,

<lb n=P111.15>and fixed them on&H4 her face&H0 with a calm&H2 unconcern which&H61;

<lb n=P111.16>was not in&H4 the least altered by&H4 her communication.</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P111.17>&dq;I have not the pleasure of understanding you,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said

<lb n=P111.19>he, when she had finished her speech.</q><q who=PPC>&dq;Of what are youtalking?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P111.20>&dq;Of <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> and <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>. <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name> declares she will&H1 not

<lb n=P111.21>have <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>, and <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> begins to&H9 say that&H3 he

<lb n=P111.22>will&H1 not have <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P111.23>&dq;And what am I to&H9 do on&H4 the occasion&H0;? &dash; It seems an

<lb n=P111.24>hopeless business.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P111.25>&dq;Speak to&H4 <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name> about&H4 it yourself. Tell her that&H3 you

<lb n=P111.26>insist upon&H4 her marrying him.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P111.27>&dq;Let her be called down&H5;. She shall hear my opinion.&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P111.28><name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> rang the bell, and <name who=PPA>Miss&sp;Elizabeth</name> was

<lb n=P111.29>summoned to&H4 the library.</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P111.30>&dq;Come here, child,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried her father as she appeared.</q><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P111.31>&dq;I have sent for&H4 you on&H4 an affair of importance. I understand

<lb n=P111.32>that&H3 <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> has made you an offer&H0 of marriage.

<lb n=P111.33>Is it true?&dq;</q><q who=PP0><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> replied that&H3 it was.</q><q who=PPC>&dq;Very well&H5 &dash;

<lb n=P111.34>and this offer&H0 of marriage you have refused?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P111.35>&dq;I have, Sir.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P111.36>&dq;Very well&H5;. We now come to&H4 the point&H0;. Your mother

<lb n=P111.37>insists upon&H4 your accepting it. Is not it so&H52;, <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P111.38>&dq;Yes, or I will&H1 never see her again.&dq;<pb n=P112></q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P112.1>&dq;An unhappy alternative is before&H4 you, <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>.

<lb n=P112.2>From this day you must be a stranger&H0 to&H4 one of your

<lb n=P112.3>parents. &dash; Your mother will&H1 never see you again if you

<lb n=P112.4>do <hi r=Italic>not</hi> marry <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>, and I will&H1 never see you again

<lb n=P112.5>if you <hi r=Italic>do</hi>.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P112.6><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> could not but smile&H1 at such a conclusion of

<lb n=P112.7>such a beginning; but <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>, who&H61 had persuaded

<lb n=P112.8>herself that&H3 her husband regarded the affair as she wished,

<lb n=P112.9>was excessively disappointed.</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P112.10>&dq;What do you mean&H1;, <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name>, by&H4 talking in&H4 this

<lb n=P112.11>way? You promised me to&H9 <hi r=Italic>insist</hi> upon&H4 her marrying him.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P112.12>&dq;My dear&H21;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied her husband,</q><q who=PPC>&dq;I have two small

<lb n=P112.13>favours to&H9 request&H1;. First, that&H3 you will&H1 allow me the free

<lb n=P112.14>use&H0 of my understanding on&H4 the present&H2 occasion&H0;; and

<lb n=P112.15>secondly, of my room. I shall be glad to&H9 have the library

<lb n=P112.16>to&H4 myself as soon as may&H1 be.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P112.17>Not yet, however, in&H4 spite&H8 of her disappointment in&H4 her

<lb n=P112.18>husband, did <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> give up&H5 the point&H0;. She talked

<lb n=P112.19>to&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> again and again; coaxed and threatened her

<lb n=P112.20>by&H4 turns&H0;. She endeavoured to&H9 secure&H1 <name who=PPE>Jane</name> in&H4 her interest&H0;,

<lb n=P112.21>but <name who=PPE>Jane</name> with all possible mildness declined interfering; &dash;

<lb n=P112.22>and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> sometimes with real earnestness and sometimes

<lb n=P112.23>with playful gaiety replied to&H4 her attacks. Though

<lb n=P112.24>her manner varied however, her determination never did.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P112.25><name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>, meanwhile, was meditating in&H4 solitude on&H4;

<lb n=P112.26>what had passed. He thought&H1 too&H51 well&H5 of himself to&H9 comprehend

<lb n=P112.27>on&H4 what motive his cousin could refuse him; and

<lb n=P112.28>though his pride was hurt, he suffered in&H4 no&H2 other way.

<lb n=P112.29>His regard&H0 for&H4 her was quite imaginary; and the possibility

<lb n=P112.30>of her deserving her mother's reproach&H0 prevented his

<lb n=P112.31>feeling any regret&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P112.32>While&H3 the family were in&H4 this confusion, <name who=PPQ>Charlotte&sp;Lucas</name>

<lb n=P112.33>came to&H9 spend the day with them. She was met

<lb n=P112.34>in&H4 the vestibule by&H4 <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>, who&H61;, flying to&H4 her, cried in&H4 a

<lb n=P112.35>half whisper&H0;,</q><q who=PPH>&dq;I am glad you are come, for&H3 there is such

<lb n=P112.36>fun here! &dash; What do you think has happened this morning?

<lb n=P112.37>&dash; <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> has made an offer&H0 to&H4 <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>, and she will&H1;

<lb n=P112.38>not have him.&dq;<pb n=P113></q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P113.1><name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name> had hardly time to&H9 answer&H1;, before&H3 they were

<lb n=P113.2>joined by&H4 <name who=PPG>Kitty</name>, who&H61 came to&H9 tell the same news, and no&H2;

<lb n=P113.3>sooner had they entered the breakfast-room, where <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>

<lb n=P113.4>was alone, than she likewise began on&H4 the subject&H0;,

<lb n=P113.5>calling on&H4 <name who=PPQ>Miss&sp;Lucas</name> for&H4 her compassion, and entreating

<lb n=P113.6>her to&H9 persuade her friend <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name> to&H9 comply with the wishes&H0;

<lb n=P113.7>of all her family.</q><q who=PPD>&dq;Pray do, my dear&H21 <name who=PPQ>Miss&sp;Lucas</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>she

<lb n=P113.8>added in&H4 a melancholy&H2 tone,</q><q who=PPD>&dq;for&H3 nobody is on&H4 my side&H0;,

<lb n=P113.9>nobody takes part&H0 with me, I am cruelly used, nobody

<lb n=P113.10>feels for&H4 my poor nerves.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P113.11><name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name>'s reply&H0 was spared by&H4 the entrance of <name who=PPE>Jane</name>

<lb n=P113.12>and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>.</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P113.13>&dq;Aye, there she comes,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>continued <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>,</q><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P113.14>&dq;looking as unconcerned as may&H1 be, and caring no&H2 more

<lb n=P113.15>for&H4 us than if we were at York, provided she can have

<lb n=P113.16>her own&H2 way. &dash; But I tell you what, <name who=PPA>Miss&sp;Lizzy</name>, if you

<lb n=P113.17>take it into your head&H0 to&H9 go on&H5 refusing every offer&H0 of

<lb n=P113.18>marriage in&H4 this way, you will&H1 never get a husband at

<lb n=P113.19>all &dash; and I am sure I do not know who&H61 is to&H9 maintain you

<lb n=P113.20>when your father is dead. &dash; <hi r=Italic>I</hi> shall not be able to&H9 keep

<lb n=P113.21>you &dash; and so&H3 I warn you. &dash; I have done with you from

<lb n=P113.22>this very day. &dash; I told you in&H4 the library, you know, that&H3;

<lb n=P113.23>I should never speak to&H4 you again, and you will&H1 find me

<lb n=P113.24>as good as my word. I have no&H2 pleasure in&H4 talking to&H4;

<lb n=P113.25>undutiful children. &dash; Not that&H3 I have much pleasure indeed

<lb n=P113.26>in&H4 talking to&H4 any&sp;body. People who&H61 suffer as I do from

<lb n=P113.27>nervous complaints can have no&H2 great inclination for&H4;

<lb n=P113.28>talking. Nobody can tell what I suffer! &dash; But it is always

<lb n=P113.29>so&H52;. Those who&H61 do not complain are never pitied.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P113.30>Her daughters listened in&H4 silence&H0 to&H4 this effusion, sensible&H21;

<lb n=P113.31>that&H3 any attempt&H0 to&H9 reason&H1 with or sooth her would only

<lb n=P113.32>increase&H1 the irritation. She talked on&H5;, therefore, without

<lb n=P113.33>interruption from any of them till they were joined by&H4;

<lb n=P113.34><name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>, who&H61 entered with an air more stately than

<lb n=P113.35>usual, and on&H4 perceiving whom&H61;, she said to&H4 the the girls,</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P113.36>&dq;Now, I do insist upon&H4 it, that&H3 you, all of you, hold&H1;

<lb n=P113.37>your tongues, and let <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> and me have a little

<lb n=P113.38>conversation together.&dq;<pb n=P114></q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P114.1><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> passed quietly out&H5 of the room, <name who=PPE>Jane</name> and

<lb n=P114.2><name who=PPG>Kitty</name> followed, but <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> stood her ground, determined

<lb n=P114.3>to&H9 hear all she could; and <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name>, detained first by&H4;

<lb n=P114.4>the civility of <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>, whose&H61 inquiries after&H4 herself

<lb n=P114.5>and all her family were very minute&H2;, and then by&H4 a little

<lb n=P114.6>curiosity, satisfied herself with walking to&H4 the window and

<lb n=P114.7>pretending not to&H9 hear. In&H4 a doleful voice <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>

<lb n=P114.8>thus began the projected conversation. &dash;</q><q who=PPD>&dq;Oh! <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>!&dq; &dash;

<lb n=P114.9></q></p><p><q who=PPK>

<lb n=P114.10>&dq;My dear&H21 Madam,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied he,</q><q who=PPK>&dq;let us be for&sp;ever

<lb n=P114.11>silent on&H4 this point&H0;. Far be it from me,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>he presently

<lb n=P114.12>continued in&H4 a voice that&H61 marked his displeasure,</q><q who=PPK>&dq;to&H9;

<lb n=P114.13>resent the behaviour of your daughter. Resignation to&H4;

<lb n=P114.14>inevitable evils is the duty of us all; the peculiar duty

<lb n=P114.15>of a young man who&H61 has been so&H51 fortunate as I have been

<lb n=P114.16>in&H4 early preferment; and I trust&H1 I am resigned. Perhaps

<lb n=P114.17>not the less so&H52 from feeling a doubt&H0 of my positive happiness

<lb n=P114.18>had my fair cousin honoured me with her hand&H0;;

<lb n=P114.19>for&H3 I have often observed that&H3 resignation is never so&H51;

<lb n=P114.20>perfect&H2 as when the blessing denied begins to&H9 lose somewhat

<lb n=P114.21>of its value&H0 in&H4 our estimation. You will&H1 not, I hope&H1;,

<lb n=P114.22>consider me as shewing any disrespect to&H4 your family,

<lb n=P114.23>my dear&H21 Madam, by&H4 thus withdrawing my pretensions to&H4;

<lb n=P114.24>your daughter's favour&H0;, without having paid yourself and

<lb n=P114.25><name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name> the compliment&H0 of requesting you to&H9 interpose

<lb n=P114.26>your authority in&H4 my behalf. My conduct&H0 may&H1;

<lb n=P114.27>I fear&H1 be objectionable in&H4 having accepted my dismission

<lb n=P114.28>from your daughter's lips instead of your own&H2;. But we

<lb n=P114.29>are all liable to&H4 error. I have certainly meant well&H5 through&H4;

<lb n=P114.30>the whole&H2 affair. My object&H0 has been to&H9 secure&H1 an amiable

<lb n=P114.31>companion for&H4 myself, with due&H2 consideration for&H4 the

<lb n=P114.32>advantage of all your family, and if my <hi r=Italic>manner</hi> has been

<lb n=P114.33>at all reprehensible, I here beg leave&H0 to&H9 apologise.&dq;</q></p></div2>

<div2 type=chap n=21><p><pb n=P115><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P115.1>The discussion of <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>'s offer&H0 was now nearly at

<lb n=P115.2>an end&H0;, and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> had only to&H9 suffer from the uncomfortable

<lb n=P115.3>feelings necessarily attending it, and occasionally

<lb n=P115.4>from some peevish allusion of her mother. As for&H4 the

<lb n=P115.5>gentleman himself, <hi r=Italic>his</hi> feelings were chiefly expressed, not

<lb n=P115.6>by&H4 embarrassment or dejection, or by&H4 trying to&H9 avoid her,

<lb n=P115.7>but by&H4 stiffness of manner and resentful silence&H0;. He

<lb n=P115.8>scarcely ever spoke to&H4 her, and the assiduous attentions

<lb n=P115.9>which&H61 he had been so&H51 sensible&H21 of himself, were transferred

<lb n=P115.10>for&H4 the rest&H01 of the day to&H4 <name who=PPQ>Miss&sp;Lucas</name>, whose&H61 civility in&H4;

<lb n=P115.11>listening to&H4 him, was a seasonable relief to&H4 them all, and

<lb n=P115.12>especially to&H4 her friend.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P115.13>The morrow produced no&H2 abatement of <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>'s

<lb n=P115.14>ill&sp;humour or ill&sp;health. <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> was also in&H4 the

<lb n=P115.15>same state&H0 of angry pride. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> had hoped that&H3 his

<lb n=P115.16>resentment might shorten his visit&H0;, but his plan did not

<lb n=P115.17>appear in&H4 the least affected by&H4 it. He was always to&H9 have

<lb n=P115.18>gone on&H4 Saturday, and to&H4 Saturday he still&H5 meant to&H9 stay&H1;.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P115.19>After&H4 breakfast&H0;, the girls walked to&H4 Meryton to&H9 inquire

<lb n=P115.20>if <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name> were returned, and to&H9 lament over his

<lb n=P115.21>absence from the Netherfield ball&H02;. He joined them on&H4;

<lb n=P115.22>their entering the town and attended them to&H4 their aunt's,

<lb n=P115.23>where his regret&H0 and vexation, and the concern&H0 of every&sp;body

<lb n=P115.24>was well&H5 talked over. &dash; To&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, however, he

<lb n=P115.25>voluntarily acknowledged that&H3 the necessity of his absence

<lb n=P115.26><hi r=Italic>had</hi> been self&sp;imposed.</q></p><p><q who=PPP>

<lb n=P115.27>&dq;I found,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said he,</q><q who=PPP>&dq;as the time drew near&H5;, that&H3 I had

<lb n=P115.28>better not meet&H1 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy;</name> &dash; that&H3 to&H9 be in&H4 the same

<lb n=P115.29>room, the same party with him for&H4 so&H51 many hours together,

<lb n=P115.30>might be more than I could bear&H1;, and that&H3 scenes might

<lb n=P115.31>arise unpleasant to&H4 more than myself.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P115.32>She highly approved his forbearance, and they had

<lb n=P115.33>leisure for&H4 a full discussion of it, and for&H4 all the commendation<pb n=P116>

<lb n=P116.1>which&H61 they civilly bestowed on&H4 each other,

<lb n=P116.2>as <name who=PPP>Wickham</name> and another officer walked back&H5 with them

<lb n=P116.3>to&H4 Longbourn, and during the walk&H0;, he particularly

<lb n=P116.4>attended to&H4 her. His accompanying them was a double&H2;

<lb n=P116.5>advantage; she felt all the compliment&H0 it offered to&H4;

<lb n=P116.6>herself, and it was most acceptable as an occasion&H0 of

<lb n=P116.7>introducing him to&H4 her father and mother.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P116.8>Soon after&H4 their return&H0;, a letter was delivered to&H4 <name who=PPE>Miss&sp;Bennet;</name>

<lb n=P116.9>it came from Netherfield, and was opened

<lb n=P116.10>immediately. The envelope contained a sheet of elegant,

<lb n=P116.11>little, hot&sp;pressed paper, well&H5 covered with a lady's fair,

<lb n=P116.12>flowing hand&H0;; and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> saw her sister's countenance

<lb n=P116.13>change&H1 as she read it, and saw her dwelling intently on&H4;

<lb n=P116.14>some particular passages. <name who=PPE>Jane</name> recollected herself soon,

<lb n=P116.15>and putting the letter away, tried to&H9 join with her usual

<lb n=P116.16>cheerfulness in&H4 the general&H2 conversation; but <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P116.17>felt an anxiety on&H4 the subject&H0 which&H61 drew off her attention

<lb n=P116.18>even&H5 from <name who=PPP>Wickham;</name> and no&H2 sooner had he and his

<lb n=P116.19>companion taken leave&H0;, than a glance&H0 from <name who=PPE>Jane</name> invited

<lb n=P116.20>her to&H9 follow her up&sp;stairs. When they had gained their

<lb n=P116.21>own&H2 room, <name who=PPE>Jane</name> taking out&H5 the letter, said,</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P116.22>&dq;This is from <name who=PPJ>Caroline&sp;Bingley;</name> what it contains, has

<lb n=P116.23>surprised me a good deal&H0;. The whole&H2 party have left

<lb n=P116.24>Netherfield by&H4 this time, and are on&H4 their way to&H4 town;

<lb n=P116.25>and without any intention of coming back&H5 again. You

<lb n=P116.26>shall hear what she says.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P116.27>She then read the first sentence aloud, which&H61 comprised

<lb n=P116.28>the information of their having just&H5 resolved to&H9 follow

<lb n=P116.29>their brother to&H4 town directly, and of their meaning to&H9;

<lb n=P116.30>dine that&H62 day in&H4 Grosvenor&sp;street, where <name who=PPW>Mr&point;&sp;Hurst</name> had

<lb n=P116.31>a house. The next was in&H4 these words.</q><q who=PPJ>&dq;I do not pretend

<lb n=P116.32>to&H9 regret&H1 any&sp;thing I shall leave&H1 in&H4 Hertfordshire, except

<lb n=P116.33>your society, my dearest friend; but we will&H1 hope&H1 at

<lb n=P116.34>some future period, to&H9 enjoy many returns&H0 of the delightful

<lb n=P116.35>intercourse we have known, and in&H4 the mean&sp;while may&H1;

<lb n=P116.36>lessen the pain&H0 of separation by&H4 a very frequent and most

<lb n=P116.37>unreserved correspondence. I depend on&H4 you for&H4 that&H62;.&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P116.38>To&H4 these high&sp;flown expressions, <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> listened with all<pb n=P117>

<lb n=P117.1>the insensibility of distrust&H0;; and though the suddenness

<lb n=P117.2>of their removal surprised her, she saw nothing in&H4 it really

<lb n=P117.3>to&H9 lament; it was not to&H9 be supposed that&H3 their absence

<lb n=P117.4>from Netherfield would prevent <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>'s being&H1 there;

<lb n=P117.5>and as to&H4 the loss of their society, she was persuaded that&H3;

<lb n=P117.6><name who=PPE>Jane</name> must soon cease to&H9 regard&H1 it, in&H4 the enjoyment of his.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P117.7>&dq;It is unlucky,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said she, after&H4 a short pause&H0;,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;that&H3;

<lb n=P117.8>you should not be able to&H9 see your friends before&H3 they

<lb n=P117.9>leave&H1 the country. But may&H1 we not hope&H1 that&H3 the period

<lb n=P117.10>of future happiness to&H4 which&H61 <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name> looks&H1 forward&H5;,

<lb n=P117.11>may&H1 arrive earlier than she is aware, and that&H3 the delightful

<lb n=P117.12>intercourse you have known as friends, will&H1 be renewed

<lb n=P117.13>with yet greater satisfaction as sisters? &dash; <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> will&H1;

<lb n=P117.14>not be detained in&H4 London by&H4 them.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P117.15>&dq;<name who=PPJ>Caroline</name> decidedly says that&H3 none of the party will&H1;

<lb n=P117.16>return&H1 into Hertfordshire this winter. I will&H1 read it to&H4;

<lb n=P117.17>you &dash;</q></p><p><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P117.18>&dq;When my brother left us yesterday, he imagined

<lb n=P117.19>that&H3 the business which&H61 took him to&H4 London, might be

<lb n=P117.20>concluded in&H4 three or four days, but as we are certain

<lb n=P117.21>it cannot be so&H52;, and at the same time convinced that&H3;

<lb n=P117.22>when <name who=PPI>Charles</name> gets to&H4 town, he will&H1 be in&H4 no&H2 hurry&H0 to&H9 leave&H1;

<lb n=P117.23>it again, we have determined on&H4 following him thither,

<lb n=P117.24>that&H3 he may&H1 not be obliged to&H9 spend his vacant hours in&H4;

<lb n=P117.25>a comfortless hotel. Many of my acquaintance are already

<lb n=P117.26>there for&H4 the winter; I wish&H1 I could hear that&H3 you, my

<lb n=P117.27>dearest friend, had any intention of making one in&H4 the

<lb n=P117.28>croud, but of that&H62 I despair&H1;. I sincerely hope&H1 your Christmas

<lb n=P117.29>in&H4 Hertfordshire may&H1 abound in&H4 the gaieties which&H61;

<lb n=P117.30>that&H62 season generally brings, and that&H3 your beaux will&H1 be

<lb n=P117.31>so&H51 numerous as to&H9 prevent your feeling the loss of the three,

<lb n=P117.32>of whom&H61 we shall deprive you.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P117.33>&dq;It is evident by&H4 this,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>added <name who=PPE>Jane</name>,</q><q who=PPE>&dq;that&H3 he comes

<lb n=P117.34>back&H5 no&H2 more this winter.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P117.35>&dq;It is only evident that&H3 <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name> does not mean&H1;

<lb n=P117.36>he <hi r=Italic>should</hi>.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P117.37>&dq;Why will&H1 you think so&H52;? It must be his own&H2 doing. &dash;

<lb n=P117.38>He is his own&H2 master. But you do not know <hi r=Italic>all</hi>. I <hi r=Italic>will&H1;</hi><pb n=P118>

<lb n=P118.1>read you the passage which&H61 particularly hurts me. I will&H1;

<lb n=P118.2>have no&H2 reserves from <hi r=Italic>you</hi>.&dq;</q><q who=PPJ>&dq;<name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> is impatient

<lb n=P118.3>to&H9 see his sister, and to&H9 confess the truth, <hi r=Italic>we</hi> are

<lb n=P118.4>scarcely less eager to&H9 meet&H1 her again. I really do

<lb n=P118.5>not think <name who=PPZG>Georgiana&sp;Darcy</name> has her equal&H0 for&H4 beauty,

<lb n=P118.6>elegance, and accomplishments; and the affection she

<lb n=P118.7>inspires in&H4 <name who=PPV>Louisa</name> and myself, is heightened into something

<lb n=P118.8>still&H5 more interesting, from the hope&H0 we dare&H11 to&H9;

<lb n=P118.9>entertain of her being&H1 hereafter our sister. I do not

<lb n=P118.10>know whether I ever before&H5 mentioned to&H4 you my

<lb n=P118.11>feelings on&H4 this subject&H0;, but I will&H1 not leave&H1 the country

<lb n=P118.12>without confiding them, and I trust&H1 you will&H1 not esteem&H1;

<lb n=P118.13>them unreasonable. My brother admires her greatly

<lb n=P118.14>already, he will&H1 have frequent opportunity now of seeing

<lb n=P118.15>her on&H4 the most intimate&H2 footing, her relations all wish&H1;

<lb n=P118.16>the connection as much as his own&H2;, and a sister's partiality

<lb n=P118.17>is not misleading me, I think, when I call&H1 <name who=PPI>Charles</name> most

<lb n=P118.18>capable of engaging any woman's heart. With all these

<lb n=P118.19>circumstances to&H9 favour&H1 an attachment and nothing to&H9 prevent

<lb n=P118.20>it, am I wrong, my dearest <name who=PPE>Jane</name>, in&H4 indulging the hope&H0;

<lb n=P118.21>of an event which&H61 will&H1 secure&H1 the happiness of so&H51 many?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P118.22>&dq;What think you of <hi r=Italic>this</hi> sentence, my dear&H21 <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>?&dq; &dash;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P118.23>said <name who=PPE>Jane</name> as she finished it.</q><q who=PPE>&dq;Is it not clear&H2 enough? &dash;

<lb n=P118.24>Does it not expressly declare that&H3 <name who=PPJ>Caroline</name> neither expects

<lb n=P118.25>nor wishes&H1 me to&H9 be her sister; that&H3 she is perfectly convinced

<lb n=P118.26>of her brother's indifference, and that&H3 if she suspects

<lb n=P118.27>the nature of my feelings for&H4 him, she means&H1 (most kindly!)

<lb n=P118.28>to&H9 put me on&H4 my guard&H0;? Can there be any other opinion

<lb n=P118.29>on&H4 the subject&H0;?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P118.30>&dq;Yes, there can; for&H3 mine&H6 is totally different. &dash; Will&H1;

<lb n=P118.31>you hear it?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P118.32>&dq;Most willingly.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P118.33>&dq;You shall have it in&H4 few words. <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name> sees

<lb n=P118.34>that&H3 her brother is in&H4 love&H0 with you, and wants&H1 him to&H9;

<lb n=P118.35>marry <name who=PPZG>Miss&sp;Darcy</name>. She follows him to&H4 town in&H4 the hope&H0;

<lb n=P118.36>of keeping him there, and tries to&H9 persuade you that&H3 he

<lb n=P118.37>does not care&H1 about&H4 you.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P118.38><name who=PPE>Jane</name> shook her head&H0;.<pb n=P119></q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P119.1>&dq;Indeed, <name who=PPE>Jane</name>, you ought to&H9 believe me. &dash; No&sp;one who&H61;

<lb n=P119.2>has ever seen you together, can doubt&H1 his affection. <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name>

<lb n=P119.3>I am sure cannot. She is not such a simpleton.

<lb n=P119.4>Could she have seen half as much love&H0 in&H4 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> for&H4;

<lb n=P119.5>herself, she would have ordered her wedding&sp;clothes. But

<lb n=P119.6>the case is this. We are not rich enough, or grand enough

<lb n=P119.7>for&H4 them; and she is the more anxious to&H9 get <name who=PPZG>Miss&sp;Darcy</name>

<lb n=P119.8>for&H4 her brother, from the notion that&H3 when there has been

<lb n=P119.9><hi r=Italic>one</hi> intermarriage, she may&H1 have less trouble&H0 in&H4 achieving

<lb n=P119.10>a second&H2;; in&H4 which&H61 there is certainly some ingenuity, and

<lb n=P119.11>I dare&H12 say it would succeed, if <name who=PPZJ>Miss&sp;de&sp;Bourgh</name> were out&H5;

<lb n=P119.12>of the way. But, my dearest <name who=PPE>Jane</name>, you cannot seriously

<lb n=P119.13>imagine that&H3 because <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name> tells you her brother

<lb n=P119.14>greatly admires <name who=PPZG>Miss&sp;Darcy</name>, he is in&H4 the smallest degree

<lb n=P119.15>less sensible&H21 of <hi r=Italic>your</hi> merit&H0 than when he took leave&H0 of you

<lb n=P119.16>on&H4 Tuesday, or that&H3 it will&H1 be in&H4 her power to&H9 persuade

<lb n=P119.17>him that&H3 instead of being&H1 in&H4 love&H0 with you, he is very

<lb n=P119.18>much in&H4 love&H0 with her friend.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P119.19>&dq;If we thought&H1 alike of <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied <name who=PPE>Jane</name>,</q><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P119.20>&dq;your representation of all this, might make&H1 me quite

<lb n=P119.21>easy. But I know the foundation is unjust. <name who=PPJ>Caroline</name> is

<lb n=P119.22>incapable of wilfully deceiving any&sp;one; and all that&H61;

<lb n=P119.23>I can hope&H1 in&H4 this case is, that&H3 she is deceived herself.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P119.24>&dq;That&H62 is right&H21;. &dash; You could not have started a more

<lb n=P119.25>happy idea, since you will&H1 not take comfort&H0 in&H4 mine&H6;.

<lb n=P119.26>Believe her to&H9 be deceived by&H4 all means&H0;. You have now

<lb n=P119.27>done your duty by&H4 her, and must fret no&H2 longer.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P119.28>&dq;But, my dear&H21 sister, can I be happy, even&H5 supposing

<lb n=P119.29>the best, in&H4 accepting a man whose&H61 sisters and friends are

<lb n=P119.30>all wishing him to&H9 marry elsewhere?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P119.31>&dq;You must decide for&H4 yourself,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;and

<lb n=P119.32>if upon&H4 mature deliberation, you find that&H3 the misery of

<lb n=P119.33>disobliging his two sisters is more than equivalent to&H4 the

<lb n=P119.34>happiness of being&H1 his wife, I advise you by&H4 all means&H0;

<lb n=P119.35>to&H9 refuse him.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P119.36>&dq;How can you talk&H1 so&H52;?&dq; &dash;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPE>Jane</name> faintly smiling, &dash;</q><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P119.37>&dq;You must know that&H3 though I should be exceedingly

<lb n=P119.38>grieved at their disapprobation, I could not hesitate.&dq;<pb n=P120></q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P120.1>&dq;I did not think you would; &dash; and that&H62 being&H1 the case,

<lb n=P120.2>I cannot consider your situation with much compassion.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P120.3>&dq;But if he returns&H1 no&H2 more this winter, my choice&H0 will&H1;

<lb n=P120.4>never be required. A thousand things may&H1 arise in&H4 six

<lb n=P120.5>months!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P120.6>The idea of his returning no&H2 more <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> treated

<lb n=P120.7>with the utmost contempt. It appeared to&H4 her merely the

<lb n=P120.8>suggestion of <name who=PPJ>Caroline</name>'s interested wishes&H0;, and she could

<lb n=P120.9>not for&H4 a moment suppose that&H3 those wishes&H0;, however

<lb n=P120.10>openly or artfully spoken, could influence&H1 a young man so&H51;

<lb n=P120.11>totally independent of every&sp;one.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P120.12>She represented to&H4 her sister as forcibly as possible

<lb n=P120.13>what she felt on&H4 the subject&H0;, and had soon the pleasure

<lb n=P120.14>of seeing its happy effect&H0;. <name who=PPE>Jane</name>'s temper was not desponding,

<lb n=P120.15>and she was gradually led to&H9 hope&H1;, though the

<lb n=P120.16>diffidence of affection sometimes overcame the hope&H0;, that&H3;

<lb n=P120.17><name who=PPI>Bingley</name> would return&H1 to&H4 Netherfield and answer&H1 every wish&H0;

<lb n=P120.18>of her heart.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P120.19>They agreed that&H3 <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> should only hear of the

<lb n=P120.20>departure of the family, without being&H1 alarmed on&H4;

<lb n=P120.21>the score of the gentleman's conduct&H0;; but even&H5 this

<lb n=P120.23>partial communication gave her a great deal&H0 of concern&H0;,

<lb n=P120.24>and she bewailed it as</q><q who=PPD type=indirect>exceedingly unlucky that&H3 the ladies

<lb n=P120.25>should happen to&H9 go away, just&H5 as they were all getting

<lb n=P120.26>so&H51 intimate&H2 together.</q><q who=PP0>After&H4 lamenting it however at some

<lb n=P120.27>length, she had the consolation of thinking that&H3;</q><q who=PPD type=indirect><name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>

<lb n=P120.28>would be soon down&H5 again and soon dining at

<lb n=P120.29>Longbourn,</q><q who=PP0>and the conclusion of all was the comfortable

<lb n=P120.30>declaration that&H3;,</q><q who=PPD type=indirect>though he had been invited only to&H4 a

<lb n=P120.31>family dinner, she would take care&H0 to&H9 have two full

<lb n=P120.32>courses.</q></p></div2>

<div2 type=chap n=22><p><pb n=P121><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P121.1>The <name who=PPC1>Bennets</name> were engaged to&H9 dine with the <name who=PPR1>Lucases</name>,

<lb n=P121.2>and again during the chief of the day, was <name who=PPQ>Miss&sp;Lucas</name> so&H51;

<lb n=P121.3>kind&H2 as to&H9 listen to&H4 <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> took an opportunity

<lb n=P121.4>of thanking her.</q><q who=PPA>&dq;It keeps him in&H4 good&sp;humour,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P121.5>said she,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;and I am more obliged to&H4 you than I can

<lb n=P121.6>express&H1;.&dq;</q><q who=PP0><name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name> assured her friend of her satisfaction

<lb n=P121.7>in&H4 being&H1 useful, and that&H3 it amply repaid her for&H4 the little

<lb n=P121.8>sacrifice&H0 of her time. This was very amiable, but <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name>'s

<lb n=P121.9>kindness extended farther than <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> had any

<lb n=P121.10>conception of; &dash; its object&H0 was nothing less, than to&H9 secure&H1;

<lb n=P121.11>her from any return&H0 of <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>'s addresses, by&H4 engaging

<lb n=P121.12>them towards herself. Such was <name who=PPQ>Miss&sp;Lucas</name>'s scheme&H0;;

<lb n=P121.13>and appearances were so&H51 favourable that&H3 when they

<lb n=P121.14>parted at night, she would have felt almost sure of success

<lb n=P121.15>if he had not been to&H9 leave&H1 Hertfordshire so&H51 very soon.

<lb n=P121.16>But here, she did injustice to&H4 the fire&H0 and independence

<lb n=P121.17>of his character, for&H3 it led him to&H9 escape&H1 out&H5 of Longbourn&sp;House

<lb n=P121.18>the next morning with admirable slyness, and

<lb n=P121.19>hasten to&H4 Lucas&sp;Lodge to&H9 throw&H1 himself at her feet. He

<lb n=P121.20>was anxious to&H9 avoid the notice&H0 of his cousins, from

<lb n=P121.21>a conviction that&H3 if they saw him depart, they could not

<lb n=P121.22>fail to&H9 conjecture&H0 his design&H0;, and he was not willing to&H9;

<lb n=P121.23>have the attempt&H0 known till its success could be known

<lb n=P121.24>likewise; for&H3 though feeling almost secure&H2;, and with

<lb n=P121.25>reason&H0;, for&H3 <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name> had been tolerably encouraging, he

<lb n=P121.26>was comparatively diffident since the adventure of Wednesday.

<lb n=P121.27>His reception however was of the most flattering

<lb n=P121.28>kind&H0;. <name who=PPQ>Miss&sp;Lucas</name> perceived him from an upper window

<lb n=P121.29>as he walked towards the house, and instantly set&H1 out&H5;

<lb n=P121.30>to&H9 meet&H1 him accidentally in&H4 the lane. But little had she

<lb n=P121.31>dared to&H9 hope&H1 that&H3 so&H51 much love&H0 and eloquence awaited

<lb n=P121.32>her there.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P121.33>In&H4 as short a time as <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>'s long speeches would<pb n=P122>

<lb n=P122.1>allow, every&sp;thing was settled between them to&H4 the satisfaction

<lb n=P122.2>of both; and as they entered the house, he earnestly

<lb n=P122.3>entreated her to&H9;</q><q who=PPK type=indirect>name&H1 the day that&H61 was to&H9 make&H1 him the

<lb n=P122.4>happiest of men;</q><q who=PP0>and though such a solicitation must be

<lb n=P122.5>waved for&H4 the present&H01;, the lady felt no&H2 inclination to&H9;

<lb n=P122.6>trifle&H1 with his happiness. The stupidity with which&H61 he

<lb n=P122.7>was favoured by&H4 nature, must guard&H1 his courtship from

<lb n=P122.8>any charm&H0 that&H61 could make&H1 a woman wish&H1 for&H4 its continuance;

<lb n=P122.9>and <name who=PPQ>Miss&sp;Lucas</name>, who&H61 accepted him solely from the

<lb n=P122.10>pure and disinterested desire&H0 of an establishment, cared

<lb n=P122.11>not how soon that&H62 establishment were gained.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P122.12><name who=PPR>Sir&sp;William</name> and <name who=PPV>Lady&sp;Lucas</name> were speedily applied to&H4;

<lb n=P122.13>for&H4 their consent&H0;; and it was bestowed with a most

<lb n=P122.14>joyful alacrity. <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>'s present&H2 circumstances made

<lb n=P122.15>it a most eligible match&H0 for&H4 their daughter, to&H4 whom&H61 they

<lb n=P122.16>could give little fortune; and his prospects of future

<lb n=P122.17>wealth were exceedingly fair. <name who=PPV>Lady&sp;Lucas</name> began directly

<lb n=P122.18>to&H9 calculate with more interest&H0 than the matter had ever

<lb n=P122.19>excited before&H5;, how many years longer <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name> was

<lb n=P122.20>likely to&H9 live; and <name who=PPR>Sir&sp;William</name> gave it as his decided

<lb n=P122.21>opinion, that&H3 whenever <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> should be in&H4 possession

<lb n=P122.22>of the Longbourn estate, it would be highly expedient&H2;

<lb n=P122.23>that&H3 both he and his wife should make&H1 their appearance

<lb n=P122.24>at St&point;&sp;James's. The whole&H2 family in&H4 short were properly

<lb n=P122.25>overjoyed on&H4 the occasion&H0;. The younger girls formed

<lb n=P122.26>hopes&H0 of <hi r=Italic>coming</hi> <hi r=Italic>out&H5;</hi> a year or two sooner than they might

<lb n=P122.27>otherwise have done; and the boys were relieved from

<lb n=P122.28>their apprehension of <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name>'s dying an old maid.

<lb n=P122.29><name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name> herself was tolerably composed. She had gained

<lb n=P122.30>her point&H0;, and had time to&H9 consider of it. Her reflections

<lb n=P122.31>were in&H4 general&H0 satisfactory.</q><q who=PPQ type=indirect><name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> to&H9 be sure was

<lb n=P122.32>neither sensible&H22 nor agreeable; his society was irksome,

<lb n=P122.33>and his attachment to&H4 her must be imaginary. But still&H5;

<lb n=P122.34>he would be her husband. &dash;</q><q who=PP0>Without thinking highly either

<lb n=P122.35>of men or of matrimony, marriage had always been her

<lb n=P122.36>object&H0;;</q><q who=PPQ type=indirect>it was the only honourable provision for&H4 well-educated

<lb n=P122.37>young women of small fortune, and however

<lb n=P122.38>uncertain of giving happiness, must be their pleasantest<pb n=P123>

<lb n=P123.1>preservative from want&H0;.</q><q who=PP0>This preservative she had now

<lb n=P123.2>obtained; and at the age of twenty-seven, without having

<lb n=P123.3>ever been handsome, she felt all the good luck of it. The

<lb n=P123.4>least agreeable circumstance in&H4 the business, was the surprise&H0;

<lb n=P123.5>it must occasion&H1 to&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth&sp;Bennet</name>, whose&H61 friendship

<lb n=P123.6>she valued beyond&H4 that&H62 of any other person.</q><q who=PPQ type=indirect><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P123.7>would wonder&H1;, and probably would blame&H1 her;</q><q who=PP0>and though

<lb n=P123.8>her resolution was not to&H9 be shaken, her feelings must be

<lb n=P123.9>hurt by&H4 such disapprobation. She resolved to&H9 give her

<lb n=P123.10>the information herself, and therefore charged <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>

<lb n=P123.11>when he returned to&H4 Longbourn to&H4 dinner, to&H9 drop&H1 no&H2;

<lb n=P123.12>hint&H0 of what had passed before&H4 any of the family. A promise&H0;

<lb n=P123.13>of secrecy was of course&H8 very dutifully given, but it

<lb n=P123.14>could not be kept without difficulty; for&H3 the curiosity

<lb n=P123.15>excited by&H4 his long absence, burst&H1 forth in&H4 such very

<lb n=P123.16>direct&H2 questions on&H4 his return&H0;, as required some ingenuity

<lb n=P123.17>to&H9 evade, and he was at the same time exercising great

<lb n=P123.18>self-denial, for&H3 he was longing to&H9 publish his prosperous love&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P123.19>As he was to&H9 begin his journey too&H51 early on&H4 the morrow

<lb n=P123.20>to&H9 see any of the family, the ceremony of leave-taking

<lb n=P123.21>was performed when the ladies moved for&H4 the night; and

<lb n=P123.22><name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> with great politeness and cordiality said how

<lb n=P123.23>happy they should be to&H9 see him at Longbourn again, whenever

<lb n=P123.24>his other engagements might allow him to&H9 visit&H1 them.</q></p><p><q who=PPK>

<lb n=P123.25>&dq;My dear&H21 Madam,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>he replied,</q><q who=PPK>&dq;this invitation is

<lb n=P123.26>particularly gratifying, because it is what I have been

<lb n=P123.27>hoping to&H9 receive; and you may&H1 be very certain that&H3 I

<lb n=P123.28>shall avail myself of it as soon as possible.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P123.29>They were all astonished; and <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name>, who&H61 could

<lb n=P123.30>by&H4 no&H2 means&H0 wish&H1 for&H4 so&H51 speedy a return&H0;, immediately said,</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P123.31>&dq;But is there not danger of <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name>'s disapprobation

<lb n=P123.32>here, my good sir? &dash; You had better neglect&H1 your

<lb n=P123.33>relations, than run&H1 the risk&H0 of offending your patroness.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPK>

<lb n=P123.34>&dq;My dear&H21 sir,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>,</q><q who=PPK>&dq;I am particularly

<lb n=P123.35>obliged to&H4 you for&H4 this friendly caution&H0;, and you may&H1;

<lb n=P123.36>depend upon&H4 my not taking so&H51 material&H2 a step&H0 without her

<lb n=P123.37>ladyship's concurrence.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P123.38>&dq;You cannot be too&H51 much on&H4 your guard&H0;. Risk&H1;<pb n=P124>

<lb n=P124.1>any&sp;thing rather than her displeasure; and if you find it

<lb n=P124.2>likely to&H9 be raised by&H4 your coming to&H4 us again, which&H61 I

<lb n=P124.3>should think exceedingly probable, stay&H1 quietly at home,

<lb n=P124.4>and be satisfied that&H3 <hi r=Italic>we</hi> shall take no&H2 offence.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPK>

<lb n=P124.5>&dq;Believe me, my dear&H21 sir, my gratitude is warmly

<lb n=P124.6>excited by&H4 such affectionate attention; and depend upon&H4;

<lb n=P124.7>it, you will&H1 speedily receive from me a letter of thanks for&H4;

<lb n=P124.8>this, as well&H5 as for&H4 every other mark&H0 of your regard&H0 during

<lb n=P124.9>my stay&H0 in&H4 Hertfordshire. As for&H4 my fair cousins, though

<lb n=P124.10>my absence may&H1 not be long enough to&H9 render it necessary,

<lb n=P124.11>I shall now take the liberty of wishing them health and

<lb n=P124.12>happiness, not excepting my cousin <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P124.13>With proper civilities the ladies then withdrew; all of

<lb n=P124.14>them equally surprised to&H9 find that&H3 he meditated a quick&H2;

<lb n=P124.15>return&H0;. <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> wished to&H9 understand by&H4 it that&H3 he

<lb n=P124.16>thought&H1 of paying his addresses to&H4 one of her younger

<lb n=P124.17>girls, and <name who=PPF>Mary</name> might have been prevailed on&H5 to&H9 accept

<lb n=P124.18>him. She rated his abilities much higher than any of the

<lb n=P124.19>others;</q><q who=PPF type=indirect>there was a solidity in&H4 his reflections which&H61 often

<lb n=P124.20>struck her, and though by&H4 no&H2 means&H0 so&H51 clever as herself,</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P124.21>she thought&H1 that&H3;</q><q who=PPF type=indirect>if encouraged to&H9 read and improve himself

<lb n=P124.22>by&H4 such an example as her's, he might become a very

<lb n=P124.23>agreeable companion.</q><q who=PP0>But on&H4 the following morning,

<lb n=P124.24>every hope&H0 of this kind&H0 was done away. <name who=PPQ>Miss&sp;Lucas</name> called

<lb n=P124.25>soon after&H4 breakfast&H0;, and in&H4 a private&H2 conference with

<lb n=P124.26><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> related the event of the day before&H5;.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P124.27>The possibility of <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>'s fancying himself in&H4 love&H0;

<lb n=P124.28>with her friend had once occurred to&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> within the

<lb n=P124.29>last&H2 day or two; but that&H3 <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name> could encourage him,

<lb n=P124.30>seemed almost as far from possibility as that&H3 she could

<lb n=P124.31>encourage him herself, and her astonishment was consequently

<lb n=P124.32>so&H51 great as to&H9 overcome at first the bounds of

<lb n=P124.33>decorum, and she could not help&H1 crying out&H5;,</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P124.34>&dq;Engaged to&H4 <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>! my dear&H21 <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name>, &dash;

<lb n=P124.35>impossible!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P124.36>The steady countenance which&H61 <name who=PPQ>Miss&sp;Lucas</name> had commanded

<lb n=P124.37>in&H4 telling her story, gave way to&H4 a momentary

<lb n=P124.38>confusion here on&H4 receiving so&H51 direct&H2 a reproach&H0;; though,<pb n=P125>

<lb n=P125.1>as it was no&H2 more than she expected, she soon regained her

<lb n=P125.2>composure, and calmly replied,</q></p><p><q who=PPQ>

<lb n=P125.3>&dq;Why should you be surprised, my dear&H21 <name who=PPA>Eliza</name>? &dash; Do

<lb n=P125.4>you think it incredible that&H3 <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> should be able to&H9;

<lb n=P125.5>procure any woman's good opinion, because he was not so&H51;

<lb n=P125.6>happy as to&H9 succeed with you?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P125.7>But <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> had now recollected herself, and making a

<lb n=P125.8>strong effort for&H4 it, was able to&H9 assure her with tolerable firmness

<lb n=P125.9>that&H3 the prospect of their relationship was highly grateful

<lb n=P125.10>to&H4 her, and that&H3 she wished her all imaginable happiness.</q></p><p><q who=PPQ>

<lb n=P125.11>&dq;I see what you are feeling,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name>, &dash;</q><q who=PPQ>&dq;you

<lb n=P125.12>must be surprised, very much surprised, &dash; so&H51 lately as

<lb n=P125.13><name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> was wishing to&H9 marry you. But when you

<lb n=P125.14>have had time to&H9 think it all over, I hope&H1 you will&H1 be

<lb n=P125.15>satisfied with what I have done. I am not romantic you

<lb n=P125.16>know. I never was. I ask only a comfortable home;

<lb n=P125.17>and considering <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>'s character, connections, and

<lb n=P125.18>situation in&H4 life, I am convinced that&H3 my chance&H0 of happiness

<lb n=P125.19>with him is as fair, as most people can boast&H1 on&H4;

<lb n=P125.20>entering the marriage state&H0;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P125.21><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> quietly answered</q><q who=PPA>&dq;Undoubtedly;&dq; &dash;</q><q who=PP0>and

<lb n=P125.22>after&H4 an awkward pause&H0;, they returned to&H4 the rest&H01 of the

<lb n=P125.23>family. <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name> did not stay&H1 much longer, and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P125.24>was then left to&H9 reflect on&H4 what she had heard. It was

<lb n=P125.25>a long time before&H3 she became at all reconciled to&H4 the idea

<lb n=P125.26>of so&H51 unsuitable a match&H0;.</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>The strangeness of <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>'s

<lb n=P125.27>making two offers&H0 of marriage within three days, was

<lb n=P125.28>nothing in&H4 comparison of his being&H1 now accepted. She

<lb n=P125.29>had always felt that&H3 <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name>'s opinion of matrimony

<lb n=P125.30>was not exactly like&H4 her own&H2;, but she could not have

<lb n=P125.31>supposed it possible that&H3 when called into action, she

<lb n=P125.32>would have sacrificed every better feeling to&H4 worldly

<lb n=P125.33>advantage. <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name> the wife of <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>, was a most

<lb n=P125.34>humiliating picture&H0;! &dash;</q><q who=PP0>And to&H4 the pang of a friend disgracing

<lb n=P125.35>herself and sunk in&H4 her esteem&H0;, was added the

<lb n=P125.36>distressing conviction that&H3 it was impossible for&H4 that&H62;

<lb n=P125.37>friend to&H9 be tolerably happy in&H4 the lot she had chosen.</q></p></div2>

<div2 type=chap n=23><p><pb n=P126>

<lb n=P126.1><q who=pp0><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was sitting with her mother and sisters,

<lb n=P126.2>reflecting on&H4 what she had heard, and doubting whether

<lb n=P126.3>she were authorised to&H9 mention&H1 it, when <name who=PPR>Sir&sp;William&sp;Lucas</name>

<lb n=P126.4>himself appeared, sent by&H4 his daughter to&H9 announce her

<lb n=P126.5>engagement to&H4 the family. With many compliments to&H4;

<lb n=P126.6>them, and much self-gratulation on&H4 the prospect of a

<lb n=P126.7>connection between the two houses, he unfolded the matter, &dash;

<lb n=P126.8>to&H4 an audience not merely wondering, but incredulous;

<lb n=P126.9>for&H3 <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>, with more perseverance than politeness,

<lb n=P126.10>protested he must be entirely mistaken, and <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>, always

<lb n=P126.11>unguarded and often uncivil, boisterously exclaimed,</q><q who=PPH>

<lb n=P126.12>&dq;Good Lord&H7;! <name who=PPR>Sir&sp;William</name>, how can you tell such

<lb n=P126.13>a story? &dash; Do not you know that&H3 <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> wants&H1 to&H9;

<lb n=P126.14>marry <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P126.15>Nothing less than the complaisance of a courtier could

<lb n=P126.16>have borne without anger&H0 such treatment; but <name who=PPR>Sir&sp;William</name>'s

<lb n=P126.17>good&sp;breeding carried him through&H4 it all; and

<lb n=P126.18>though he begged leave&H0 to&H9 be positive as to&H4 the truth

<lb n=P126.19>of his information, he listened to&H4 all their impertinence

<lb n=P126.20>with the most forbearing courtesy.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P126.21><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, feeling it incumbent on&H4 her to&H9 relieve him

<lb n=P126.22>from so&H51 unpleasant a situation, now put herself forward&H5;

<lb n=P126.23>to&H9 confirm his account&H0;, by&H4 mentioning her prior knowledge

<lb n=P126.24>of it from <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name> herself; and endeavoured to&H9 put

<lb n=P126.25>a stop&H0 to&H4 the exclamations of her mother and sisters, by&H4;

<lb n=P126.26>the earnestness of her congratulations to&H4 <name who=PPR>Sir&sp;William</name>,

<lb n=P126.27>in&H4 which&H61 she was readily joined by&H4 <name who=PPE>Jane</name>, and by&H4 making

<lb n=P126.28>a variety of remarks on&H4 the happiness that&H61 might be

<lb n=P126.29>expected from the match&H0;, the excellent character of

<lb n=P126.30><name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>, and the convenient distance&H0 of Hunsford from

<lb n=P126.31>London.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P126.32><name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> was in&H4 fact too&H51 much overpowered to&H9;

<lb n=P126.33>say a great deal&H0 while&H3 <name who=PPR>Sir&sp;William</name> remained; but no&H2;<pb n=P127>

<lb n=P127.1>sooner had he left them than her feelings found a rapid

<lb n=P127.2>vent.</q><q who=PPD type=indirect>In&H4 the first place&H0;, she persisted in&H4 disbelieving the

<lb n=P127.3>whole&H0 of the matter; secondly, she was very sure that&H3;

<lb n=P127.4><name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> had been taken in&H5;; thirdly, she trusted that&H3;

<lb n=P127.5>they would never be happy together; and fourthly, that&H3;

<lb n=P127.6>the match&H0 might be broken off. Two inferences, however,

<lb n=P127.7>were plainly deduced from the whole&H0;; one, that&H3 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P127.8>was the real cause of all the mischief; and the other, that&H3;

<lb n=P127.9>she herself had been barbarously used by&H4 them all;</q><q who=PP0>and

<lb n=P127.10>on&H4 these two points she principally dwelt during the rest&H01;

<lb n=P127.11>of the day. Nothing could console and nothing appease

<lb n=P127.12>her. &dash; Nor did that&H62 day wear out&H5 her resentment. A week

<lb n=P127.13>elapsed before&H3 she could see <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> without scolding

<lb n=P127.14>her, a month passed away before&H3 she could speak to&H4;

<lb n=P127.15><name who=PPR>Sir&sp;William</name> or <name who=PPV>Lady&sp;Lucas</name> without being&H1 rude, and many

<lb n=P127.16>months were gone before&H3 she could at all forgive their

<lb n=P127.17>daughter.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P127.18><name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name>'s emotions were much more tranquil on&H4 the

<lb n=P127.19>occasion&H0;, and such as he did experience&H1 he pronounced

<lb n=P127.20>to&H9 be of a most agreeable sort; for&H3;</q><q who=PPC type=indirect>it gratified him,</q><q who=PP0>he

<lb n=P127.21>said,</q><q who=PPC type=indirect>to&H9 discover that&H3 <name who=PPQ>Charlotte&sp;Lucas</name>, whom&H61 he had been

<lb n=P127.22>used to&H9 think tolerably sensible&H22;, was as foolish as his wife,

<lb n=P127.23>and more foolish than his daughter!</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P127.24><name who=PPE>Jane</name> confessed herself a little surprised at the match&H0;;

<lb n=P127.25>but she said less of her astonishment than of her earnest

<lb n=P127.26>desire&H0 for&H4 their happiness; nor could <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> persuade

<lb n=P127.27>her to&H9 consider it as improbable. <name who=PPG>Kitty</name> and <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> were

<lb n=P127.28>far from envying <name who=PPQ>Miss&sp;Lucas</name>, for&H3 <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> was only

<lb n=P127.29>a clergyman; and it affected them in&H4 no&H2 other way than

<lb n=P127.30>as a piece of news to&H9 spread at Meryton.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P127.31><name who=PPV>Lady&sp;Lucas</name> could not be insensible of triumph&H0 on&H4 being&H1;

<lb n=P127.32>able to&H9 retort on&H4 <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> the comfort&H0 of having a

<lb n=P127.33>daughter well&H5 married; and she called at Longbourn

<lb n=P127.34>rather oftener than usual to&H9 say how happy she was,

<lb n=P127.35>though <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>'s sour looks&H0 and ill-natured remarks

<lb n=P127.36>might have been enough to&H9 drive&H1 happiness away.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P127.37>Between <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> and <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name> there was a restraint

<lb n=P127.38>which&H61 kept them mutually silent on&H4 the subject&H0;; and<pb n=P128>

<lb n=P128.1><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> felt persuaded that&H3 no&H2 real confidence could

<lb n=P128.2>ever subsist between them again. Her disappointment

<lb n=P128.3>in&H4 <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name> made her turn&H1 with fonder regard&H0 to&H4 her

<lb n=P128.4>sister, of whose&H61 rectitude and delicacy she was sure her

<lb n=P128.5>opinion could never be shaken, and for&H4 whose&H61 happiness

<lb n=P128.6>she grew daily more anxious, as <name who=PPI>Bingley</name> had now been

<lb n=P128.7>gone a week, and nothing was heard of his return&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P128.8><name who=PPE>Jane</name> had sent <name who=PPJ>Caroline</name> an early answer&H0 to&H4 her letter,

<lb n=P128.9>and was counting the days till she might reasonably hope&H1;

<lb n=P128.10>to&H9 hear again. The promised letter of thanks from

<lb n=P128.11><name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> arrived on&H4 Tuesday, addressed to&H4 their father,

<lb n=P128.12>and written with all the solemnity of gratitude which&H61 a

<lb n=P128.13>twelvemonth's abode in&H4 the family might have prompted.

<lb n=P128.14>After&H4 discharging his conscience on&H4 that&H62 head&H0;, he proceeded

<lb n=P128.15>to&H9 inform them, with many rapturous expressions,

<lb n=P128.16>of</q><q who=PPK type=indirect>his happiness in&H4 having obtained the affection of their

<lb n=P128.17>amiable neighbour, <name who=PPQ>Miss&sp;Lucas</name>,</q><q who=PP0>and then explained that&H3;</q><q who=PPK type=indirect>

<lb n=P128.18>it was merely with the view&H0 of enjoying her society that&H3;

<lb n=P128.19>he had been so&H51 ready to&H9 close&H1 with their kind&H2 wish&H0 of

<lb n=P128.20>seeing him again at Longbourn, whither he hoped to&H9 be

<lb n=P128.21>able to&H9 return&H1 on&H4 Monday fortnight; for&H3 <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name>,</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P128.22>he added,</q><q who=PPK type=indirect>so&H51 heartily approved his marriage, that&H3 she

<lb n=P128.23>wished it to&H9 take place&H0 as soon as possible, which&H61 he trusted

<lb n=P128.24>would be an unanswerable argument with his amiable

<lb n=P128.25><name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name> to&H9 name&H1 an early day for&H4 making him the happiest

<lb n=P128.26>of men.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P128.27><name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>'s return&H0 into Hertfordshire was no&H2 longer

<lb n=P128.28>a matter of pleasure to&H4 <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>. On&H4 the contrary

<lb n=P128.29>she was as much disposed to&H9 complain of it as her husband. &dash;</q><q who=PPD type=indirect>

<lb n=P128.30>It was very strange that&H3 he should come to&H4;

<lb n=P128.31>Longbourn instead of to&H4 Lucas&sp;Lodge; it was also very

<lb n=P128.32>inconvenient and exceedingly troublesome. &dash; She hated

<lb n=P128.33>having visitors in&H4 the house while&H3 her health was so&H51;

<lb n=P128.34>indifferent, and lovers were of all people the most disagreeable.</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P128.35>Such were the gentle murmurs of <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>,

<lb n=P128.36>and they gave way only to&H4 the greater distress&H0 of <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>'s

<lb n=P128.37>continued absence.<pb n=P129></q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P129.1>Neither <name who=PPE>Jane</name> nor <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> were comfortable on&H4 this

<lb n=P129.2>subject&H0;. Day after&H4 day passed away without bringing

<lb n=P129.3>any other tidings of him than the report&H0 which&H61 shortly

<lb n=P129.4>prevailed in&H4 Meryton of his coming no&H2 more to&H4 Netherfield

<lb n=P129.5>the whole&H2 winter; a report&H0 which&H61 highly incensed <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>,

<lb n=P129.6>and which&H61 she never failed to&H9 contradict as a most

<lb n=P129.7>scandalous falsehood.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P129.8>Even&H5 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> began to&H9 fear&H1 &dash; not that&H3 <name who=PPI>Bingley</name> was

<lb n=P129.9>indifferent &dash; but that&H3 his sisters would be successful in&H4;

<lb n=P129.10>keeping him away. Unwilling as she was to&H9 admit an

<lb n=P129.11>idea so&H51 destructive of <name who=PPE>Jane</name>'s happiness, and so&H51 dishonourable

<lb n=P129.12>to&H4 the stability of her lover, she could not prevent

<lb n=P129.13>its frequently recurring.</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>The united efforts of his two

<lb n=P129.14>unfeeling sisters and of his overpowering friend, assisted

<lb n=P129.15>by&H4 the attractions of <name who=PPZG>Miss&sp;Darcy</name> and the amusements

<lb n=P129.16>of London, might be too&H51 much,</q><q who=PP0>she feared,</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>for&H4 the strength

<lb n=P129.17>of his attachment.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P129.18>As for&H4 <name who=PPE>Jane</name>, <hi r=Italic>her</hi> anxiety under this suspence was, of

<lb n=P129.19>course&H8;, more painful than <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>'s; but whatever she

<lb n=P129.20>felt she was desirous of concealing, and between herself

<lb n=P129.21>and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, therefore, the subject&H0 was never alluded to&H5;.

<lb n=P129.22>But as no&H2 such delicacy restrained her mother, an hour

<lb n=P129.23>seldom passed in&H4 which&H61 she did not talk&H1 of <name who=PPI>Bingley</name>, express&H1;

<lb n=P129.24>her impatience for&H4 his arrival, or even&H5 require <name who=PPE>Jane</name> to&H9;

<lb n=P129.25>confess that&H3 if he did not come back&H5;, she should think

<lb n=P129.26>herself very ill&sp;used. It needed all <name who=PPE>Jane</name>'s steady mildness

<lb n=P129.27>to&H9 bear&H1 these attacks with tolerable tranquillity.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P129.28><name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> returned most punctually on&H4 the Monday

<lb n=P129.29>fortnight, but his reception at Longbourn was not quite

<lb n=P129.30>so&H51 gracious as it had been on&H4 his first introduction. He

<lb n=P129.31>was too&H51 happy, however, to&H9 need&H1 much attention; and

<lb n=P129.32>luckily for&H4 the others, the business of love-making relieved

<lb n=P129.33>them from a great deal&H0 of his company. The chief of

<lb n=P129.34>every day was spent by&H4 him at Lucas&sp;Lodge, and he

<lb n=P129.35>sometimes returned to&H4 Longbourn only in&H4 time to&H9 make&H1;

<lb n=P129.36>an apology for&H4 his absence before&H3 the family went to&H4 bed.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P129.37><name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> was really in&H4 a most pitiable state&H0;. The

<lb n=P129.38>very mention&H0 of any&sp;thing concerning the match&H0 threw<pb n=P130>

<lb n=P130.1>her into an agony of ill&sp;humour, and wherever she went

<lb n=P130.2>she was sure of hearing it talked of. The sight of <name who=PPQ>Miss&sp;Lucas</name>

<lb n=P130.3>was odious to&H4 her. As her successor in&H4 that&H62 house,

<lb n=P130.4>she regarded her with jealous abhorrence. Whenever

<lb n=P130.5><name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name> came to&H9 see them she concluded her to&H9 be

<lb n=P130.6>anticipating the hour of possession; and whenever she

<lb n=P130.7>spoke in&H4 a low voice to&H4 <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>, was convinced that&H3;

<lb n=P130.8>they were talking of the Longbourn estate, and resolving

<lb n=P130.9>to&H9 turn&H1 herself and her daughters out&H5 of the house, as soon

<lb n=P130.10>as <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name> were dead. She complained bitterly of all

<lb n=P130.11>this to&H4 her husband.</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P130.12>&dq;Indeed, <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said she,</q><q who=PPD>&dq;it is very hard to&H9;

<lb n=P130.13>think that&H3 <name who=PPQ>Charlotte&sp;Lucas</name> should ever be mistress of

<lb n=P130.14>this house, that&H3 <hi r=Italic>I</hi> should be forced to&H9 make&H1 way for&H4 <hi r=Italic>her</hi>,

<lb n=P130.15>and live to&H9 see her take my place&H0 in&H4 it!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P130.16>&dq;My dear&H21;, do not give way to&H4 such gloomy thoughts.

<lb n=P130.17>Let us hope&H1 for&H4 better things. Let us flatter ourselves

<lb n=P130.18>that&H3 <hi r=Italic>I</hi> may&H1 be the survivor.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P130.19>This was not very consoling to&H4 <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>, and, therefore,

<lb n=P130.20>instead of making any answer&H0;, she went on&H5 as before&H5;,</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P130.21>&dq;I cannot bear&H1 to&H9 think that&H3 they should have all

<lb n=P130.22>this estate. If it was not for&H4 the entail I should not

<lb n=P130.23>mind&H1 it.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P130.24>&dq;What should not you mind&H1;?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P130.25>&dq;I should not mind&H1 any&sp;thing at all.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P130.26>&dq;Let us be thankful that&H3 you are preserved from a state&H0;

<lb n=P130.27>of such insensibility.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P130.28>&dq;I never can be thankful, <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name>, for&H4 any&sp;thing

<lb n=P130.29>about&H4 the entail. How any&sp;one could have the conscience

<lb n=P130.30>to&H9 entail away an estate from one's own&H2 daughters

<lb n=P130.31>I cannot understand; and all for&H4 the sake of <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>

<lb n=P130.32>too&H52;! &dash; Why should <hi r=Italic>he</hi> have it more than anybody else?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P130.33>&dq;I leave&H1 it to&H4 yourself to&H9 determine,&dq;</q>

<q who=PP0>said <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name>.</q></p></div2></div1>

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<lb n=P133.1><q who=pp0><name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name>'s letter arrived, and put an end&H0 to&H4 doubt&H0;.

<lb n=P133.2>The very first sentence conveyed the assurance of</q><q who=PPJ type=indirect>their

<lb n=P133.3>being&H1 all settled in&H4 London for&H4 the winter,</q><q who=PP0>and concluded

<lb n=P133.4>with</q><q who=PPJ type=indirect>her brother's regret&H0 at not having had time to&H9 pay&H1;

<lb n=P133.5>his respects to&H4 his friends in&H4 Hertfordshire before&H3 he left

<lb n=P133.6>the country.</q></p><p><q who=PPE type=indirect>

<lb n=P133.7>Hope&H0 was over, entirely over;</q><q who=PP0>and when <name who=PPE>Jane</name> could

<lb n=P133.8>attend to&H4 the rest&H01 of the letter, she found little, except

<lb n=P133.9>the professed affection of the writer, that&H61 could give her

<lb n=P133.10>any comfort&H0;. <name who=PPZG>Miss&sp;Darcy</name>'s praise&H0 occupied the chief of it.

<lb n=P133.11>Her many attractions were again dwelt on&H5;, and <name who=PPJ>Caroline</name>

<lb n=P133.12>boasted&H1 joyfully of their increasing intimacy, and ventured

<lb n=P133.13>to&H9 predict the accomplishment of the wishes&H0 which&H61 had

<lb n=P133.14>been unfolded in&H4 her former letter. She wrote also with

<lb n=P133.15>great pleasure of her brother's being&H1 an inmate of <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>'s

<lb n=P133.16>house, and mentioned with raptures, some plans

<lb n=P133.17>of the latter with regard&H0 to&H4 new furniture.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P133.18><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, to&H4 whom&H61 <name who=PPE>Jane</name> very soon communicated the

<lb n=P133.19>chief of all this, heard it in&H4 silent indignation. Her heart

<lb n=P133.20>was divided between concern&H0 for&H4 her sister, and resentment

<lb n=P133.21>against all the others. To&H4 <name who=PPJ>Caroline</name>'s assertion of her

<lb n=P133.22>brother's being&H1 partial to&H4 <name who=PPZG>Miss&sp;Darcy</name> she paid no&H2 credit&H0;.

<lb n=P133.23>That&H3 he was really fond of <name who=PPE>Jane</name>, she doubted no&H2 more than

<lb n=P133.24>she had ever done; and much as she had always been

<lb n=P133.25>disposed to&H9 like&H1 him, she could not think without anger&H0;,

<lb n=P133.26>hardly without contempt, on&H4;</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>that&H62 easiness of temper, that&H62;

<lb n=P133.27>want&H0 of proper resolution which&H61 now made him the slave

<lb n=P133.28>of his designing friends, and led him to&H9 sacrifice&H1 his own&H2;

<lb n=P133.29>happiness to&H4 the caprice of their inclinations. Had his

<lb n=P133.30>own&H2 happiness, however, been the only sacrifice&H0;, he might<pb n=P134>

<lb n=P134.1>have been allowed to&H9 sport&H1 with it in&H4 what&sp;ever manner

<lb n=P134.2>he thought&H1 best; but her sister's was involved in&H4 it, as</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P134.3>she thought&H1;</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>he must be sensible&H21 himself.</q><q who=PP0>It was a subject&H0;,

<lb n=P134.4>in&H4 short, on&H4 which&H61 reflection would be long indulged, and

<lb n=P134.5>must be unavailing. She could think of nothing else,</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>and

<lb n=P134.6>yet whether <name who=PPI>Bingley</name>'s regard&H0 had really died away, or

<lb n=P134.7>were suppressed by&H4 his friends' interference; whether

<lb n=P134.8>he had been aware of <name who=PPE>Jane</name>'s attachment, or whether it

<lb n=P134.9>had escaped his observation; whichever were the case,

<lb n=P134.10>though her opinion of him must be materially affected

<lb n=P134.11>by&H4 the difference, her sister's situation remained the same,

<lb n=P134.12>her peace equally wounded.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P134.13>A day or two passed before&H3 <name who=PPE>Jane</name> had courage to&H9 speak

<lb n=P134.14>of her feelings to&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth;</name> but at last&H0 on&H4 <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>'s

<lb n=P134.15>leaving them together, after&H4 a longer irritation than usual

<lb n=P134.16>about&H4 Netherfield and its master, she could not help&H1;

<lb n=P134.17>saying,</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P134.18>&dq;Oh! that&H3 my dear&H21 mother had more command&H0 over

<lb n=P134.19>herself; she can have no&H2 idea of the pain&H0 she gives me

<lb n=P134.20>by&H4 her continual reflections on&H4 him. But I will&H1 not

<lb n=P134.21>repine. It cannot last&H1 long. He will&H1 be forgot, and we

<lb n=P134.22>shall all be as we were before&H5;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P134.23><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> looked at her sister with incredulous solicitude,

<lb n=P134.24>but said nothing.</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P134.25>&dq;You doubt&H1 me,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried <name who=PPE>Jane</name>, slightly colouring;</q><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P134.26>&dq;indeed you have no&H2 reason&H0;. He may&H1 live in&H4 my memory

<lb n=P134.27>as the most amiable man of my acquaintance, but that&H62;

<lb n=P134.28>is all. I have nothing either to&H9 hope&H1 or fear&H1;, and nothing

<lb n=P134.29>to&H9 reproach&H1 him with. Thank God! I have not <hi r=Italic>that&H62;</hi>

<lb n=P134.30>pain&H0;. A little time therefore. &dash; I shall certainly try to&H9;

<lb n=P134.31>get the better.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P134.32>With a stronger voice she soon added,</q><q who=PPE>&dq;I have this

<lb n=P134.33>comfort&H0 immediately, that&H3 it has not been more than an

<lb n=P134.34>error of fancy&H0 on&H4 my side&H0;, and that&H3 it has done no&H2 harm&H0;

<lb n=P134.35>to&H4 any&sp;one but myself.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P134.36>&dq;My dear&H21 <name who=PPE>Jane</name>!&dq;</q><q who=PP0>exclaimed <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;you are too&H51;

<lb n=P134.37>good. Your sweetness and disinterestedness are really

<lb n=P134.38>angelic; I do not know what to&H9 say to&H4 you. I feel as if<pb n=P135>

<lb n=P135.1>I had never done you justice, or loved you as you

<lb n=P135.2>deserve.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P135.3><name who=PPE>Miss&sp;Bennet</name> eagerly disclaimed all extraordinary merit&H0;,

<lb n=P135.4>and threw back&H5 the praise&H0 on&H4 her sister's warm&H2 affection.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P135.5>&dq;Nay,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;this is not fair. <hi r=Italic>You</hi> wish&H1 to&H9;

<lb n=P135.6>think all the world respectable, and are hurt if I speak ill

<lb n=P135.7>of any&sp;body. <hi r=Italic>I</hi> only want&H1 to&H9 think <hi r=Italic>you</hi> perfect&H2;, and you

<lb n=P135.8>set&H1 yourself against it. Do not be afraid of my running

<lb n=P135.9>into any excess, of my encroaching on&H4 your privilege of

<lb n=P135.10>universal good&sp;will. You need&H1 not. There are few people

<lb n=P135.11>whom&H61 I really love&H1;, and still&H5 fewer of whom&H61 I think well&H5;.

<lb n=P135.12>The more I see of the world, the more am I dissatisfied

<lb n=P135.13>with it; and every day confirms my belief of the inconsistency

<lb n=P135.14>of all human characters, and of the little dependence

<lb n=P135.15>that&H61 can be placed on&H4 the appearance of either merit&H0;

<lb n=P135.16>or sense. I have met with two instances lately; one

<lb n=P135.17>I will&H1 not mention&H1;; the other is <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name>'s marriage.

<lb n=P135.18>It is unaccountable! in&H4 every view&H0 it is unaccountable!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P135.19>&dq;My dear&H21 <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>, do not give way to&H4 such feelings as

<lb n=P135.20>these. They will&H1 ruin&H1 your happiness. You do not make&H1;

<lb n=P135.21>allowance enough for&H4 difference of situation and temper.

<lb n=P135.22>Consider <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>'s respectability, and <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name>'s

<lb n=P135.23>prudent, steady character. Remember that&H3 she is one of

<lb n=P135.24>a large family; that&H3 as to&H4 fortune, it is a most eligible

<lb n=P135.25>match&H0;; and be ready to&H9 believe, for&H4 every&sp;body's sake,

<lb n=P135.26>that&H3 she may&H1 feel something like&H4 regard&H0 and esteem&H0 for&H4;

<lb n=P135.27>our cousin.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P135.28>&dq;To&H9 oblige you, I would try to&H9 believe almost any&sp;thing

<lb n=P135.29>but no&sp;one else could be benefited by&H4 such a belief

<lb n=P135.30>as this; for&H3 were I persuaded that&H3 <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name> had any

<lb n=P135.31>regard&H0 for&H4 him, I should only think worse of her understanding,

<lb n=P135.32>than I now do of her heart. My dear&H21 <name who=PPE>Jane</name>,

<lb n=P135.33><name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> is a conceited, pompous, narrow-minded, silly

<lb n=P135.34>man; you know he is, as well&H5 as I do; and you must

<lb n=P135.35>feel, as well&H5 as I do, that&H3 the woman who&H61 marries him,

<lb n=P135.36>cannot have a proper way of thinking. You shall not

<lb n=P135.37>defend her, though it is <name who=PPQ>Charlotte&sp;Lucas</name>. You shall

<lb n=P135.38>not, for&H4 the sake of one individual, change&H1 the meaning<pb n=P136>

<lb n=P136.1>of principle and integrity, nor endeavour&H1 to&H9 persuade

<lb n=P136.2>yourself or me, that&H3 selfishness is prudence, and insensibility

<lb n=P136.3>of danger, security for&H4 happiness.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P136.4>&dq;I must think your language too&H51 strong in&H4 speaking

<lb n=P136.5>of both,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied <name who=PPE>Jane</name>,</q><q who=PPE>&dq;and I hope&H1 you will&H1 be convinced

<lb n=P136.6>of it, by&H4 seeing them happy together. But enough of this.

<lb n=P136.7>You alluded to&H4 something else. You mentioned <hi r=Italic>two</hi>

<lb n=P136.8>instances. I cannot misunderstand you, but I intreat

<lb n=P136.9>you, dear&H21 <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>, not to&H9 pain&H1 me by&H4 thinking <hi r=Italic>that&H62;</hi> <hi r=Italic>person</hi>

<lb n=P136.10>to&H9 blame&H1;, and saying your opinion of him is sunk. We

<lb n=P136.11>must not be so&H51 ready to&H9 fancy&H1 ourselves intentionally

<lb n=P136.12>injured. We must not expect a lively young man to&H9 be

<lb n=P136.13>always so&H51 guarded and circumspect. It is very often

<lb n=P136.14>nothing but our own&H2 vanity that&H61 deceives us. Woman

<lb n=P136.15>fancy&H1 admiration means&H1 more than it does.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P136.16>&dq;And men take care&H0 that&H3 they should.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P136.17>&dq;If it is designedly done, they cannot be justified;

<lb n=P136.18>but I have no&H2 idea of there being&H1 so&H51 much design&H0 in&H4 the

<lb n=P136.19>world as some persons imagine.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P136.20>&dq;I am far from attributing any part&H0 of <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>'s

<lb n=P136.21>conduct&H0 to&H4 design&H0;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPA>Elizabeth;</name></q><q who=PPA>&dq;but without

<lb n=P136.22>scheming to&H9 do wrong, or to&H9 make&H1 others unhappy, there

<lb n=P136.23>may&H1 be error, and there may&H1 be misery. Thoughtlessness,

<lb n=P136.24>want&H0 of attention to&H4 other people's feelings, and want&H0 of

<lb n=P136.25>resolution, will&H1 do the business.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P136.26>&dq;And do you impute it to&H4 either of those?'</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P136.27>&dq;Yes; to&H4 the last&H0;. But if I go on&H5;, I shall displease

<lb n=P136.28>you by&H4 saying what I think of persons you esteem&H1;. Stop&H1;

<lb n=P136.29>me whilst you can.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P136.30>&dq;You persist, then, in&H4 supposing his sisters influence&H1;

<lb n=P136.31>him.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P136.32>&dq;Yes, in&H4 conjunction with his friend.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P136.33>&dq;I cannot believe it. Why should they try to&H9 influence&H1;

<lb n=P136.34>him? They can only wish&H1 his happiness, and if he is

<lb n=P136.35>attached to&H4 me, no&H2 other woman can secure&H1 it.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P136.36>&dq;Your first position is false. They may&H1 wish&H1 many

<lb n=P136.37>things besides his happiness; they may&H1 wish&H1 his increase&H0;

<lb n=P136.38>of wealth and consequence; they may&H1 wish&H1 him to&H9 marry<pb n=P137>

<lb n=P137.1>a girl who&H61 has all the importance of money, great connections,

<lb n=P137.2>and pride.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P137.3>&dq;Beyond&H4 a doubt&H0;, they <hi r=Italic>do</hi> wish&H1 him to&H9 chuse <name who=PPZG>Miss&sp;Darcy</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P137.4>replied <name who=PPE>Jane;</name></q><q who=PPE>&dq;but this may&H1 be from better

<lb n=P137.5>feelings than you are supposing. They have known her

<lb n=P137.6>much longer than they have known me; no&H2 wonder&H0 if they

<lb n=P137.7>love&H1 her better. But, whatever may&H1 be their own&H2 wishes&H0;,

<lb n=P137.8>it is very unlikely they should have opposed their brother's.

<lb n=P137.9>What sister would think herself at liberty to&H9 do it, unless

<lb n=P137.10>there were something very objectionable? If they believed

<lb n=P137.11>him attached to&H4 me, they would not try to&H9 part&H1 us; if he

<lb n=P137.12>were so&H52;, they could not succeed. By&H4 supposing such an

<lb n=P137.13>affection, you make&H1 every&sp;body acting unnaturally and

<lb n=P137.14>wrong, and me most unhappy. Do not distress&H1 me by&H4 the

<lb n=P137.15>idea. I am not ashamed of having been mistaken &dash; or,

<lb n=P137.16>at least, it is slight&H2;, it is nothing in&H4 comparison of what

<lb n=P137.17>I should feel in&H4 thinking ill of him or his sisters. Let me

<lb n=P137.18>take it in&H4 the best light&H0;, in&H4 the light&H0 in&H4 which&H61 it may&H1 be

<lb n=P137.19>understood.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P137.20><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> could not oppose such a wish&H0;; and from this

<lb n=P137.21>time <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>'s name&H0 was scarcely ever mentioned

<lb n=P137.22>between them.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P137.23><name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> still&H5 continued to&H9 wonder&H1 and repine at

<lb n=P137.24>his returning no&H2 more, and though a day seldom passed

<lb n=P137.25>in&H4 which&H61 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> did not account&H1 for&H4 it clearly, there

<lb n=P137.26>seemed little chance&H0 of her ever considering it with less

<lb n=P137.27>perplexity. Her daughter endeavoured to&H9 convince her

<lb n=P137.28>of what she did not believe herself, that&H3 his attentions

<lb n=P137.29>to&H4 <name who=PPE>Jane</name> had been merely the effect&H0 of a common&H2 and

<lb n=P137.30>transient liking, which&H61 ceased when he saw her no&H2 more;

<lb n=P137.31>but though the probability of the statement was admitted

<lb n=P137.32>at the time, she had the same story to&H9 repeat every day.

<lb n=P137.33><name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>'s best comfort&H0 was, that&H3;</q><q who=PPD type=indirect><name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> must

<lb n=P137.34>be down&H5 again in&H4 the summer.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P137.35><name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name> treated the matter differently.</q><q who=PPC>&dq;So&H3;,

<lb n=P137.36><name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said he one day,</q><q who=PPC>&dq;your sister is crossed in&H4 love&H0;

<lb n=P137.37>I find. I congratulate her. Next to&H4 being&H1 married, a girl

<lb n=P137.38>likes to&H9 be crossed in&H4 love&H0 a little now and then. It is<pb n=P138>

<lb n=P138.1>something to&H9 think of, and gives her a sort of distinction

<lb n=P138.2>among her companions. When is your turn&H0 to&H9 come?

<lb n=P138.3>You will&H1 hardly bear&H1 to&H9 be long outdone by&H4 <name who=PPE>Jane</name>. Now

<lb n=P138.4>is your time. Here are officers enough at Meryton to&H9;

<lb n=P138.5>disappoint all the young ladies in&H4 the country. Let

<lb n=P138.6><name who=PPP>Wickham</name> be <hi r=Italic>your</hi> man. He is a pleasant fellow, and would

<lb n=P138.7>jilt you creditably.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P138.8>&dq;Thank you, Sir, but a less agreeable man would satisfy

<lb n=P138.9>me. We must not all expect <name who=PPE>Jane</name>'s good fortune.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P138.10>&dq;True,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name>,</q><q who=PPC>&dq;but it is a comfort&H0 to&H9 think

<lb n=P138.11>that&H3;, whatever of that&H62 kind&H0 may&H1 befal you, you have an

<lb n=P138.12>affectionate mother who&H61 will&H1 always make&H1 the most of it.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P138.13><name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name>'s society was of material&H2 service in&H4 dispelling

<lb n=P138.14>the gloom, which&H61 the late perverse occurrences had

<lb n=P138.15>thrown on&H4 many of the Longbourn family. They saw

<lb n=P138.16>him often, and to&H4 his other recommendations was now

<lb n=P138.17>added that&H62 of general&H2 unreserve. The whole&H0 of what

<lb n=P138.18><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> had already heard, his claims on&H4 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>,

<lb n=P138.19>and all that&H61 he had suffered from him, was now openly

<lb n=P138.20>acknowledged and publicly canvassed; and every&sp;body

<lb n=P138.21>was pleased to&H9 think how much they had always disliked

<lb n=P138.22><name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> before&H3 they had known any&sp;thing of the matter.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P138.23><name who=PPE>Miss&sp;Bennet</name> was the only creature who&H61 could suppose

<lb n=P138.24>there might be any extenuating circumstances in&H4 the case,

<lb n=P138.25>unknown to&H4 the society of Hertfordshire; her mild and

<lb n=P138.26>steady candour always pleaded for&H4 allowances, and urged

<lb n=P138.27>the possibility of mistakes &dash; but by&H4 everybody else

<lb n=P138.28><name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> was condemned as the worst of men.</q></p></div2>

<div2 type=chap n=02><p><pb n=P139>

<lb n=P139.1><q who=pp0>After&H4 a week spent in&H4 professions of love&H0 and schemes

<lb n=P139.2>of felicity, <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> was called from his amiable <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name>

<lb n=P139.3>by&H4 the arrival of Saturday. The pain&H0 of separation,

<lb n=P139.4>however, might be alleviated on&H4 his side&H0;, by&H4 preparations

<lb n=P139.5>for&H4 the reception of his bride, as he had reason&H0 to&H9 hope&H1;,

<lb n=P139.6>that&H3 shortly after&H4 his next return&H0 into Hertfordshire, the

<lb n=P139.7>day would be fixed that&H61 was to&H9 make&H1 him the happiest

<lb n=P139.8>of men. He took leave&H0 of his relations at Longbourn

<lb n=P139.9>with as much solemnity as before&H5;; wished his fair cousins

<lb n=P139.10>health and happiness again, and promised their father

<lb n=P139.11>another letter of thanks.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P139.12><q who=pp0>On&H4 the following Monday, <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> had the pleasure

<lb n=P139.13>of receiving her brother and his wife, who&H61 came as usual

<lb n=P139.14>to&H9 spend the Christmas at Longbourn. <name who=PPN>Mr&point;&sp;Gardiner</name> was

<lb n=P139.15>a sensible&H22;, gentlemanlike man, greatly superior to&H4 his

<lb n=P139.16>sister as well&H5 by&H4 nature as education. The Netherfield

<lb n=P139.17>ladies would have had difficulty in&H4 believing that&H3 a man

<lb n=P139.18>who&H61 lived by&H4 trade, and within view&H0 of his own&H2 warehouses,

<lb n=P139.19>could have been so&H51 well&sp;bred and agreeable. <name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>,

<lb n=P139.20>who&H61 was several years younger than <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> and

<lb n=P139.21><name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Philips</name>, was an amiable, intelligent, elegant woman,

<lb n=P139.22>and a great favourite&H0 with all her Longbourn nieces.

<lb n=P139.23>Between the two eldest and herself especially, there subsisted

<lb n=P139.24>a very particular regard&H0;. They had frequently

<lb n=P139.25>been staying with her in&H4 town.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P139.26><q who=pp0>The first part&H0 of <name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>'s business on&H4 her arrival,

<lb n=P139.27>was to&H9 distribute her presents&H0 and describe the newest

<lb n=P139.28>fashions. When this was done, she had a less active part&H0;

<lb n=P139.29>to&H9 play&H1;. It became her turn&H0 to&H9 listen. <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> had

<lb n=P139.30>many grievances to&H9 relate, and much to&H9 complain of.</q><q who=PPD type=indirect>

<lb n=P139.31>They had all been very ill-used since she last&H2 saw her

<lb n=P139.32>sister. Two of her girls had been on&H4 the point&H0 of marriage,

<lb n=P139.33>and after&H4 all there was nothing in&H4 it.<pb n=P140></q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P140.1>&dq;I do not blame&H1 <name who=PPE>Jane</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>she continued,</q><q who=PPD>&dq;for&H3 <name who=PPE>Jane</name>

<lb n=P140.2>would have got <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>, if she could. But, <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>!

<lb n=P140.3>Oh, sister! it is very hard to&H9 think that&H3 she might have

<lb n=P140.4>been <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>'s wife by&H4 this time, had not it been for&H4;

<lb n=P140.5>her own&H2 perverseness. He made her an offer&H0 in&H4 this very

<lb n=P140.6>room, and she refused him. The consequence of it is,

<lb n=P140.7>that&H3 <name who=PPV>Lady&sp;Lucas</name> will&H1 have a daughter married before&H3 I

<lb n=P140.8>have, and that&H3 Longbourn estate is just&H5 as much entailed

<lb n=P140.9>as ever. The <name who=PPR1>Lucases</name> are very artful people indeed, sister.

<lb n=P140.10>They are all for&H4 what they can get. I am sorry to&H9 say

<lb n=P140.11>it of them, but so&H52 it is. It makes me very nervous and

<lb n=P140.12>poorly, to&H9 be thwarted so&H52 in&H4 my own&H2 family, and to&H9 have

<lb n=P140.13>neighbours who&H61 think of themselves before&H4 anybody else.

<lb n=P140.14>However, your coming just&H5 at this time is the greatest

<lb n=P140.15>of comforts, and I am very glad to&H9 hear what you tell

<lb n=P140.16>us, of long sleeves.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P140.17><name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>, to&H4 whom&H61 the chief of this news had been

<lb n=P140.18>given before&H5;, in&H4 the course&H0 of <name who=PPE>Jane</name> and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>'s correspondence

<lb n=P140.19>with her, made her sister a slight&H2 answer&H0;, and

<lb n=P140.20>in&H4 compassion to&H4 her nieces turned the conversation.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P140.21>When alone with <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> afterwards, she spoke more

<lb n=P140.22>on&H4 the subject&H0;.</q><q who=PPO>&dq;It seems likely to&H9 have been a desirable

<lb n=P140.23>match&H0 for&H4 <name who=PPE>Jane</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said she.</q><q who=PPO>&dq;I am sorry it went off.

<lb n=P140.24>But these things happen so&H51 often! A young man, such as

<lb n=P140.25>you describe <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>, so&H51 easily falls in&H4 love&H0 with

<lb n=P140.26>a pretty&H2 girl for&H4 a few weeks, and when accident separates

<lb n=P140.27>them, so&H51 easily forgets her, that&H3 these sort of inconstancies

<lb n=P140.28>are very frequent.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P140.29>&dq;An excellent consolation in&H4 its way,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,</q><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P140.30>&dq;but it will&H1 not do for&H4 <hi r=Italic>us</hi>. We do not suffer by&H4 <hi r=Italic>accident</hi>.

<lb n=P140.31>It does not often happen that&H3 the interference of friends

<lb n=P140.32>will&H1 persuade a young man of independent fortune to&H9;

<lb n=P140.33>think no&H2 more of a girl, whom&H61 he was violently in&H4 love&H0;

<lb n=P140.34>with only a few days before&H5;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPO>

<lb n=P140.35>&dq;But that&H62 expression of &onq;violently in&H4 love&H0;&cnq; is so&H51;

<lb n=P140.36>hackneyed, so&H51 doubtful, so&H51 indefinite, that&H3 it gives me

<lb n=P140.37>very little idea. It is as often applied to&H4 feelings which&H61;

<lb n=P140.38>arise from an half-hour's acquaintance, as to&H4 a real,<pb n=P141>

<lb n=P141.1>strong attachment. Pray, how <hi r=Italic>violent</hi> <hi r=Italic>was</hi> <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>'s

<lb n=P141.2>love&H0;?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P141.3>&dq;I never saw a more promising inclination. He was

<lb n=P141.4>growing quite inattentive to&H4 other people, and wholly

<lb n=P141.5>engrossed by&H4 her. Every time they met, it was more

<lb n=P141.6>decided and remarkable. At his own&H2 ball&H02 he offended two

<lb n=P141.7>or three young ladies, by&H4 not asking them to&H9 dance&H1;, and

<lb n=P141.8>I spoke to&H4 him twice myself, without receiving an answer&H0;.

<lb n=P141.9>Could there be finer symptoms? Is not general&H2 incivility

<lb n=P141.10>the very essence of love&H0;?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPO>

<lb n=P141.11>&dq;Oh, yes! &dash; of that&H62 kind&H0 of love&H0 which&H61 I suppose him

<lb n=P141.12>to&H9 have felt. Poor <name who=PPE>Jane</name>! I am sorry for&H4 her, because,

<lb n=P141.13>with her disposition, she may&H1 not get over it immediately.

<lb n=P141.14>It had better have happened to&H4 <hi r=Italic>you</hi>, <name who=PPA>Lizzy;</name> you would

<lb n=P141.15>have laughed yourself out&H5 of it sooner. But do you think

<lb n=P141.16>she would be prevailed on&H5 to&H9 go back&H5 with us? Change&H0;

<lb n=P141.17>of scene might be of service &dash; and perhaps a little relief

<lb n=P141.18>from home, may&H1 be as useful as anything.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P141.19><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was exceedingly pleased with this proposal,

<lb n=P141.20>and felt persuaded of her sister's ready acquiescence.</q></p><p><q who=PPO>

<lb n=P141.21>&dq;I hope&H1;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>added <name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>,</q><q who=PPO>&dq;that&H3 no&H2 consideration

<lb n=P141.22>with regard&H0 to&H4 this young man will&H1 influence&H1 her. We live

<lb n=P141.23>in&H4 so&H51 different a part&H0 of town, all our connections are so&H51;

<lb n=P141.24>different, and, as you well&H5 know, we go out&H5 so&H51 little, that&H3;

<lb n=P141.25>it is very improbable they should meet&H1 at all, unless he

<lb n=P141.26>really comes to&H9 see her.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P141.27>&dq;And <hi r=Italic>that&H62;</hi> is quite impossible; for&H3 he is now in&H4 the

<lb n=P141.28>custody of his friend, and <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> would no&H2 more suffer

<lb n=P141.29>him to&H9 call&H1 on&H4 <name who=PPE>Jane</name> in&H4 such a part&H0 of London! My dear&H21;

<lb n=P141.30>aunt, how could you think of it? <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> may&H1 perhaps

<lb n=P141.31>have <hi r=Italic>heard</hi> of such a place&H0 as Gracechurch&sp;Street, but he

<lb n=P141.32>would hardly think a month's ablution enough to&H9 cleanse

<lb n=P141.33>him from its impurities, were he once to&H9 enter it; and

<lb n=P141.34>depend upon&H4 it, <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> never stirs without him.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPO>

<lb n=P141.35>&dq;So&H51 much the better. I hope&H1 they will&H1 not meet&H1 at

<lb n=P141.36>all. But does not <name who=PPE>Jane</name> correspond with the sister? <hi r=Italic>She</hi>

<lb n=P141.37>will&H1 not be able to&H9 help&H1 calling.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P141.38>&dq;She will&H1 drop&H1 the acquaintance entirely.&dq;<pb n=P142></q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P142.1>But in&H4 spite&H8 of the certainty in&H4 which&H61 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> affected

<lb n=P142.2>to&H9 place&H1 this point&H0;, as well&H5 as the still&H5 more interesting

<lb n=P142.3>one of <name who=PPI>Bingley</name>'s being&H1 withheld from seeing <name who=PPE>Jane</name>, she

<lb n=P142.4>felt a solicitude on&H4 the subject&H0 which&H61 convinced her, on&H4;

<lb n=P142.5>examination, that&H3 she did not consider it entirely hopeless.

<lb n=P142.6>It was possible, and sometimes she thought&H1 it probable,

<lb n=P142.7>that&H3 his affection might be re-animated, and the influence&H0;

<lb n=P142.8>of his friends successfully combated by&H4 the more natural&H2;

<lb n=P142.9>influence&H0 of <name who=PPE>Jane</name>'s attractions.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P142.10><name who=PPE>Miss&sp;Bennet</name> accepted her aunt's invitation with

<lb n=P142.11>pleasure; and the <name who=PPI1>Bingleys</name> were no&H2 otherwise in&H4 her

<lb n=P142.12>thoughts at the time, than as she hoped that&H3;,</q><q who=PPE type=indirect>by&H4 <name who=PPJ>Caroline</name>'s

<lb n=P142.13>not living in&H4 the same house with her brother, she might

<lb n=P142.14>occasionally spend a morning with her, without any danger

<lb n=P142.15>of seeing him.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P142.16>The <name who=PPN1>Gardiners</name> staid a week at Longbourn; and what

<lb n=P142.17>with the <name who=PPZZG>Philipses</name>, the <name who=PPR1>Lucases</name>, and the officers, there

<lb n=P142.18>was not a day without its engagement. <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>

<lb n=P142.19>had so&H51 carefully provided for&H4 the entertainment of her

<lb n=P142.20>brother and sister, that&H3 they did not once sit down&H5 to&H4;

<lb n=P142.21>a family dinner. When the engagement was for&H4 home,

<lb n=P142.22>some of the officers always made part&H0 of it, of which&H61 officers

<lb n=P142.23><name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name> was sure to&H9 be one; and on&H4 these occasions,

<lb n=P142.24><name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>, rendered suspicious by&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>'s warm&H2;

<lb n=P142.25>commendation of him, narrowly observed them both.

<lb n=P142.26>Without supposing them, from what she saw, to&H9 be very

<lb n=P142.27>seriously in&H4 love&H0;, their preference of each other was plain

<lb n=P142.28>enough to&H9 make&H1 her a little uneasy; and she resolved to&H9;

<lb n=P142.29>speak to&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> on&H4 the subject&H0 before&H3 she left Hertfordshire,

<lb n=P142.30>and represent to&H4 her the imprudence of encouraging

<lb n=P142.31>such an attachment.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P142.32>To&H4 <name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>, <name who=PPP>Wickham</name> had one means&H0 of affording

<lb n=P142.33>pleasure, unconnected with his general&H2 powers. About&H4;

<lb n=P142.34>ten or a dozen years ago, before&H4 her marriage, she had

<lb n=P142.35>spent a considerable time in&H4 that&H62 very part&H0 of Derbyshire,

<lb n=P142.36>to&H4 which&H61 he belonged. They had, therefore, many acquaintance

<lb n=P142.37>in&H4 common&H0;; and, though <name who=PPP>Wickham</name> had been little

<lb n=P142.38>there since the death of <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>'s father, five years before&H5;,<pb n=P143>

<lb n=P143.1>it was yet in&H4 his power to&H9 give her fresher intelligence of

<lb n=P143.2>her former friends, than she had been in&H4 the way of

<lb n=P143.3>procuring.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P143.4><name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name> had seen Pemberley, and known the late

<lb n=P143.5><name who=PPZE>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> by&H4 character perfectly well&H5;. Here consequently

<lb n=P143.6>was an inexhaustible subject&H0 of discourse. In&H4 comparing

<lb n=P143.7>her recollection of Pemberley, with the minute&H2 description

<lb n=P143.8>which&H61 <name who=PPP>Wickham</name> could give, and in&H4 bestowing her tribute

<lb n=P143.9>of praise&H0 on&H4 the character of its late possessor, she was

<lb n=P143.10>delighting both him and herself. On&H4 being&H1 made acquainted

<lb n=P143.11>with the present&H2 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>'s treatment of him, she tried

<lb n=P143.12>to&H9 remember something of that&H62 gentleman's reputed disposition

<lb n=P143.13>when quite a lad, which&H61 might agree with it, and

<lb n=P143.14>was confident at last&H0;, that&H3 she recollected having heard

<lb n=P143.15><name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Fitzwilliam&sp;Darcy</name> formerly spoken of as a very proud,

<lb n=P143.16>ill-natured boy.</q></p></div2>

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<lb n=P144.1><q who=pp0><name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>'s caution&H0 to&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was punctually

<lb n=P144.2>and kindly given on&H4 the first favourable opportunity of

<lb n=P144.3>speaking to&H4 her alone; after&H4 honestly telling her what

<lb n=P144.4>she thought&H1;, she thus went on&H5;:</q><q who=PPO>

<lb n=P144.5>&dq;You are too&H51 sensible&H22 a girl, <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>, to&H9 fall&H1 in&H4 love&H0;

<lb n=P144.6>merely because you are warned against it; and, therefore,

<lb n=P144.7>I am not afraid of speaking openly. Seriously, I would

<lb n=P144.8>have you be on&H4 your guard&H0;. Do not involve yourself,

<lb n=P144.9>or endeavour&H1 to&H9 involve him in&H4 an affection which&H61 the

<lb n=P144.10>want&H0 of fortune would make&H1 so&H51 very imprudent. I have

<lb n=P144.11>nothing to&H9 say against <hi r=Italic>him</hi>; he is a most interesting

<lb n=P144.12>young man; and if he had the fortune he ought to&H9 have,

<lb n=P144.13>I should think you could not do better. But as it is &dash; you

<lb n=P144.14>must not let your fancy&H0 run&H1 away with you. You have

<lb n=P144.15>sense, and we all expect you to&H9 use&H1 it. Your father would

<lb n=P144.16>depend on&H4 <hi r=Italic>your</hi> resolution and good conduct&H0;, I am sure.

<lb n=P144.17>You must not disappoint your father.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P144.18>&dq;My dear&H21 aunt, this is being&H1 serious&H2 indeed.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPO>

<lb n=P144.19>&dq;Yes, and I hope&H1 to&H9 engage you to&H9 be serious&H2 likewise.&dq;

<lb n=P144.20></q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P144.21>&dq;Well&H7;, then, you need&H1 not be under any alarm&H0;. I will&H1;

<lb n=P144.22>take care&H0 of myself, and of <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name> too&H52;. He shall

<lb n=P144.23>not be in&H4 love&H0 with me, if I can prevent it.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPO>

<lb n=P144.24>&dq;<name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, you are not serious&H2 now.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P144.25>&dq;I beg your pardon&H0;. I will&H1 try again. At present&H01 I am

<lb n=P144.26>not in&H4 love&H0 with <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham;</name> no&H7;, I certainly am not.

<lb n=P144.27>But he is, beyond&H4 all comparison, the most agreeable

<lb n=P144.28>man I ever saw &dash; and if he becomes really attached to&H4 me &dash;

<lb n=P144.29>I believe it will&H1 be better that&H3 he should not. I see the

<lb n=P144.30>imprudence of it. &dash; Oh! <hi r=Italic>that&H62;</hi> abominable <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>! &dash;

<lb n=P144.31>My father's opinion of me does me the greatest honor;

<lb n=P144.32>and I should be miserable to&H9 forfeit it. My father, however,

<lb n=P144.33>is partial to&H4 <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name>. In&H4 short, my dear&H21 aunt,<pb n=P145>

<lb n=P145.1>I should be very sorry to&H9 be the means&H0 of making any

<lb n=P145.2>of you unhappy; but since we see every day that&H3 where

<lb n=P145.3>there is affection, young people are seldom withheld by&H4;

<lb n=P145.4>immediate want&H0 of fortune, from entering into engagements

<lb n=P145.5>with each other, how can I promise&H1 to&H9 be wiser

<lb n=P145.6>than so&H51 many of my fellow creatures if I am tempted,

<lb n=P145.7>or how am I even&H5 to&H9 know that&H3 it would be wisdom to&H9;

<lb n=P145.8>resist? All that&H61 I can promise&H1 you, therefore, is not to&H9;

<lb n=P145.9>be in&H4 a hurry&H0;. I will&H1 not be in&H4 a hurry&H0 to&H9 believe myself

<lb n=P145.10>his first object&H0;. When I am in&H4 company with him, I will&H1;

<lb n=P145.11>not be wishing. In&H4 short, I will&H1 do my best.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPO>

<lb n=P145.12>&dq;Perhaps it will&H1 be as well&H5;, if you discourage his coming

<lb n=P145.13>here so&H51 very often. At least, you should not <hi r=Italic>remind</hi> your

<lb n=P145.14>Mother of inviting him.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P145.15>&dq;As I did the other day,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, with a conscious

<lb n=P145.16>smile&H0;;</q><q who=PPA>&dq;very true, it will&H1 be wise in&H4 me to&H9;

<lb n=P145.17>refrain from <hi r=Italic>that&H62;</hi>. But do not imagine that&H3 he is always

<lb n=P145.18>here so&H51 often. It is on&H4 your account&H0 that&H3 he has been so&H51;

<lb n=P145.19>frequently invited this week. You know my mother's

<lb n=P145.20>ideas as to&H4 the necessity of constant company for&H4 her

<lb n=P145.21>friends. But really, and upon&H4 my honour&H0;, I will&H1 try to&H9;

<lb n=P145.22>do what I think to&H9 be wisest; and now, I hope&H1 you are

<lb n=P145.23>satisfied.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P145.24>Her aunt assured her that&H3 she was; and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P145.25>having thanked her for&H4 the kindness of her hints, they

<lb n=P145.26>parted; a wonderful instance&H0 of advice being&H1 given on&H4;

<lb n=P145.27>such a point&H0;, without being&H1 resented.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P145.28><name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> returned into Hertfordshire soon after&H3 it had

<lb n=P145.29>been quitted by&H4 the <name who=PPN1>Gardiners</name> and <name who=PPE>Jane;</name> but as he took

<lb n=P145.30>up&H5 his abode with the <name who=PPR1>Lucases</name>, his arrival was no&H2 great

<lb n=P145.31>inconvenience to&H4 <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>. His marriage was now

<lb n=P145.32>fast approaching, and she was at length so&H51 far resigned

<lb n=P145.33>as to&H9 think it inevitable, and even&H5 repeatedly to&H9 say in&H4;

<lb n=P145.34>an ill-natured tone that&H3 she</q><q who=PPD>&dq;<hi r=Italic>wished</hi> they might be happy.&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P145.35>Thursday was to&H9 be the wedding&sp;day, and on&H4 Wednesday

<lb n=P145.36><name who=PPQ>Miss&sp;Lucas</name> paid her farewell visit&H0;; and when she rose&H1;

<lb n=P145.37>to&H9 take leave&H0;, <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, ashamed of her mother's ungracious<pb n=P146>

<lb n=P146.1>and reluctant good wishes&H0;, and sincerely affected

<lb n=P146.2>herself, accompanied her out&H5 of the room. As they went

<lb n=P146.3>down&sp;stairs together, <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name> said,</q></p><p><q who=PPQ>

<lb n=P146.4>&dq;I shall depend on&H4 hearing from you very often,

<lb n=P146.5><name who=PPA>Eliza</name>.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P146.6>&dq;<hi r=Italic>That&H62;</hi> you certainly shall.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPQ>

<lb n=P146.7>&dq;And I have another favour&H0 to&H9 ask. Will&H1 you come

<lb n=P146.8>and see me?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P146.9>&dq;We shall often meet&H1;, I hope&H1;, in&H4 Hertfordshire.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPQ>

<lb n=P146.10>&dq;I am not likely to&H9 leave&H1 Kent for&H4 some time. Promise&H1;

<lb n=P146.11>me, therefore, to&H9 come to&H4 Hunsford.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P146.12><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> could not refuse, though she foresaw little

<lb n=P146.13>pleasure in&H4 the visit&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PPQ>

<lb n=P146.14>&dq;My father and <name who=PPV>Maria</name> are to&H9 come to&H4 me in&H4 March,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P146.15>added <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name>,</q><q who=PPQ>&dq;and I hope&H1 you will&H1 consent&H1 to&H9 be of

<lb n=P146.16>the party. Indeed, <name who=PPA>Eliza</name>, you will&H1 be as welcome&H2 to&H4 me

<lb n=P146.17>as either of them.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P146.18>The wedding took place&H0;; the bride and bridegroom set&H1;

<lb n=P146.19>off for&H4 Kent from the church door, and every&sp;body had

<lb n=P146.20>as much to&H9 say or to&H9 hear on&H4 the subject&H0 as usual. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P146.21>soon heard from her friend; and their correspondence

<lb n=P146.22>was as regular and frequent as it had ever been;

<lb n=P146.23>that&H3 it should be equally unreserved was impossible.

<lb n=P146.24><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> could never address&H1 her without feeling that&H3;

<lb n=P146.25>all the comfort&H0 of intimacy was over, and, though

<lb n=P146.26>determined not to&H9 slacken as a correspondent, it was for&H4;

<lb n=P146.27>the sake of what had been, rather than what was. <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name>'s

<lb n=P146.28>first letters were received with a good deal&H0 of

<lb n=P146.29>eagerness; there could not but be curiosity to&H9 know how

<lb n=P146.30>she would speak of her new home, how she would like&H1;

<lb n=P146.31><name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name>, and how happy she would dare&H12 pronounce

<lb n=P146.32>herself to&H9 be; though, when the letters were read, <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P146.33>felt that&H3 <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name> expressed herself on&H4 every point&H0;

<lb n=P146.34>exactly as she might have foreseen. She wrote cheerfully,

<lb n=P146.35>seemed surrounded with comforts, and mentioned nothing

<lb n=P146.36>which&H61 she could not praise&H1;. The house, furniture, neighbourhood,

<lb n=P146.37>and roads, were all to&H4 her taste, and <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name>'s

<lb n=P146.38>behaviour was most friendly and obliging.<pb n=P147>

<lb n=P147.1>It was <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>'s picture&H0 of Hunsford and Rosings

<lb n=P147.2>rationally softened; and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> perceived that&H3 she

<lb n=P147.3>must wait for&H4 her own&H2 visit&H0 there, to&H9 know the rest&H01;.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P147.4><name who=PPE>Jane</name> had already written a few lines to&H4 her sister to&H9;

<lb n=P147.5>announce their safe arrival in&H4 London; and when she

<lb n=P147.6>wrote again, <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> hoped it would be in&H4 her power

<lb n=P147.7>to&H9 say something of the <name who=PPI1>Bingleys</name>.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P147.8>Her impatience for&H4 this second&H2 letter was as well&H5;

<lb n=P147.9>rewarded as impatience generally is. <name who=PPE>Jane</name> had been a week

<lb n=P147.10>in&H4 town, without either seeing or hearing from <name who=PPJ>Caroline</name>.

<lb n=P147.11>She accounted for&H4 it, however, by&H4 supposing that&H3 her last&H2;

<lb n=P147.12>letter to&H4 her friend from Longbourn, had by&H4 some accident

<lb n=P147.13>been lost.</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P147.14>&dq;My aunt,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>she continued,</q><q who=PPE>&dq;is going to-morrow into

<lb n=P147.15>that&H62 part&H0 of the town, and I shall take the opportunity

<lb n=P147.16>of calling in&H4 Grosvenor-street.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P147.17>She wrote again when the visit&H0 was paid, and she had

<lb n=P147.18>seen <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name>.</q><q who=PPE>&dq;I did not think <name who=PPJ>Caroline</name> in&H4 spirits,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P147.19>were her words,</q><q who=PPE>&dq;but she was very glad to&H9 see me, and

<lb n=P147.20>reproached me for&H4 giving her no&H2 notice&H0 of my coming to&H4;

<lb n=P147.21>London. I was right&H21;, therefore; my last&H2 letter had never

<lb n=P147.22>reached her. I enquired after&H4 their brother, of course&H8;.

<lb n=P147.23>He was well&H5;, but so&H51 much engaged with <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>, that&H3;

<lb n=P147.24>they scarcely ever saw him. I found that&H3 <name who=PPZG>Miss&sp;Darcy</name>

<lb n=P147.25>was expected to&H4 dinner. I wish&H1 I could see her. My

<lb n=P147.26>visit&H0 was not long, as <name who=PPJ>Caroline</name> and <name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Hurst</name> were going

<lb n=P147.27>out&H5;. I dare&H12 say I shall soon see them here.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P147.28><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> shook her head&H0 over this letter. It convinced

<lb n=P147.29>her, that&H3 accident only could discover to&H4 <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>

<lb n=P147.30>her sister's being&H1 in&H4 town.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P147.31>Four weeks passed away, and <name who=PPE>Jane</name> saw nothing of him.

<lb n=P147.32>She endeavoured to&H9 persuade herself that&H3 she did not

<lb n=P147.33>regret&H1 it; but she could no&H2 longer be blind&H2 to&H4 <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name>'s

<lb n=P147.34>inattention. After&H4 waiting at home every morning for&H4;

<lb n=P147.35>a fortnight, and inventing every evening a fresh excuse&H0;

<lb n=P147.36>for&H4 her, the visitor did at last&H0 appear; but the shortness

<lb n=P147.37>of her stay&H0;, and yet more, the alteration of her manner,

<lb n=P147.38>would allow <name who=PPE>Jane</name> to&H9 deceive herself no&H2 longer. The letter<pb n=P148>

<lb n=P148.1>which&H61 she wrote on&H4 this occasion&H0 to&H4 her sister, will&H1 prove

<lb n=P148.2>what she felt.

<lb n=P148.3></q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P148.4>&dq;My dearest <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name> will&H1;, I am sure, be incapable of

<lb n=P148.5>triumphing in&H4 her better judgment, at my expense, when

<lb n=P148.6>I confess myself to&H9 have been entirely deceived in&H4 <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name>'s

<lb n=P148.7>regard&H0 for&H4 me. But, my dear&H21 sister, though

<lb n=P148.8>the event has proved you right&H21;, do not think me obstinate

<lb n=P148.9>if I still&H5 assert, that&H3;, considering what her behaviour was,

<lb n=P148.10>my confidence was as natural&H2 as your suspicion. I do

<lb n=P148.11>not at all comprehend her reason&H0 for&H4 wishing to&H9 be intimate&H2;

<lb n=P148.12>with me, but if the same circumstances were to&H9 happen

<lb n=P148.13>again, I am sure I should be deceived again. <name who=PPJ>Caroline</name>

<lb n=P148.14>did not return&H1 my visit&H0 till yesterday; and not a note&H0;,

<lb n=P148.15>not a line, did I receive in&H4 the mean&sp;time. When she did

<lb n=P148.16>come, it was very evident that&H3 she had no&H2 pleasure in&H4 it;

<lb n=P148.17>she made a slight&H2;, formal, apology, for&H4 not calling before&H5;,

<lb n=P148.18>said not a word of wishing to&H9 see me again, and was in&H4;

<lb n=P148.19>every respect&H0 so&H51 altered a creature, that&H3 when she went

<lb n=P148.20>away, I was perfectly resolved to&H9 continue the acquaintance

<lb n=P148.21>no&H2 longer. I pity&H1;, though I cannot help&H1 blaming her.

<lb n=P148.22>She was very wrong in&H4 singling me out&H5 as she did; I can

<lb n=P148.23>safely say, that&H3 every advance&H0 to&H4 intimacy began on&H4 her

<lb n=P148.24>side&H0;. But I pity&H1 her, because she must feel that&H3 she has

<lb n=P148.25>been acting wrong, and because I am very sure that&H3;

<lb n=P148.26>anxiety for&H4 her brother is the cause of it. I need&H1 not

<lb n=P148.27>explain myself farther; and though <hi r=Italic>we</hi> know this anxiety

<lb n=P148.28>to&H9 be quite needless, yet if she feels it, it will&H1 easily account&H1;

<lb n=P148.29>for&H4 her behaviour to&H4 me; and so&H51 deservedly dear&H21 as he

<lb n=P148.30>is to&H4 his sister, whatever anxiety she may&H1 feel on&H4 his

<lb n=P148.31>behalf, is natural&H2 and amiable. I cannot but wonder&H1;,

<lb n=P148.32>however, at her having any such fears now, because, if

<lb n=P148.33>he had at all cared about&H4 me, we must have met long,

<lb n=P148.34>long ago. He knows of my being&H1 in&H4 town, I am certain,

<lb n=P148.35>from something she said herself; and yet it should seem

<lb n=P148.36>by&H4 her manner of talking, as if she wanted to&H9 persuade

<lb n=P148.37>herself that&H3 he is really partial to&H4 <name who=PPZG>Miss&sp;Darcy</name>. I cannot

<lb n=P148.38>understand it. If I were not afraid of judging harshly,<pb n=P149>

<lb n=P149.1>I should be almost tempted to&H9 say, that&H3 there is a strong

<lb n=P149.2>appearance of duplicity in&H4 all this. But I will&H1 endeavour&H1;

<lb n=P149.3>to&H9 banish every painful thought&H0;, and think only of what

<lb n=P149.4>will&H1 make&H1 me happy, your affection, and the invariable

<lb n=P149.5>kindness of my dear&H21 uncle and aunt. Let me hear from

<lb n=P149.6>you very soon. <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name> said something of his never

<lb n=P149.7>returning to&H4 Netherfield again, of giving up&H5 the house,

<lb n=P149.8>but not with any certainty. We had better not mention&H1 it.

<lb n=P149.9>I am extremely glad that&H3 you have such pleasant accounts

<lb n=P149.10>from our friends at Hunsford. Pray go to&H9 see them, with

<lb n=P149.11><name who=PPR>Sir&sp;William</name> and <name who=PPV>Maria</name>. I am sure you will&H1 be very

<lb n=P149.12>comfortable there.

<lb n=P149.13>&dq;Your's, &amp;c&point;&dq;

<lb n=P149.14></q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P149.15>This letter gave <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> some pain&H0;; but her spirits

<lb n=P149.16>returned as she considered that&H3;</q><q who=PPA type=indirect><name who=PPE>Jane</name> would no&H2 longer be

<lb n=P149.17>duped, by&H4 the sister at least. All expectation from the

<lb n=P149.18>brother was now absolutely over. She would not even&H5;

<lb n=P149.19>wish&H1 for&H4 any renewal of his attentions. His character

<lb n=P149.20>sunk on&H4 every review of it; and as a punishment for&H4;

<lb n=P149.21>him, as well&H5 as a possible advantage to&H4 <name who=PPE>Jane</name>, she seriously

<lb n=P149.22>hoped he might really soon marry <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>'s sister, as,

<lb n=P149.23>by&H4 <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>'s account&H0;, she would make&H1 him abundantly

<lb n=P149.24>regret&H1 what he had thrown away.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P149.25><name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name> about&H4 this time reminded <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> of

<lb n=P149.26>her promise&H0 concerning that&H62 gentleman, and required

<lb n=P149.27>information; and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> had such to&H9 send as might

<lb n=P149.28>rather give contentment to&H4 her aunt than to&H4 herself.

<lb n=P149.29>His apparent partiality had subsided, his attentions were

<lb n=P149.30>over, he was the admirer of some&sp;one else. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P149.31>was watchful enough to&H9 see it all, but she could see it

<lb n=P149.32>and write of it without material&H2 pain&H0;. Her heart had

<lb n=P149.33>been but slightly touched, and her vanity was satisfied

<lb n=P149.34>with believing that&H3 <hi r=Italic>she</hi> would have been his only choice&H0;,

<lb n=P149.35>had fortune permitted it. The sudden&H2 acquisition of ten

<lb n=P149.36>thousand pounds was the most remarkable charm&H0 of the

<lb n=P149.37>young lady, to&H4 whom&H61 he was now rendering himself agreeable;

<lb n=P149.38>but <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, less clear-sighted perhaps in&H4 his<pb n=P150>

<lb n=P150.1>case than in&H4 <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name>'s, did not quarrel&H1 with him for&H4 his

<lb n=P150.2>wish&H0 of independence.</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>Nothing, on&H4 the contrary, could

<lb n=P150.3>be more natural&H2;;</q><q who=PP0>and while&H4 able to&H9 suppose that&H3 it cost&H1;

<lb n=P150.4>him a few struggles to&H9 relinquish her, she was ready to&H9;

<lb n=P150.5>allow it a wise and desirable measure&H0 for&H4 both, and could

<lb n=P150.6>very sincerely wish&H1 him happy.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P150.7>All this was acknowledged to&H4 <name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner;</name> and after&H4;

<lb n=P150.8>relating the circumstances, she thus went on&H5;; &dash;</q><q who=PPA>&dq;I am

<lb n=P150.9>now convinced, my dear&H21 aunt, that&H3 I have never been much

<lb n=P150.10>in&H4 love&H0;; for&H3 had I really experienced that&H62 pure and

<lb n=P150.11>elevating passion, I should at present&H01 detest his very

<lb n=P150.12>name&H0;, and wish&H1 him all manner of evil. But my feelings

<lb n=P150.13>are not only cordial&H0 towards <hi r=Italic>him</hi>; they are even&H5 impartial

<lb n=P150.14>towards <name who=PPZW>Miss&sp;King</name>. I cannot find out&H5 that&H3 I hate her

<lb n=P150.15>at all, or that&H3 I am in&H4 the least unwilling to&H9 think her

<lb n=P150.16>a very good sort of girl. There can be no&H2 love&H0 in&H4 all this.

<lb n=P150.17>My watchfulness has been effectual; and though I should

<lb n=P150.18>certainly be a more interesting object&H0 to&H4 all my acquaintance,

<lb n=P150.19>were I distractedly in&H4 love&H0 with him, I cannot say

<lb n=P150.20>that&H3 I regret&H1 my comparative insignificance. Importance

<lb n=P150.21>may&H1 sometimes be purchased too&H51 dearly&H52;. <name who=PPG>Kitty</name> and <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>

<lb n=P150.22>take his defection much more to&H4 heart than I do. They are

<lb n=P150.23>young in&H4 the ways of the world, and not yet open&H2 to&H4 the

<lb n=P150.24>mortifying conviction that&H3 handsome young men must

<lb n=P150.25>have something to&H9 live on&H4;, as well&H5 as the plain.&dq;</q></p></div2>

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<lb n=P151.1>With no&H2 greater events than these in&H4 the Longbourn

<lb n=P151.2>family, and otherwise diversified by&H4 little beyond&H4 the walks&H0;

<lb n=P151.3>to&H4 Meryton, sometimes dirty and sometimes cold&H2;, did

<lb n=P151.4>January and February pass&H1 away. March was to&H9 take

<lb n=P151.5><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> to&H4 Hunsford. She had not at first thought&H1 very

<lb n=P151.6>seriously of going thither; but <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name>, she soon found,

<lb n=P151.7>was depending on&H4 the plan, and she gradually learned to&H9;

<lb n=P151.8>consider it herself with greater pleasure as well&H5 as greater

<lb n=P151.9>certainty. Absence had increased her desire&H0 of seeing

<lb n=P151.10><name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name> again, and weakened her disgust&H0 of <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>.

<lb n=P151.11>There was novelty in&H4 the scheme&H0;, and as, with such a

<lb n=P151.12>mother and such uncompanionable sisters, home could

<lb n=P151.13>not be faultless, a little change&H0 was not unwelcome for&H4;

<lb n=P151.14>its own&H2 sake. The journey would moreover give her a peep

<lb n=P151.15>at <name who=PPE>Jane;</name> and, in&H4 short, as the time drew near&H5;, she would

<lb n=P151.16>have been very sorry for&H4 any delay&H0;. Every&sp;thing, however,

<lb n=P151.17>went on&H5 smoothly, and was finally settled according to&H4;

<lb n=P151.18><name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name>'s first sketch. She was to&H9 accompany <name who=PPR>Sir&sp;William</name>

<lb n=P151.19>and his second&H2 daughter. The improvement of spending

<lb n=P151.20>a night in&H4 London was added in&H4 time, and the plan became

<lb n=P151.21>perfect&H2 as plan could be.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P151.22>The only pain&H0 was in&H4 leaving her father, who&H61 would

<lb n=P151.23>certainly miss her, and who&H61;, when it came to&H4 the point&H0;,

<lb n=P151.24>so&H51 little liked her going, that&H3 he told her to&H9 write to&H4 him,

<lb n=P151.25>and almost promised to&H9 answer&H1 her letter.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P151.26>The farewell between herself and <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name> was

<lb n=P151.27>perfectly friendly; on&H4 his side&H0 even&H5 more. His present&H2;

<lb n=P151.28>pursuit could not make&H1 him forget that&H3 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> had

<lb n=P151.29>been the first to&H9 excite and to&H9 deserve his attention, the

<lb n=P151.30>first to&H9 listen and to&H9 pity&H1;, the first to&H9 be admired; and

<lb n=P151.31>in&H4 his manner of bidding her adieu, wishing her every

<lb n=P151.32>enjoyment, reminding her of what she was to&H9 expect in&H4;

<lb n=P151.33><name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine&sp;de&sp;Bourgh</name>, and trusting their opinion of<pb n=P152>

<lb n=P152.1>her &dash; their opinion of every&sp;body &dash; would always coincide,

<lb n=P152.2>there was a solicitude, an interest&H0 which&H61 she felt must

<lb n=P152.3>ever attach her to&H4 him with a most sincere regard&H0;; and

<lb n=P152.4>she parted from him convinced, that&H3 whether married or

<lb n=P152.5>single, he must always be her model of the amiable and

<lb n=P152.6>pleasing.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P152.7>Her fellow-travellers the next day, were not of a kind&H0;

<lb n=P152.8>to&H9 make&H1 her think him less agreeable. <name who=PPR>Sir&sp;William&sp;Lucas</name>,

<lb n=P152.9>and his daughter <name who=PPV>Maria</name>, a good&sp;humoured girl, but as

<lb n=P152.10>empty-headed as himself, had nothing to&H9 say that&H61 could

<lb n=P152.11>be worth hearing, and were listened to&H4 with about&H5 as much

<lb n=P152.12>delight&H0 as the rattle of the chaise. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> loved

<lb n=P152.13>absurdities, but she had known <name who=PPR>Sir&sp;William</name>'s too&H51 long.

<lb n=P152.14>He could tell her nothing new of the wonders&H0 of his

<lb n=P152.15>presentation and knighthood; and his civilities were worn

<lb n=P152.16>out&H5 like&H4 his information.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P152.17>It was a journey of only twenty-four miles, and they

<lb n=P152.18>began it so&H51 early as to&H9 be in&H4 Gracechurch-street by&H4 noon.

<lb n=P152.19>As they drove to&H4 <name who=PPN>Mr&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>'s door, <name who=PPE>Jane</name> was at a

<lb n=P152.20>drawing-room window watching their arrival; when they

<lb n=P152.21>entered the passage she was there to&H9 welcome&H1 them, and

<lb n=P152.22><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, looking earnestly in&H4 her face&H0;, was pleased to&H9 see

<lb n=P152.23>it healthful and lovely as ever. On&H4 the stairs were a troop of

<lb n=P152.24>little boys and girls, whose&H61 eagerness for&H4 their cousin's

<lb n=P152.25>appearance would not allow them to&H9 wait in&H4 the drawing-room,

<lb n=P152.26>and whose&H61 shyness, as they had not seen her for&H4 a

<lb n=P152.27>twelvemonth, prevented their coming lower&H2;. All was joy

<lb n=P152.28>and kindness. The day passed most pleasantly away;

<lb n=P152.29>the morning in&H4 bustle&H0 and shopping, and the evening at

<lb n=P152.30>one of the theatres.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P152.31><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> then contrived to&H9 sit by&H4 her aunt. Their

<lb n=P152.32>first subject&H0 was her sister; and she was more grieved

<lb n=P152.33>than astonished to&H9 hear, in&H4 reply&H0 to&H4 her minute&H2 enquiries,

<lb n=P152.34>that&H3 though <name who=PPE>Jane</name> always struggled to&H9 support&H1 her spirits,

<lb n=P152.35>there were periods of dejection. It was reasonable, however,

<lb n=P152.36>to&H9 hope&H1;, that&H3 they would not continue long. <name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>

<lb n=P152.37>gave her the particulars also of <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name>'s

<lb n=P152.38>visit&H0 in&H4 Gracechurch-street, and repeated conversations<pb n=P153>

<lb n=P153.1>occurring at different times between <name who=PPE>Jane</name> and herself,

<lb n=P153.2>which&H61 proved that&H3 the former had, from her heart, given

<lb n=P153.3>up&H5 the acquaintance.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P153.4><name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name> then rallied her niece on&H4 <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>'s

<lb n=P153.5>desertion, and complimented her on&H4 bearing it so&H51 well&H5;.</q></p><p><q who=PPO>

<lb n=P153.6>&dq;But, my dear&H21 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>she added,</q><q who=PPO>&dq;what sort of

<lb n=P153.7>girl is <name who=PPZW>Miss&sp;King</name>? I should be sorry to&H9 think our friend

<lb n=P153.8>mercenary.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P153.9>&dq;Pray, my dear&H21 aunt, what is the difference in&H4 matrimonial

<lb n=P153.10>affairs, between the mercenary and the prudent

<lb n=P153.11>motive? Where does discretion end&H1;, and avarice begin?

<lb n=P153.12>Last&H2 Christmas you were afraid of his marrying me,

<lb n=P153.13>because it would be imprudent; and now, because he is

<lb n=P153.14>trying to&H9 get a girl with only ten thousand pounds, you

<lb n=P153.15>want&H1 to&H9 find out&H5 that&H3 he is mercenary.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPO>

<lb n=P153.16>&dq;If you will&H1 only tell me what sort of girl <name who=PPZW>Miss&sp;King</name> is,

<lb n=P153.17>I shall know what to&H9 think.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P153.18>&dq;She is a very good kind&H0 of girl, I believe. I know no&H2;

<lb n=P153.19>harm&H0 of her.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPO>

<lb n=P153.20>&dq;But he paid her not the smallest attention, till her

<lb n=P153.21>grandfather's death made her mistress of this fortune.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P153.22>&dq;No&H7 &dash; why should he? If it was not allowable for&H4;

<lb n=P153.23>him to&H9 gain&H1 <hi r=Italic>my</hi> affections, because I had no&H2 money, what

<lb n=P153.24>occasion&H0 could there be for&H4 making love&H0 to&H4 a girl whom&H61;

<lb n=P153.25>he did not care&H1 about&H4;, and who&H61 was equally poor?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPO>

<lb n=P153.26>&dq;But there seems indelicacy in&H4 directing his attentions

<lb n=P153.27>towards her, so&H51 soon after&H4 this event.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P153.28>&dq;A man in&H4 distressed circumstances has not time for&H4;

<lb n=P153.29>all those elegant decorums which&H61 other people may&H1;

<lb n=P153.30>observe. If <hi r=Italic>she</hi> does not object&H1 to&H4 it, why should <hi r=Italic>we</hi>?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPO>

<lb n=P153.31>&dq;<hi r=Italic>Her</hi> not objecting, does not justify <hi r=Italic>him</hi>. It only

<lb n=P153.32>shews her being&H1 deficient in&H4 something herself &dash; sense or

<lb n=P153.33>feeling.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P153.34>&dq;Well&H7;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;have it as you choose. <hi r=Italic>He</hi>

<lb n=P153.35>shall be mercenary, and <hi r=Italic>she</hi> shall be foolish.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPO>

<lb n=P153.36>&dq;No&H7;, <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>, that&H62 is what I do <hi r=Italic>not</hi> choose. I should be

<lb n=P153.37>sorry, you know, to&H9 think ill of a young man who&H61 has lived

<lb n=P153.38>so&H51 long in&H4 Derbyshire.&dq;<pb n=P154></q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P154.1>&dq;Oh! if that&H62 is all, I have a very poor opinion of young

<lb n=P154.2>men who&H61 live in&H4 Derbyshire; and their intimate&H2 friends

<lb n=P154.3>who&H61 live in&H4 Hertfordshire are not much better. I am sick

<lb n=P154.4>of them all. Thank Heaven! I am going to-morrow where

<lb n=P154.5>I shall find a man who&H61 has not one agreeable quality, who&H61;

<lb n=P154.6>has neither manner nor sense to&H9 recommend him. Stupid

<lb n=P154.7>men are the only ones worth knowing, after&H4 all.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPO>

<lb n=P154.8>&dq;Take care&H0;, <name who=PPA>Lizzy;</name> that&H62 speech savours strongly of

<lb n=P154.9>disappointment.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P154.10>Before&H3 they were separated by&H4 the conclusion of the

<lb n=P154.11>play&H0;, she had the unexpected happiness of an invitation

<lb n=P154.12>to&H9 accompany her uncle and aunt in&H4 a tour of pleasure

<lb n=P154.13>which&H61 they proposed taking in&H4 the summer.</q></p><p><q who=PPO>

<lb n=P154.14>&dq;We have not quite determined how far it shall carry

<lb n=P154.15>us,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>,</q><q who=PPO>

<lb n=P154.16>&dq;but perhaps to&H4 the Lakes.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P154.17>No&H2 scheme&H0 could have been more agreeable to&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,

<lb n=P154.18>and her acceptance of the invitation was most ready and

<lb n=P154.19>grateful.</q><q who=PPA>&dq;My dear&H21;, dear&H21 aunt,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>she rapturously cried,</q><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P154.20>&dq;what delight&H0;! what felicity! You give me fresh life

<lb n=P154.21>and vigour. Adieu to&H4 disappointment and spleen. What

<lb n=P154.22>are men to&H4 rocks and mountains? Oh! what hours of

<lb n=P154.23>transport we shall spend! And when we <hi r=Italic>do</hi> return&H1;, it shall

<lb n=P154.24>not be like&H4 other travellers, without being&H1 able to&H9 give

<lb n=P154.25>one accurate idea of any&sp;thing. We <hi r=Italic>will&H1;</hi> know where we

<lb n=P154.26>have gone &dash; we <hi r=Italic>will&H1;</hi> recollect what we have seen. Lakes,

<lb n=P154.27>mountains, and rivers, shall not be jumbled together in&H4 our

<lb n=P154.28>imaginations; nor, when we attempt&H1 to&H9 describe any

<lb n=P154.29>particular scene, will&H1 we begin quarrelling about&H4 its relative

<lb n=P154.30>situation. Let <hi r=Italic>our</hi> first effusions be less insupportable

<lb n=P154.31>than those of the generality of travellers.&dq;</q></p></div2>

<div2 type=chap n=05><p><pb n=P155><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P155.1>Every object&H0 in&H4 the next day's journey was new and

<lb n=P155.2>interesting to&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth;</name> and her spirits were in&H4 a state&H0;

<lb n=P155.3>for&H4 enjoyment; for&H3 she had seen her sister looking so&H51 well&H5;

<lb n=P155.4>as to&H9 banish all fear&H0 for&H4 her health, and the prospect of her

<lb n=P155.5>northern tour was a constant source of delight&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P155.6>When they left the high road for&H4 the lane to&H4 Hunsford,

<lb n=P155.7>every eye was in&H4 search&H0 of the Parsonage, and every

<lb n=P155.8>turning expected to&H9 bring it in&H4 view&H0;. The paling of Rosings&sp;Park

<lb n=P155.9>was their boundary on&H4 one side&H0;. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> smiled

<lb n=P155.10>at the recollection of all that&H61 she had heard of its inhabitants.

<lb n=P155.11></q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P155.12>At length the Parsonage was discernible. The garden

<lb n=P155.13>sloping to&H4 the road, the house standing in&H4 it, the green

<lb n=P155.14>pales and the laurel hedge, every&sp;thing declared they

<lb n=P155.15>were arriving. <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> and <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name> appeared at the

<lb n=P155.16>door, and the carriage stopped at the small gate, which&H61;

<lb n=P155.17>led by&H4 a short gravel walk&H0 to&H4 the house, amidst the nods

<lb n=P155.18>and smiles of the whole&H2 party. In&H4 a moment they were

<lb n=P155.19>all out&H5 of the chaise, rejoicing at the sight of each other.

<lb n=P155.20><name who=PPQ>Mrs&point;&sp;Collins</name> welcomed her friend with the liveliest pleasure,

<lb n=P155.21>and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was more and more satisfied with coming,

<lb n=P155.22>when she found herself so&H51 affectionately received. She

<lb n=P155.23>saw instantly that&H3 her cousin's manners were not altered

<lb n=P155.24>by&H4 his marriage; his formal civility was just&H5 what it had

<lb n=P155.25>been, and he detained her some minutes at the gate to&H9;

<lb n=P155.26>hear and satisfy his enquiries after&H4 all her family. They

<lb n=P155.27>were then, with no&H2 other delay&H0 than his pointing out&H5 the

<lb n=P155.28>neatness of the entrance, taken into the house; and as

<lb n=P155.29>soon as they were in&H4 the parlour, he welcomed them a

<lb n=P155.30>second&H2 time with ostentatious formality to&H4 his humble&H2;

<lb n=P155.31>abode, and punctually repeated all his wife's offers&H0 of

<lb n=P155.32>refreshment.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P155.33><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was prepared to&H9 see him in&H4 his glory&H0;; and<pb n=P156>

<lb n=P156.1>she could not help&H1 fancying that&H3 in&H4 displaying the good

<lb n=P156.2>proportion of the room, its aspect and its furniture, he

<lb n=P156.3>addressed himself particularly to&H4 her, as if wishing to&H9;

<lb n=P156.4>make&H1 her feel what she had lost in&H4 refusing him. But

<lb n=P156.5>though every&sp;thing seemed neat and comfortable, she

<lb n=P156.6>was not able to&H9 gratify him by&H4 any sigh&H0 of repentance;

<lb n=P156.7>and rather looked with wonder&H0 at her friend that&H3 she

<lb n=P156.8>could have so&H51 cheerful an air, with such a companion.

<lb n=P156.9>When <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> said any&sp;thing of which&H61 his wife might

<lb n=P156.10>reasonably be ashamed, which&H61 certainly was not unseldom,

<lb n=P156.11>she involuntarily turned her eye on&H4 <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name>. Once or

<lb n=P156.12>twice she could discern a faint&H2 blush&H0;; but in&H4 general&H0;

<lb n=P156.13><name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name> wisely did not hear. After&H4 sitting long enough

<lb n=P156.14>to&H9 admire every article of furniture in&H4 the room, from the

<lb n=P156.15>sideboard to&H4 the fender, to&H9 give an account&H0 of their journey

<lb n=P156.16>and of all that&H61 had happened in&H4 London, <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>

<lb n=P156.17>invited them to&H9 take a stroll in&H4 the garden, which&H61 was large

<lb n=P156.18>and well&H5 laid out&H5;, and to&H4 the cultivation of which&H61 he

<lb n=P156.19>attended himself. To&H9 work&H1 in&H4 his garden was one of his

<lb n=P156.20>most respectable pleasures; and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> admired the

<lb n=P156.21>command&H0 of countenance with which&H61 <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name> talked of

<lb n=P156.22>the healthfulness of the exercise&H0;, and owned she encouraged

<lb n=P156.23>it as much as possible. Here, leading the way through&H4;

<lb n=P156.24>every walk&H0 and cross&H2 walk&H0;, and scarcely allowing them an

<lb n=P156.25>interval to&H9 utter&H1 the praises he asked for&H4;, every view&H0 was

<lb n=P156.26>pointed out&H5 with a minuteness which&H61 left beauty entirely

<lb n=P156.27>behind. He could number the fields in&H4 every direction,

<lb n=P156.28>and could tell how many trees there were in&H4 the most

<lb n=P156.29>distant clump. But of all the views which&H61 his garden,

<lb n=P156.30>or which&H61 the country, or the kingdom could boast&H1;, none

<lb n=P156.31>were to&H9 be compared with the prospect of Rosings, afforded

<lb n=P156.32>by&H4 an opening in&H4 the trees that&H61 bordered the park nearly

<lb n=P156.33>opposite the front&H0 of his house. It was a handsome

<lb n=P156.34>modern building, well&H5 situated on&H4 rising ground.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P156.35>From his garden, <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> would have led them round&H4;

<lb n=P156.36>his two meadows, but the ladies not having shoes to&H9;

<lb n=P156.37>encounter the remains&H0 of the white frost, turned back&H5;; and

<lb n=P156.38>while&H3 <name who=PPR>Sir&sp;William</name> accompanied him, <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name> took her<pb n=P157>

<lb n=P157.1>sister and friend over the house, extremely well&sp;pleased,

<lb n=P157.2>probably, to&H9 have the opportunity of shewing it without

<lb n=P157.3>her husband's help&H0;. It was rather small, but well&H5 built

<lb n=P157.4>and convenient; and every&sp;thing was fitted up&H5 and

<lb n=P157.5>arranged with a neatness and consistency of which&H61 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P157.6>gave <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name> all the credit&H0;. When <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>

<lb n=P157.7>could be forgotten, there was really a great air of comfort&H0;

<lb n=P157.8>throughout, and by&H4 <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name>'s evident enjoyment of it,

<lb n=P157.9><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> supposed he must be often forgotten.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P157.10>She had already learnt that&H3 <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name> was still&H5;

<lb n=P157.11>in&H4 the country. It was spoken of again while&H3 they were

<lb n=P157.12>at dinner, when <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> joining in&H5;, observed,</q></p><p><q who=PPK>

<lb n=P157.13>&dq;Yes, <name who=PPA>Miss&sp;Elizabeth</name>, you will&H1 have the honour&H0 of

<lb n=P157.14>seeing <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine&sp;de&sp;Bourgh</name> on&H4 the ensuing Sunday

<lb n=P157.15>at church, and I need&H1 not say you will&H1 be delighted with

<lb n=P157.16>her. She is all affability and condescension, and I doubt&H1 not

<lb n=P157.17>but you will&H1 be honoured with some portion of her notice&H0;

<lb n=P157.18>when service is over. I have scarcely any hesitation in&H4 saying

<lb n=P157.19>that&H3 she will&H1 include you and my sister <name who=PPV>Maria</name> in&H4 every

<lb n=P157.20>invitation with which&H61 she honours us during your stay&H0;

<lb n=P157.21>here. Her behaviour to&H4 my dear&H21 <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name> is charming.

<lb n=P157.22>We dine at Rosings twice every week, and are never

<lb n=P157.23>allowed to&H9 walk&H1 home. Her ladyship's carriage is regularly

<lb n=P157.24>ordered for&H4 us. I <hi r=Italic>should</hi> say, one of her ladyship's carriages,

<lb n=P157.25>for&H3 she has several.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPQ>

<lb n=P157.26>&dq;<name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name> is a very respectable, sensible&H22 woman

<lb n=P157.27>indeed,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>added <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name>,</q><q who=PPQ>&dq;and a most attentive neighbour.&dq;

<lb n=P157.28></q></p><p><q who=PPK>

<lb n=P157.29>&dq;Very true, my dear&H21;, that&H62 is exactly what I say. She

<lb n=P157.30>is the sort of woman whom&H61 one cannot regard&H1 with too&H51;

<lb n=P157.31>much deference.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P157.32>The evening was spent chiefly in&H4 talking over Hertfordshire

<lb n=P157.33>news, and telling again what had been already

<lb n=P157.34>written; and when it closed, <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> in&H4 the solitude

<lb n=P157.35>of her chamber had to&H9 meditate upon&H4 <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name>'s degree

<lb n=P157.36>of contentment, to&H9 understand her address&H0 in&H4 guiding,

<lb n=P157.37>and composure in&H4 bearing with her husband, and to&H9;

<lb n=P157.38>acknowledge that&H3 it was all done very well&H5;. She had also<pb n=P158>

<lb n=P158.1>to&H9 anticipate how her visit&H0 would pass&H1;, the quiet&H0 tenor

<lb n=P158.2>of their usual employments, the vexatious interruptions

<lb n=P158.3>of <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>, and the gaieties of their intercourse with

<lb n=P158.4>Rosings. A lively imagination soon settled it all.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P158.5>About&H4 the middle of the next day, as she was in&H4 her

<lb n=P158.6>room getting ready for&H4 the walk&H0;, a sudden&H2 noise below

<lb n=P158.7>seemed to&H9 speak the whole&H2 house in&H4 confusion; and after&H4;

<lb n=P158.8>listening a moment, she heard somebody running up&sp;stairs

<lb n=P158.9>in&H4 a violent hurry&H0;, and calling loudly after&H4 her. She

<lb n=P158.10>opened the door, and met <name who=PPV>Maria</name> in&H4 the landing&sp;place, who&H61;,

<lb n=P158.11>breathless with agitation, cried out&H5;,</q></p><p><q who=PPV>

<lb n=P158.12>&dq;Oh, my dear&H21 <name who=PPA>Eliza</name>! pray make&H1 haste and come

<lb n=P158.13>into the dining-room, for&H3 there is such a sight to&H9 be seen!

<lb n=P158.14>I will&H1 not tell you what it is. Make&H1 haste, and come down&H5;

<lb n=P158.15>this moment.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P158.16><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> asked questions in&H4 vain; <name who=PPV>Maria</name> would tell

<lb n=P158.17>her nothing more, and down&H5 they ran into the dining-room,

<lb n=P158.18>which&H61 fronted the lane, in&H4 quest of this wonder&H0;;

<lb n=P158.19>it was two ladies stopping in&H4 a low phaeton at the garden

<lb n=P158.20>gate.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P158.21>&dq;And is this all?&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>.</q><q who=PPA>&dq;I expected at

<lb n=P158.22>least that&H3 the pigs were got into the garden, and here is

<lb n=P158.23>nothing but <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name> and her daughter!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPV>

<lb n=P158.24>&dq;La! my dear&H21;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPV>Maria</name> quite shocked at the

<lb n=P158.25>mistake&H0;,</q><q who=PPV>&dq;it is not <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name>. The old lady is

<lb n=P158.26><name who=PPZS>Mrs&point;&sp;Jenkinson</name>, who&H61 lives&H1 with them. The other is <name who=PPZJ>Miss&sp;De&sp;Bourgh</name>.

<lb n=P158.27>Only look&H1 at her. She is quite a little

<lb n=P158.28>creature. Who&H62 would have thought&H1 she could be so&H51 thin

<lb n=P158.29>and small!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P158.30>&dq;She is abominably rude to&H9 keep <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name> out&H5 of doors

<lb n=P158.31>in&H4 all this wind. Why does she not come in&H5;?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPV>

<lb n=P158.32>&dq;Oh! <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name> says, she hardly ever does. It is the

<lb n=P158.33>greatest of favours when <name who=PPZJ>Miss&sp;De&sp;Bourgh</name> comes in&H5;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P158.34>&dq;I like&H1 her appearance,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, struck with

<lb n=P158.35>other ideas.</q><q who=PPA>&dq;She looks&H1 sickly and cross&H2;. &dash; Yes, she will&H1;

<lb n=P158.36>do for&H4 him very well&H5;. She will&H1 make&H1 him a very proper

<lb n=P158.37>wife.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P158.38><name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> and <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name> were both standing at the<pb n=P159>

<lb n=P159.1>gate in&H4 conversation with the ladies; and <name who=PPR>Sir&sp;William</name>,

<lb n=P159.2>to&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>'s high diversion, was stationed in&H4 the doorway,

<lb n=P159.3>in&H4 earnest contemplation of the greatness before&H4;

<lb n=P159.4>him, and constantly bowing whenever <name who=PPZJ>Miss&sp;De&sp;Bourgh</name>

<lb n=P159.5>looked that&H62 way.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P159.6>At length there was nothing more to&H9 be said; the

<lb n=P159.7>ladies drove on&H5;, and the others returned into the house.

<lb n=P159.8><name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> no&H2 sooner saw the two girls than he began

<lb n=P159.9>to&H9 congratulate them on&H4 their good fortune, which&H61 <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name>

<lb n=P159.10>explained by&H4 letting them know that&H3 the whole&H2;

<lb n=P159.11>party was asked to&H9 dine at Rosings the next day.</q></p></div2>

<div2 type=chap n=06><p><pb n=P160>

<lb n=P160.1><q who=pp0><name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>'s triumph&H0 in&H4 consequence of this invitation

<lb n=P160.2>was complete&H2;. The power of displaying the grandeur of

<lb n=P160.3>his patroness to&H4 his wondering visitors, and of letting them

<lb n=P160.4>see her civility towards himself and his wife, was exactly

<lb n=P160.5>what he had wished for&H4;; and that&H3 an opportunity of

<lb n=P160.6>doing it should be given so&H51 soon, was such an instance&H0 of

<lb n=P160.7><name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name>'s condescension as he knew not how to&H9;

<lb n=P160.8>admire enough.</q><q who=PPK>

<lb n=P160.9>&dq;I confess,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said he,</q><q who=PPK>&dq;that&H3 I should not have been at

<lb n=P160.10>all surprised by&H4 her Ladyship's asking us on&H4 Sunday to&H9;

<lb n=P160.11>drink tea and spend the evening at Rosings. I rather

<lb n=P160.12>expected, from my knowledge of her affability, that&H3 it

<lb n=P160.13>would happen. But who&H62 could have foreseen such an

<lb n=P160.14>attention as this? Who&H62 could have imagined that&H3 we

<lb n=P160.15>should receive an invitation to&H9 dine there (an invitation

<lb n=P160.16>moreover including the whole&H2 party) so&H51 immediately after&H4;

<lb n=P160.17>your arrival!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPR>

<lb n=P160.18>&dq;I am the less surprised at what has happened,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P160.19>replied <name who=PPR>Sir&sp;William</name>,</q><q who=PPR>&dq;from the knowledge of what the

<lb n=P160.20>manners of the great really are, which&H61 my situation in&H4;

<lb n=P160.21>life has allowed me to&H9 acquire. About&H4 the Court&H0;, such

<lb n=P160.22>instances of elegant breeding are not uncommon.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P160.23>Scarcely any&sp;thing was talked of the whole&H2 day or next

<lb n=P160.24>morning, but their visit&H0 to&H4 Rosings. <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> was

<lb n=P160.25>carefully instructing them in&H4 what they were to&H9 expect,

<lb n=P160.26>that&H3 the sight of such rooms, so&H51 many servants, and so&H51;

<lb n=P160.27>splendid a dinner might not wholly overpower them.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P160.28>When the ladies were separating for&H4 the toilette, he said

<lb n=P160.29>to&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>.</q></p><p><q who=PPK>

<lb n=P160.30>&dq;Do not make&H1 yourself uneasy, my dear&H21 cousin, about&H4;

<lb n=P160.31>your apparel. <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name> is far from requiring that&H62;

<lb n=P160.32>elegance of dress&H0 in&H4 us, which&H61 becomes herself and daughter.

<lb n=P160.33>I would advise you merely to&H9 put on&H5 whatever of your<pb n=P161>

<lb n=P161.1>clothes is superior to&H4 the rest&H01;, there is no&H2 occasion&H0 for&H4;

<lb n=P161.2>any&sp;thing more. <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name> will&H1 not think the worse

<lb n=P161.3>of you for&H4 being&H1 simply dressed. She likes to&H9 have the

<lb n=P161.4>distinction of rank&H0 preserved.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P161.5>While&H3 they were dressing, he came two or three times

<lb n=P161.6>to&H4 their different doors, to&H9 recommend their being&H1 quick&H2;,

<lb n=P161.7>as <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name> very much objected to&H9 be kept waiting

<lb n=P161.8>for&H4 her dinner. &dash; Such formidable accounts of her Ladyship,

<lb n=P161.9>and her manner of living, quite frightened <name who=PPV>Maria&sp;Lucas</name>,

<lb n=P161.10>who&H61 had been little used to&H4 company, and she looked

<lb n=P161.11>forward&H5 to&H4 her introduction at Rosings, with as much

<lb n=P161.12>apprehension, as her father had done to&H4 his presentation

<lb n=P161.13>at St&point;&sp;James's.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P161.14>As the weather was fine, they had a pleasant walk&H0 of

<lb n=P161.15>about&H4 half a mile across&H4 the park. &dash; Every park has its

<lb n=P161.16>beauty and its prospects; and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> saw much to&H9;

<lb n=P161.17>be pleased with, though she could not be in&H4 such raptures

<lb n=P161.18>as <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> expected the scene to&H9 inspire, and was but

<lb n=P161.19>slightly affected by&H4 his enumeration of the windows in&H4;

<lb n=P161.20>front&H0 of the house, and his relation of what the glazing

<lb n=P161.21>altogether had originally cost&H1 <name who=PPZI>Sir&sp;Lewis&sp;De&sp;Bourgh</name>.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P161.22>When they ascended the steps to&H4 the hall, <name who=PPV>Maria</name>'s

<lb n=P161.23>alarm&H0 was every moment increasing, and even&H5 <name who=PPR>Sir&sp;William</name>

<lb n=P161.24>did not look&H1 perfectly calm&H2;. &dash; <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>'s courage did not

<lb n=P161.25>fail her.</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>She had heard nothing of <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name> that&H61;

<lb n=P161.26>spoke her awful from any extraordinary talents or miraculous

<lb n=P161.27>virtue, and the mere stateliness of money and rank&H0;,</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P161.28>she thought&H1;</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>she could witness&H1 without trepidation.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P161.29>From the entrance hall, of which&H61 <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> pointed

<lb n=P161.30>out&H5;, with a rapturous air, the fine proportion and finished

<lb n=P161.31>ornaments, they followed the servants through&H4 an anti-chamber,

<lb n=P161.32>to&H4 the room where <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name>, her daughter,

<lb n=P161.33>and <name who=PPZS>Mrs&point;&sp;Jenkinson</name> were sitting. &dash; Her Ladyship, with

<lb n=P161.34>great condescension, arose to&H9 receive them; and as <name who=PPQ>Mrs&point;&sp;Collins</name>

<lb n=P161.35>had settled it with her husband that&H3 the office of

<lb n=P161.36>introduction should be her's, it was performed in&H4 a proper

<lb n=P161.37>manner, without any of those apologies and thanks which&H61;

<lb n=P161.38>he would have thought&H1 necessary.<pb n=P162></q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P162.1>In&H4 spite&H8 of having been at St&point;&sp;James's, <name who=PPR>Sir&sp;William</name> was

<lb n=P162.2>so&H51 completely awed, by&H4 the grandeur surrounding him, that&H3;

<lb n=P162.3>he had but just&H5 courage enough to&H9 make&H1 a very low bow&H01;,

<lb n=P162.4>and take his seat without saying a word; and his daughter,

<lb n=P162.5>frightened almost out&H5 of her senses, sat on&H4 the edge of her

<lb n=P162.6>chair, not knowing which&H61 way to&H9 look&H1;. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> found

<lb n=P162.7>herself quite equal&H2 to&H4 the scene, and could observe the three

<lb n=P162.8>ladies before&H4 her composedly. &dash; <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name> was a tall,

<lb n=P162.9>large woman, with strongly-marked features, which&H61 might

<lb n=P162.10>once have been handsome. Her air was not conciliating, nor

<lb n=P162.11>was her manner of receiving them, such as to&H9 make&H1 her

<lb n=P162.12>visitors forget their inferior rank&H0;. She was not rendered

<lb n=P162.13>formidable by&H4 silence&H0;; but whatever she said, was spoken

<lb n=P162.14>in&H4 so&H51 authoritative a tone, as marked her self-importance,

<lb n=P162.15>and brought <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name> immediately to&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>'s

<lb n=P162.16>mind&H0;; and from the observation of the day altogether,

<lb n=P162.17>she believed <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name> to&H9 be exactly what he had

<lb n=P162.18>represented.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P162.19>When, after&H4 examining the mother, in&H4 whose&H61 countenance

<lb n=P162.20>and deportment she soon found some resemblance

<lb n=P162.21>of <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>, she turned her eyes on&H4 the daughter, she

<lb n=P162.22>could almost have joined in&H4 <name who=PPV>Maria</name>'s astonishment, at her

<lb n=P162.23>being&H1 so&H51 thin, and so&H51 small. There was neither in&H4 figure

<lb n=P162.24>nor face&H0;, any likeness between the ladies. <name who=PPZJ>Miss&sp;De&sp;Bourgh</name>

<lb n=P162.25>was pale and sickly; her features, though not plain, were

<lb n=P162.26>insignificant; and she spoke very little, except in&H4 a low

<lb n=P162.27>voice, to&H4 <name who=PPZS>Mrs&point;&sp;Jenkinson</name>, in&H4 whose&H61 appearance there was

<lb n=P162.28>nothing remarkable, and who&H61 was entirely engaged in&H4;

<lb n=P162.29>listening to&H4 what she said, and placing a screen in&H4 the

<lb n=P162.30>proper direction before&H4 her eyes.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P162.31>After&H4 sitting a few minutes, they were all sent to&H4 one

<lb n=P162.32>of the windows, to&H9 admire the view&H0;, <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> attending

<lb n=P162.33>them to&H9 point&H1 out&H5 its beauties, and <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name> kindly

<lb n=P162.34>informing them that&H3 it was much better worth looking at

<lb n=P162.35>in&H4 the summer.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P162.36>The dinner was exceedingly handsome, and there were

<lb n=P162.37>all the servants, and all the articles of plate which&H61 <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>

<lb n=P162.38>had promised; and, as he had likewise foretold,<pb n=P163>

<lb n=P163.1>he took his seat at the bottom of the table, by&H4 her ladyship's

<lb n=P163.2>desire&H0;, and looked as if he felt that&H3 life could furnish

<lb n=P163.3>nothing greater. &dash; He carved, and ate, and praised with

<lb n=P163.4>delighted alacrity; and every dish was commended, first

<lb n=P163.5>by&H4 him, and then by&H4 <name who=PPR>Sir&sp;William</name>, who&H61 was now enough

<lb n=P163.6>recovered to&H9 echo whatever his son&sp;in&sp;law said, in&H4 a manner

<lb n=P163.7>which&H61 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> wondered <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name> could bear&H1;.

<lb n=P163.8>But <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name> seemed gratified by&H4 their excessive

<lb n=P163.9>admiration, and gave most gracious smiles, especially when

<lb n=P163.10>any dish on&H4 the table proved a novelty to&H4 them. The

<lb n=P163.11>party did not supply&H1 much conversation. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was

<lb n=P163.12>ready to&H9 speak whenever there was an opening, but she

<lb n=P163.13>was seated between <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name> and <name who=PPZJ>Miss&sp;De&sp;Bourgh</name> &dash; the

<lb n=P163.14>former of whom&H61 was engaged in&H4 listening to&H4 <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name>,

<lb n=P163.15>and the latter said not a word to&H4 her all dinner&sp;time.

<lb n=P163.16><name who=PPZS>Mrs&point;&sp;Jenkinson</name> was chiefly employed in&H4 watching how

<lb n=P163.17>little <name who=PPZJ>Miss&sp;De&sp;Bourgh</name> ate, pressing her to&H9 try some other

<lb n=P163.18>dish, and fearing she were indisposed. <name who=PPV>Maria</name> thought&H1;

<lb n=P163.19>speaking out&H5 of the question&H0;, and the gentlemen did

<lb n=P163.20>nothing but eat and admire.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P163.21>When the ladies returned to&H4 the drawing&sp;room, there

<lb n=P163.22>was little to&H9 be done but to&H9 hear <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name> talk&H1;,

<lb n=P163.23>which&H61 she did without any intermission till coffee came

<lb n=P163.24>in&H5;, delivering her opinion on&H4 every subject&H0 in&H4 so&H51 decisive

<lb n=P163.25>a manner as proved that&H3 she was not used to&H9 have her

<lb n=P163.26>judgment controverted. She enquired into <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name>'s

<lb n=P163.27>domestic&H2 concerns&H0 familiarly and minutely, and gave her

<lb n=P163.28>a great deal&H0 of advice, as to&H4 the management of them all;

<lb n=P163.29>told her how every&sp;thing ought to&H9 be regulated in&H4 so&H51;

<lb n=P163.30>small a family as her's, and instructed her as to&H4 the care&H0;

<lb n=P163.31>of her cows and her poultry. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> found that&H3;

<lb n=P163.32>nothing was beneath this great Lady's attention, which&H61;

<lb n=P163.33>could furnish her with an occasion&H0 of dictating to&H4 others.

<lb n=P163.34>In&H4 the intervals of her discourse with <name who=PPQ>Mrs&point;&sp;Collins</name>, she

<lb n=P163.35>addressed a variety of questions to&H4 <name who=PPV>Maria</name> and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,

<lb n=P163.36>but especially to&H4 the latter, of whose&H61 connections she knew

<lb n=P163.37>the least, and who&H61 she observed to&H4 <name who=PPQ>Mrs&point;&sp;Collins</name>, was</q><q who=PPL type=indirect>a very

<lb n=P163.38>genteel, pretty&H2 kind&H0 of girl.</q><q who=PP0>She asked her at different<pb n=P164>

<lb n=P164.1>times,</q><q who=PPL type=indirect>how many sisters she had, whether they were older

<lb n=P164.2>or younger than herself, whether any of them were likely

<lb n=P164.3>to&H9 be married, whether they were handsome, where they

<lb n=P164.4>had been educated, what carriage her father kept, and what

<lb n=P164.5>had been her mother's maiden name&H0;? &dash;</q><q who=PP0><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> felt all

<lb n=P164.6>the impertinence of her questions, but answered them very

<lb n=P164.7>composedly. &dash; <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name> then observed,</q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P164.8>&dq;Your father's estate is entailed on&H4 <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>, I think.

<lb n=P164.9>For&H4 your sake,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>turning to&H4 <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name>,</q><q who=PPL>&dq;I am glad of it;

<lb n=P164.10>but otherwise I see no&H2 occasion&H0 for&H4 entailing estates from

<lb n=P164.11>the female&H2 line. &dash; It was not thought&H1 necessary in&H4 <name who=PPZI>Sir&sp;Lewis&sp;de&sp;Bourgh</name>'s

<lb n=P164.12>family. &dash; Do you play&H1 and sing, <name who=PPA>Miss&sp;Bennet</name>?&dq;

<lb n=P164.13></q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P164.14>&dq;A little.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P164.15>&dq;Oh! then &dash; some time or other we shall be happy to&H9;

<lb n=P164.16>hear you. Our instrument is a capital one, probably

<lb n=P164.17>superior to&H4 &dash; You shall try it some day. &dash; Do your sisters

<lb n=P164.18>play&H1 and sing?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P164.19>&dq;One of them does.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P164.20>&dq;Why did not you all learn? &dash; You ought all to&H9 have

<lb n=P164.21>learned. The <name who=PPZZP>Miss&sp;Webbs</name> all play&H1;, and their father has

<lb n=P164.22>not so&H51 good an income as your's. &dash; Do you draw?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P164.23>&dq;No&H7;, not at all.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P164.24>&dq;What, none of you?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P164.25>&dq;Not one.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P164.26>&dq;That&H62 is very strange. But I suppose you had no&H2;

<lb n=P164.27>opportunity. Your mother should have taken you to&H4;

<lb n=P164.28>town every spring&H0 for&H4 the benefit of masters.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P164.29>&dq;My mother would have had no&H2 objection, but my

<lb n=P164.30>father hates London.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P164.31>&dq;Has your governess left you?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P164.32>&dq;We never had any governess.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P164.33>&dq;No&H2 governess! How was that&H62 possible? Five

<lb n=P164.34>daughters brought up&H5 at home without a governess! &dash;

<lb n=P164.35>I never heard of such a thing. Your mother must have

<lb n=P164.36>been quite a slave to&H4 your education.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P164.37><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> could hardly help&H1 smiling, as she assured her

<lb n=P164.38>that&H62 had not been the case.<pb n=P165></q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P165.1>&dq;Then, who&H62 taught you? who&H62 attended to&H4 you?

<lb n=P165.2>Without a governess you must have been neglected.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P165.3>&dq;Compared with some families, I believe we were;

<lb n=P165.4>but such of us as wished to&H9 learn, never wanted the

<lb n=P165.5>means&H0;. We were always encouraged to&H9 read, and had

<lb n=P165.6>all the masters that&H61 were necessary. Those who&H61 chose

<lb n=P165.7>to&H9 be idle, certainly might.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P165.8>&dq;Aye, no&H2 doubt&H0;; but that&H62 is what a governess will&H1;

<lb n=P165.9>prevent, and if I had known your mother, I should have

<lb n=P165.10>advised her most strenuously to&H9 engage one. I always

<lb n=P165.11>say that&H3 nothing is to&H9 be done in&H4 education without steady

<lb n=P165.12>and regular instruction, and nobody but a governess can

<lb n=P165.13>give it. It was wonderful how many families I have been

<lb n=P165.14>the means&H0 of supplying in&H4 that&H62 way. I am always glad

<lb n=P165.15>to&H9 get a young person well&H5 placed out&H5;. Four nieces of

<lb n=P165.16><name who=PPZS>Mrs&point;&sp;Jenkinson</name> are most delightfully situated through&H4 my

<lb n=P165.17>means&H0;; and it was but the other day, that&H3 I recommended

<lb n=P165.18>another young person, who&H61 was merely accidentally mentioned

<lb n=P165.19>to&H4 me, and the family are quite delighted with her.

<lb n=P165.20><name who=PPQ>Mrs&point;&sp;Collins</name>, did I tell you of <name who=PPZZC>Lady&sp;Metcalfe</name>'s calling

<lb n=P165.21>yesterday to&H9 thank me? She finds <name who=PPZZH>Miss&sp;Pope</name> a treasure.

<lb n=P165.22>&onq;<name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name>,&cnq; said she, &onq;you have given me a treasure.&cnq;

<lb n=P165.23>Are any of your younger sisters out&H5;, <name who=PPA>Miss&sp;Bennet</name>?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P165.24>&dq;Yes, Ma'am, all.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P165.25>&dq;All! &dash; What, all five out&H5 at once? Very odd! &dash; And

<lb n=P165.26>you only the second&H2;. &dash; The younger ones out&H5 before&H3 the

<lb n=P165.27>elder are married! &dash; Your younger sisters must be very

<lb n=P165.28>young?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P165.29>&dq;Yes, my youngest is not sixteen. Perhaps <hi r=Italic>she</hi> is full

<lb n=P165.30>young to&H9 be much in&H4 company. But really, Ma'am,

<lb n=P165.31>I think it would be very hard upon&H4 younger sisters, that&H3;

<lb n=P165.32>they should not have their share&H0 of society and amusement

<lb n=P165.33>because the elder may&H1 not have the means&H0 or inclination

<lb n=P165.34>to&H9 marry early. &dash; The last&H2 born&H11 has as good a right&H0 to&H4 the

<lb n=P165.35>pleasures of youth, as the first. And to&H9 be kept back&H5 on&H4;

<lb n=P165.36><hi r=Italic>such</hi> a motive! &dash; I think it would not be very likely to&H9;

<lb n=P165.37>promote sisterly affection or delicacy of mind&H0;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P165.38>&dq;Upon&H4 my word,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said her Ladyship,</q><q who=PPL>&dq;you give your<pb n=P166>

<lb n=P166.1>opinion very decidedly for&H4 so&H51 young a person. &dash; Pray, what

<lb n=P166.2>is your age?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P166.3>&dq;With three younger sisters grown up&H5;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P166.4>smiling,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;your Ladyship can hardly expect me to&H9 own&H1;

<lb n=P166.5>it.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P166.6><name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name> seemed quite astonished at not receiving

<lb n=P166.7>a direct&H2 answer&H0;; and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> suspected herself to&H9 be

<lb n=P166.8>the first creature who&H61 had ever dared to&H9 trifle&H1 with so&H51;

<lb n=P166.9>much dignified impertinence.</q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P166.10>&dq;You cannot be more than twenty, I am sure, &dash; therefore

<lb n=P166.11>you need&H1 not conceal your age.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P166.12>&dq;I am not one&sp;and&sp;twenty.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P166.13>When the gentlemen had joined them, and tea was over,

<lb n=P166.14>the card&sp;tables were placed. <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name>, <name who=PPR>Sir&sp;William</name>,

<lb n=P166.15>and <name who=PPK>Mr&point;</name> and <name who=PPQ>Mrs&point;&sp;Collins</name> sat down&H5 to&H4 quadrille; and as

<lb n=P166.16><name who=PPZJ>Miss&sp;De&sp;Bourgh</name> chose to&H9 play&H1 at cassino, the two girls

<lb n=P166.17>had the honour&H0 of assisting <name who=PPZS>Mrs&point;&sp;Jenkinson</name> to&H9 make&H1 up&H5;

<lb n=P166.18>her party. Their table was superlatively stupid. Scarcely

<lb n=P166.19>a syllable was uttered that&H61 did not relate to&H4 the game,

<lb n=P166.20>except when <name who=PPZS>Mrs&point;&sp;Jenkinson</name> expressed her fears of <name who=PPZJ>Miss&sp;De&sp;Bourgh</name>'s

<lb n=P166.21>being&H1 too&H51 hot or too&H51 cold&H2;, or having too&H51 much

<lb n=P166.22>or too&H51 little light&H0;. A great deal&H0 more passed at the other

<lb n=P166.23>table. <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name> was generally speaking &dash; stating

<lb n=P166.24>the mistakes of the three others, or relating some anecdote

<lb n=P166.25>of herself. <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> was employed in&H4 agreeing to&H4;

<lb n=P166.26>every&sp;thing her Ladyship said, thanking her for&H4 every

<lb n=P166.27>fish he won, and apologising if he thought&H1 he won too&H51;

<lb n=P166.28>many. <name who=PPR>Sir&sp;William</name> did not say much. He was storing

<lb n=P166.29>his memory with anecdotes and noble names.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P166.30>When <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name> and her daughter had played as

<lb n=P166.31>long as they chose, the tables were broke up&H5;, the carriage

<lb n=P166.32>was offered to&H4 <name who=PPQ>Mrs&point;&sp;Collins</name>, gratefully accepted, and

<lb n=P166.33>immediately ordered. The party then gathered round&H4 the

<lb n=P166.34>fire&H0 to&H9 hear <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name> determine what weather they

<lb n=P166.35>were to&H9 have on&H4 the morrow. From these instructions

<lb n=P166.36>they were summoned by&H4 the arrival of the coach, and

<lb n=P166.37>with many speeches of thankfulness on&H4 <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>'s side&H0;,

<lb n=P166.38>and as many bows on&H4 <name who=PPR>Sir&sp;William</name>'s, they departed. As<pb n=P167>

<lb n=P167.1>soon as they had driven from the door, <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was

<lb n=P167.2>called on&H5 by&H4 her cousin, to&H9 give her opinion of all that&H61 she

<lb n=P167.3>had seen at Rosings, which&H61;, for&H4 <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name>'s sake, she made

<lb n=P167.4>more favourable than it really was. But her commendation,

<lb n=P167.5>though costing her some trouble&H0;, could by&H4 no&H2 means&H0;

<lb n=P167.6>satisfy <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>, and he was very soon obliged to&H9 take

<lb n=P167.7>her Ladyship's praise&H0 into his own&H2 hands.</q></p></div2>

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<lb n=P168.1><q who=pp0><name who=PPR>Sir&sp;William</name> staid only a week at Hunsford; but his

<lb n=P168.2>visit&H0 was long enough to&H9 convince him of his daughter's

<lb n=P168.3>being&H1 most comfortably settled, and of her possessing such

<lb n=P168.4>a husband and such a neighbour as were not often met

<lb n=P168.5>with. While&H3 <name who=PPR>Sir&sp;William</name> was with them, <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>

<lb n=P168.6>devoted his mornings to&H4 driving him out&H5 in&H4 his gig, and

<lb n=P168.7>shewing him the country; but when he went away, the

<lb n=P168.8>whole&H2 family returned to&H4 their usual employments, and

<lb n=P168.9><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was thankful to&H9 find that&H3 they did not see more

<lb n=P168.10>of her cousin by&H4 the alteration, for&H3 the chief of the time

<lb n=P168.11>between breakfast&H0 and dinner was now passed by&H4 him

<lb n=P168.12>either at work&H0 in&H4 the garden, or in&H4 reading and writing, and

<lb n=P168.13>looking out&H5 of window in&H4 his own&H2 book&sp;room, which&H61 fronted

<lb n=P168.14>the road. The room in&H4 which&H61 the ladies sat was backwards.

<lb n=P168.15><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> at first had rather wondered that&H3 <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name> should

<lb n=P168.16>not prefer the dining&sp;parlour for&H4 common&H2 use&H0;; it was

<lb n=P168.17>a better sized room, and had a pleasanter aspect; but

<lb n=P168.18>she soon saw that&H3 her friend had an excellent reason&H0 for&H4;

<lb n=P168.19>what she did, for&H3 <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> would undoubtedly have been

<lb n=P168.20>much less in&H4 his own&H2 apartment, had they sat in&H4 one

<lb n=P168.21>equally lively; and she gave <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name> credit&H0 for&H4 the

<lb n=P168.22>arrangement.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P168.23><q who=pp0>From the drawing&sp;room they could distinguish nothing

<lb n=P168.24>in&H4 the lane, and were indebted to&H4 <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> for&H4 the

<lb n=P168.25>knowledge of what carriages went along&H5;, and how often

<lb n=P168.26>especially <name who=PPZJ>Miss&sp;De&sp;Bourgh</name> drove by&H5 in&H4 her phaeton, which&H61;

<lb n=P168.27>he never failed coming to&H9 inform them of, though it happened

<lb n=P168.28>almost every day. She not unfrequently stopped

<lb n=P168.29>at the Parsonage, and had a few minutes' conversation

<lb n=P168.30>with <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name>, but was scarcely ever prevailed on&H5 to&H9;

<lb n=P168.31>get out&H5;.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P168.32><q who=pp0>Very few days passed in&H4 which&H61 <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> did not walk&H1;

<lb n=P168.33>to&H4 Rosings, and not many in&H4 which&H61 his wife did not think<pb n=P169>

<lb n=P169.1>it necessary to&H9 go likewise; and till <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> recollected

<lb n=P169.2>that&H3 there might be other family livings to&H9 be disposed of,

<lb n=P169.3>she could not understand the sacrifice&H0 of so&H51 many hours.

<lb n=P169.4>Now and then, they were honoured with a call&H0 from her

<lb n=P169.5>Ladyship, and nothing escaped her observation that&H61 was

<lb n=P169.6>passing in&H4 the room during these visits. She examined

<lb n=P169.7>into their employments, looked at their work&H0;, and advised

<lb n=P169.8>them to&H9 do it differently; found fault with the arrangement

<lb n=P169.9>of the furniture, or detected the housemaid in&H4;

<lb n=P169.10>negligence; and if she accepted any refreshment, seemed

<lb n=P169.11>to&H9 do it only for&H4 the sake of finding out&H5 that&H3 <name who=PPQ>Mrs&point;&sp;Collins</name>'s

<lb n=P169.12>joints of meat were too&H51 large for&H4 her family.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P169.13><q who=pp0><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> soon perceived that&H3 though this great lady

<lb n=P169.14>was not in&H4 the commission of the peace for&H4 the county,

<lb n=P169.15>she was a most active magistrate in&H4 her own&H2 parish, the

<lb n=P169.16>minutest concerns&H0 of which&H61 were carried to&H4 her by&H4 <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins;</name>

<lb n=P169.17>and whenever any of the cottagers were disposed

<lb n=P169.18>to&H9 be quarrelsome, discontented or too&H51 poor, she sallied

<lb n=P169.19>forth into the village to&H9 settle their differences, silence&H1;

<lb n=P169.20>their complaints, and scold them into harmony and plenty.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P169.21><q who=pp0>The entertainment of dining at Rosings was repeated

<lb n=P169.22>about&H4 twice a week; and, allowing for&H4 the loss of <name who=PPR>Sir&sp;William</name>,

<lb n=P169.23>and there being&H1 only one card&sp;table in&H4 the

<lb n=P169.24>evening, every such entertainment was the counterpart

<lb n=P169.25>of the first. Their other engagements were few; as the

<lb n=P169.26>style of living of the neighbourhood in&H4 general&H0;, was

<lb n=P169.27>beyond&H4 the <name who=PPK1>Collinses</name>' reach&H0;. This however was no&H2 evil

<lb n=P169.28>to&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, and upon&H4 the whole&H0 she spent her time

<lb n=P169.29>comfortably enough; there were half hours of pleasant

<lb n=P169.30>conversation with <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name>, and the weather was so&H51 fine

<lb n=P169.31>for&H4 the time of year, that&H3 she had often great enjoyment

<lb n=P169.32>out&H5 of doors. Her favourite&H2 walk&H0;, and where she frequently

<lb n=P169.33>went while&H3 the others were calling on&H4 <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name>,

<lb n=P169.34>was along&H4 the open&H2 grove which&H61 edged that&H62;

<lb n=P169.35>side&H0 of the park, where there was a nice sheltered path,

<lb n=P169.36>which&H61 no&sp;one seemed to&H9 value&H1 but herself, and where she

<lb n=P169.37>felt beyond&H4 the reach&H0 of <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name>'s curiosity.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P169.38><q who=pp0>In&H4 this quiet&H2 way, the first fortnight of her visit&H0 soon<pb n=P170>

<lb n=P170.1>passed away. Easter was approaching, and the week

<lb n=P170.2>preceding it, was to&H9 bring an addition to&H4 the family at

<lb n=P170.3>Rosings, which&H61 in&H4 so&H51 small a circle must be important.

<lb n=P170.4><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> had heard soon after&H4 her arrival, that&H3 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>

<lb n=P170.5>was expected there in&H4 the course&H0 of a few weeks, and</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>

<lb n=P170.6>though there were not many of her acquaintance whom&H61;

<lb n=P170.7>she did not prefer, his coming would furnish one comparatively

<lb n=P170.8>new to&H9 look&H1 at in&H4 their Rosings parties, and she

<lb n=P170.9>might be amused in&H4 seeing how hopeless <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name>'s

<lb n=P170.10>designs on&H4 him were, by&H4 his behaviour to&H4 his cousin, for&H4;

<lb n=P170.11>whom&H61 he was evidently destined by&H4 <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine;</name>

<lb n=P170.12>who&H61 talked of his coming with the greatest satisfaction,

<lb n=P170.13>spoke of him in&H4 terms of the highest admiration, and

<lb n=P170.14>seemed almost angry to&H9 find that&H3 he had already been

<lb n=P170.15>frequently seen by&H4 <name who=PPV>Miss&sp;Lucas</name> and herself.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P170.16>His arrival was soon known at the Parsonage, for&H3;

<lb n=P170.17><name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> was walking the whole&H2 morning within view&H0;

<lb n=P170.18>of the lodges opening into Hunsford&sp;Lane, in&H4 order to&H9;

<lb n=P170.19>have the earliest assurance of it; and after&H4 making his

<lb n=P170.20>bow&H01 as the carriage turned into the Park, hurried home

<lb n=P170.21>with the great intelligence. On&H4 the following morning

<lb n=P170.22>he hastened to&H4 Rosings to&H9 pay&H1 his respects. There were

<lb n=P170.23>two nephews of <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name> to&H9 require them, for&H3;

<lb n=P170.24><name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> had brought with him a <name who=PPM>Colonel&sp;Fitzwilliam</name>,

<lb n=P170.25>the younger son of his uncle, <name who=PPZZ>Lord&blank;</name> and to&H4 the great

<lb n=P170.26>surprise&H0 of all the party, when <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> returned the

<lb n=P170.27>gentlemen accompanied him. <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name> had seen them

<lb n=P170.28>from her husband's room, crossing the road, and immediately

<lb n=P170.29>running into the other, told the girls what an

<lb n=P170.30>honour&H0 they might expect, adding,</q></p><p><q who=PPQ>

<lb n=P170.31>&dq;I may&H1 thank you, <name who=PPA>Eliza</name>, for&H4 this piece of civility.

<lb n=P170.32><name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> would never have come so&H51 soon to&H9 wait upon&H4;

<lb n=P170.33>me.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P170.34><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> had scarcely time to&H9 disclaim all right&H0 to&H4;

<lb n=P170.35>the compliment&H0;, before&H3 their approach&H0 was announced by&H4;

<lb n=P170.36>the door-bell, and shortly afterwards the three gentlemen

<lb n=P170.37>entered the room. <name who=PPM>Colonel&sp;Fitzwilliam</name>, who&H61 led the way,

<lb n=P170.38>was about&H4 thirty, not handsome, but in&H4 person and address&H0;<pb n=P171>

<lb n=P171.1>most truly the gentleman. <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> looked just&H5 as he

<lb n=P171.2>had been used to&H9 look&H1 in&H4 Hertfordshire, paid his compliments,

<lb n=P171.3>with his usual reserve&H0;, to&H4 <name who=PPQ>Mrs&point;&sp;Collins;</name> and

<lb n=P171.4>whatever might be his feelings towards her friend, met

<lb n=P171.5>her with every appearance of composure. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P171.6>merely curtseyed to&H4 him, without saying a word.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P171.7><name who=PPM>Colonel&sp;Fitzwilliam</name> entered into conversation directly

<lb n=P171.8>with the readiness and ease&H0 of a well-bred man, and talked

<lb n=P171.9>very pleasantly; but his cousin, after&H4 having addressed

<lb n=P171.10>a slight&H2 observation on&H4 the house and garden to&H4 <name who=PPQ>Mrs&point;&sp;Collins</name>,

<lb n=P171.11>sat for&H4 some time without speaking to&H4 any&sp;body.

<lb n=P171.12>At length, however, his civility was so&H51 far awakened as

<lb n=P171.13>to&H9 enquire of <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> after&H4 the health of her family.

<lb n=P171.14>She answered him in&H4 the usual way, and after&H4 a moment's

<lb n=P171.15>pause&H0;, added,</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P171.16>&dq;My eldest sister has been in&H4 town these three months.

<lb n=P171.17>Have you never happened to&H9 see her there?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P171.18>She was perfectly sensible&H21 that&H3 he never had; but she

<lb n=P171.19>wished to&H9 see whether he would betray any consciousness

<lb n=P171.20>of what had passed between the <name who=PPI1>Bingleys</name> and <name who=PPE>Jane;</name> and

<lb n=P171.21>she thought&H1 he looked a little confused as he answered

<lb n=P171.22>that&H3;</q><q who=PPB type=indirect>he had never been so&H51 fortunate as to&H9 meet&H1 <name who=PPE>Miss&sp;Bennet</name>.</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P171.23>The subject&H0 was pursued no&H2 farther, and the

<lb n=P171.24>gentlemen soon afterwards went away.</q></p></div2>

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<lb n=P172.1><q who=pp0><name who=PPM>Colonel&sp;Fitzwilliam</name>'s manners were very much admired

<lb n=P172.2>at the parsonage, and the ladies all felt that&H3 he

<lb n=P172.3>must add considerably to&H4 the pleasure of their engagements

<lb n=P172.4>at Rosings. It was some days, however, before&H3;

<lb n=P172.5>they received any invitation thither, for&H3 while&H3 there were

<lb n=P172.6>visitors in&H4 the house, they could not be necessary; and

<lb n=P172.7>it was not till Easter-day, almost a week after&H4 the gentlemen's

<lb n=P172.8>arrival, that&H3 they were honoured by&H4 such an attention,

<lb n=P172.9>and then they were merely asked on&H4 leaving church

<lb n=P172.10>to&H9 come there in&H4 the evening. For&H4 the last&H2 week they had

<lb n=P172.11>seen very little of either <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name> or her daughter.

<lb n=P172.12><name who=PPM>Colonel&sp;Fitzwilliam</name> had called at the parsonage more than

<lb n=P172.13>once during the time, but <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> they had only seen

<lb n=P172.14>at church.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P172.15><q who=pp0>The invitation was accepted of course&H8;, and at a proper

<lb n=P172.16>hour they joined the party in&H4 <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name>'s drawing&sp;room.

<lb n=P172.17>Her ladyship received them civilly, but it was

<lb n=P172.18>plain that&H3 their company was by&H4 no&H2 means&H0 so&H51 acceptable

<lb n=P172.19>as when she could get nobody else; and she was, in&H4 fact,

<lb n=P172.20>almost engrossed by&H4 her nephews, speaking to&H4 them,

<lb n=P172.21>especially to&H4 <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>, much more than to&H4 any other person

<lb n=P172.22>in&H4 the room.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P172.23><q who=pp0><name who=PPM>Colonel&sp;Fitzwilliam</name> seemed really glad to&H9 see them;

<lb n=P172.24>any&sp;thing was a welcome&H2 relief to&H4 him at Rosings; and

<lb n=P172.25><name who=PPQ>Mrs&point;&sp;Collins</name>'s pretty&H2 friend had moreover caught his fancy&H0;

<lb n=P172.26>very much. He now seated himself by&H4 her, and talked

<lb n=P172.27>so&H51 agreeably of Kent and Hertfordshire, of travelling and

<lb n=P172.28>staying at home, of new books and music, that&H3 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P172.29>had never been half so&H51 well&H5 entertained in&H4 that&H62 room before&H5;;

<lb n=P172.30>and they conversed with so&H51 much spirit and flow&H0;, as to&H9;

<lb n=P172.31>draw the attention of <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name> herself, as well&H5 as

<lb n=P172.32>of <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>. <hi r=Italic>His</hi> eyes had been soon and repeatedly

<lb n=P172.33>turned towards them with a look&H0 of curiosity; and that&H3;<pb n=P173>

<lb n=P173.1>her ladyship after&H4 a while&H0 shared the feeling, was more

<lb n=P173.2>openly acknowledged, for&H3 she did not scruple&H1 to&H9 call&H1 out&H5;,</q><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P173.3>&dq;What is that&H62 you are saying, <name who=PPM>Fitzwilliam</name>? What is

<lb n=P173.4>it you are talking of? What are you telling <name who=PPA>Miss&sp;Bennet</name>?

<lb n=P173.5>Let me hear what it is.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPM>

<lb n=P173.6>&dq;We are speaking of music, Madam,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said he, when

<lb n=P173.7>no&H2 longer able to&H9 avoid a reply&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P173.8>&dq;Of music! Then pray speak aloud. It is of all

<lb n=P173.9>subjects my delight&H0;. I must have my share&H0 in&H4 the conversation,

<lb n=P173.10>if you are speaking of music. There are few

<lb n=P173.11>people in&H4 England, I suppose, who&H61 have more true enjoyment

<lb n=P173.12>of music than myself, or a better natural&H2 taste.

<lb n=P173.13>If I had ever learnt, I should have been a great proficient.

<lb n=P173.14>And so&H52 would <name who=PPZJ>Anne</name>, if her health had allowed her to&H9 apply.

<lb n=P173.15>I am confident that&H3 she would have performed delightfully.

<lb n=P173.16>How does <name who=PPZG>Georgiana</name> get on&H5;, <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P173.17><name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> spoke with affectionate praise&H0 of his sister's

<lb n=P173.18>proficiency.</q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P173.19>&dq;I am very glad to&H9 hear such a good account&H0 of her,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P173.20>said <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine;</name></q><q who=PPL>&dq;and pray tell her from me, that&H3;

<lb n=P173.21>she cannot expect to&H9 excel, if she does not practise a great

<lb n=P173.22>deal&H0;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P173.23>&dq;I assure you, Madam,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>he replied,</q><q who=PPB>&dq;that&H3 she does

<lb n=P173.24>not need&H1 such advice. She practises very constantly.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P173.25>&dq;So&H51 much the better. It cannot be done too&H51 much;

<lb n=P173.26>and when I next write to&H4 her, I shall charge&H1 her not to&H9;

<lb n=P173.27>neglect&H1 it on&H4 any account&H0;. I often tell young ladies,

<lb n=P173.28>that&H3 no&H2 excellence in&H4 music is to&H9 be acquired, without

<lb n=P173.29>constant practice&H0;. I have told <name who=PPA>Miss&sp;Bennet</name> several times,

<lb n=P173.30>that&H3 she will&H1 never play&H1 really well&H5;, unless she practises

<lb n=P173.31>more; and though <name who=PPQ>Mrs&point;&sp;Collins</name> has no&H2 instrument, she

<lb n=P173.32>is very welcome&H2;, as I have often told her, to&H9 come to&H4;

<lb n=P173.33>Rosings every day, and play&H1 on&H4 the piano&sp;forte in&H4 <name who=PPZS>Mrs&point;&sp;Jenkinson</name>'s

<lb n=P173.34>room. She would be in&H4 nobody's way, you

<lb n=P173.35>know, in&H4 that&H62 part&H0 of the house.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P173.36><name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> looked a little ashamed of his aunt's ill&sp;breeding,

<lb n=P173.37>and made no&H2 answer&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P173.38>When coffee was over, <name who=PPM>Colonel&sp;Fitzwilliam</name> reminded<pb n=P174>

<lb n=P174.1><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> of having promised to&H9 play&H1 to&H4 him; and she

<lb n=P174.2>sat down&H5 directly to&H4 the instrument. He drew a chair

<lb n=P174.3>near&H4 her. <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name> listened to&H4 half a song, and

<lb n=P174.4>then talked, as before&H5;, to&H4 her other nephew; till the

<lb n=P174.5>latter walked away from her, and moving with his usual

<lb n=P174.6>deliberation towards the piano&sp;forte, stationed himself so&H3;

<lb n=P174.7>as to&H9 command&H1 a full view&H0 of the fair performer's countenance.

<lb n=P174.8><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> saw what he was doing, and at the

<lb n=P174.9>first convenient pause&H0;, turned to&H4 him with an arch smile&H0;,

<lb n=P174.10>and said,</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P174.11>&dq;You mean&H1 to&H9 frighten me, <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>, by&H4 coming in&H4;

<lb n=P174.12>all this state&H0 to&H9 hear me? But I will&H1 not be alarmed

<lb n=P174.13>though your sister <hi r=Italic>does</hi> play&H1 so&H51 well&H5;. There is a stubbornness

<lb n=P174.14>about&H4 me that&H61 never can bear&H1 to&H9 be frightened at

<lb n=P174.15>the will&H0 of others. My courage always rises with every

<lb n=P174.16>attempt&H0 to&H9 intimidate me.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P174.17>&dq;I shall not say that&H3 you are mistaken,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>he replied,</q><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P174.18>&dq;because you could not really believe me to&H9 entertain

<lb n=P174.19>any design&H0 of alarming you; and I have had the pleasure

<lb n=P174.20>of your acquaintance long enough to&H9 know, that&H3 you find

<lb n=P174.21>great enjoyment in&H4 occasionally professing opinions which&H61;

<lb n=P174.22>in&H4 fact are not your own&H2;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P174.23><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> laughed heartily at this picture&H0 of herself,

<lb n=P174.24>and said to&H4 <name who=PPM>Colonel&sp;Fitzwilliam</name>,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;Your cousin will&H1 give

<lb n=P174.25>you a very pretty&H2 notion of me, and teach you not to&H9;

<lb n=P174.26>believe a word I say. I am particularly unlucky in&H4 meeting

<lb n=P174.27>with a person so&H51 well&H5 able to&H9 expose my real character,

<lb n=P174.28>in&H4 a part&H0 of the world, where I had hoped to&H9 pass&H1 myself

<lb n=P174.29>off with some degree of credit&H0;. Indeed, <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>, it is

<lb n=P174.30>very ungenerous in&H4 you to&H9 mention&H1 all that&H61 you knew to&H4;

<lb n=P174.31>my disadvantage in&H4 Hertfordshire &dash; and, give me leave&H0;

<lb n=P174.32>to&H9 say, very impolitic too&H52 &dash; for&H3 it is provoking me to&H9;

<lb n=P174.33>retaliate, and such things may&H1 come out&H5;, as will&H1 shock&H1;

<lb n=P174.34>your relations to&H9 hear.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P174.35>&dq;I am not afraid of you,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said he, smilingly.</q></p><p><q who=PPM>

<lb n=P174.36>&dq;Pray let me hear what you have to&H9 accuse him of,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P174.37>cried <name who=PPM>Colonel&sp;Fitzwilliam</name>.</q><q who=PPM>&dq;I should like&H1 to&H9 know how

<lb n=P174.38>he behaves among strangers.&dq;<pb n=P175></q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P175.1>&dq;You shall hear then &dash; but prepare yourself for&H4 something

<lb n=P175.2>very dreadful. The first time of my ever seeing

<lb n=P175.3>him in&H4 Hertfordshire, you must know, was at a ball&H02 &dash;

<lb n=P175.4>and at this ball&H02;, what do you think he did? He danced

<lb n=P175.5>only four dances&H0;! I am sorry to&H9 pain&H1 you &dash; but so&H52 it was.

<lb n=P175.6>He danced only four dances&H0;, though gentlemen were

<lb n=P175.7>scarce; and, to&H4 my certain knowledge, more than one

<lb n=P175.8>young lady was sitting down&H5 in&H4 want&H0 of a partner. <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>,

<lb n=P175.9>you cannot deny the fact.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P175.10>&dq;I had not at that&H62 time the honour&H0 of knowing any

<lb n=P175.11>lady in&H4 the assembly beyond&H4 my own&H2 party.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P175.12>&dq;True; and nobody can ever be introduced in&H4 a ball&sp;room.

<lb n=P175.13>Well&H7;, <name who=PPM>Colonel&sp;Fitzwilliam</name>, what do I play&H1 next?

<lb n=P175.14>My fingers wait your orders&H01;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P175.15>&dq;Perhaps,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>,</q><q who=PPB>&dq;I should have judged better,

<lb n=P175.16>had I sought an introduction, but I am ill qualified to&H9;

<lb n=P175.17>recommend myself to&H4 strangers.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P175.18>&dq;Shall we ask your cousin the reason&H0 of this?&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said

<lb n=P175.19><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, still&H5 addressing <name who=PPM>Colonel&sp;Fitzwilliam</name>.</q><q who=PPA>&dq;Shall

<lb n=P175.20>we ask him why a man of sense and education, and who&H61;

<lb n=P175.21>has lived in&H4 the world, is ill qualified to&H9 recommend himself

<lb n=P175.22>to&H4 strangers?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPM>

<lb n=P175.23>&dq;I can answer&H1 your question&H0;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPM>Fitzwilliam</name>,</q><q who=PPM>&dq;without

<lb n=P175.24>applying to&H4 him. It is because he will&H1 not give himself

<lb n=P175.25>the trouble&H0;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P175.26>&dq;I certainly have not the talent which&H61 some people

<lb n=P175.27>possess,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>,</q><q who=PPB>&dq;of conversing easily with those

<lb n=P175.28>I have never seen before&H5;. I cannot catch&H1 their tone of

<lb n=P175.29>conversation, or appear interested in&H4 their concerns&H0;, as

<lb n=P175.30>I often see done.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P175.31>&dq;My fingers,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;do not move&H1 over this

<lb n=P175.32>instrument in&H4 the masterly manner which&H61 I see so&H51 many

<lb n=P175.33>women's do. They have not the same force&H0 or rapidity,

<lb n=P175.34>and do not produce the same expression. But then I have

<lb n=P175.35>always supposed it to&H9 be my own&H2 fault &dash; because I would

<lb n=P175.36>not take the trouble&H0 of practising. It is not that&H3 I do not

<lb n=P175.37>believe <hi r=Italic>my</hi> fingers as capable as any other woman's of

<lb n=P175.38>superior execution.&dq;<pb n=P176></q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P176.1><name who=PPB>Darcy</name> smiled and said,</q><q who=PPB>&dq;You are perfectly right&H21;. You

<lb n=P176.2>have employed your time much better. No&sp;one admitted

<lb n=P176.3>to&H4 the privilege of hearing you, can think any&sp;thing wanting.

<lb n=P176.4>We neither of us perform to&H4 strangers.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P176.5>Here they were interrupted by&H4 <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name>, who&H61;

<lb n=P176.6>called out&H5 to&H9 know what they were talking of. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P176.7>immediately began playing again. <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name>

<lb n=P176.8>approached, and, after&H4 listening for&H4 a few minutes, said

<lb n=P176.9>to&H4 <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>,</q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P176.10>&dq;<name who=PPA>Miss&sp;Bennet</name> would not play&H1 at all amiss, if she practised

<lb n=P176.11>more, and could have the advantage of a London

<lb n=P176.12>master. She has a very good notion of fingering, though

<lb n=P176.13>her taste is not equal&H2 to&H4 <name who=PPZJ>Anne</name>'s. <name who=PPZJ>Anne</name> would have been

<lb n=P176.14>a delightful performer, had her health allowed her to&H9;

<lb n=P176.15>learn.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P176.16><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> looked at <name who=PPB>Darcy</name> to&H9 see how cordially he

<lb n=P176.17>assented to&H4 his cousin's praise&H0;; but neither at that&H62;

<lb n=P176.18>moment nor at any other could she discern any symptom

<lb n=P176.19>of love&H0;; and from the whole&H0 of his behaviour to&H4 <name who=PPZJ>Miss&sp;De&sp;Bourgh</name>

<lb n=P176.20>she derived this comfort&H0 for&H4 <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name>,

<lb n=P176.21>that&H3 he might have been just&H5 as likely to&H9 marry <hi r=Italic>her</hi>, had

<lb n=P176.22>she been his relation.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P176.23><name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name> continued her remarks on&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>'s

<lb n=P176.24>performance, mixing with them many instructions on&H4;

<lb n=P176.25>execution and taste. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> received them with all

<lb n=P176.26>the forbearance of civility; and at the request&H0 of the

<lb n=P176.27>gentlemen remained at the instrument till her Ladyship's

<lb n=P176.28>carriage was ready to&H9 take them all home.</q></p></div2>

<div2 type=chap n=09><p><pb n=P177>

<lb n=P177.1><q who=pp0><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was sitting by&H4 herself the next morning, and

<lb n=P177.2>writing to&H4 <name who=PPE>Jane</name>, while&H3 <name who=PPQ>Mrs&point;&sp;Collins</name> and <name who=PPV>Maria</name> were gone

<lb n=P177.3>on&H4 business into the village, when she was startled by&H4 a ring&H0;

<lb n=P177.4>at the door, the certain signal of a visitor. As she had

<lb n=P177.5>heard no&H2 carriage, she thought&H1 it not unlikely to&H9 be

<lb n=P177.6><name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name>, and under that&H62 apprehension was putting

<lb n=P177.7>away her half-finished letter that&H3 she might escape&H1 all

<lb n=P177.8>impertinent questions, when the door opened, and to&H4 her

<lb n=P177.9>very great surprise&H0;, <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>, and <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> only,

<lb n=P177.10>entered the room.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P177.11><q who=pp0>He seemed astonished too&H52 on&H4 finding her alone, and

<lb n=P177.12>apologised for&H4 his intrusion, by&H4 letting her know that&H3 he

<lb n=P177.13>had understood all the ladies to&H9 be within.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P177.14><q who=pp0>They then sat down&H5;, and when her enquiries after&H4;

<lb n=P177.15>Rosings were made, seemed in&H4 danger of sinking into

<lb n=P177.16>total silence&H0;. It was absolutely necessary, therefore, to&H9;

<lb n=P177.17>think of something, and in&H4 this emergence recollecting

<lb n=P177.18><hi r=Italic>when</hi> she had seen him last&H2 in&H4 Hertfordshire, and feeling

<lb n=P177.19>curious to&H9 know what he would say on&H4 the subject&H0 of their

<lb n=P177.20>hasty departure, she observed,</q><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P177.21>&dq;How very suddenly you all quitted Netherfield last&H2;

<lb n=P177.22>November, <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>! It must have been a most agreeable

<lb n=P177.23>surprise&H0 to&H4 <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> to&H9 see you all after&H4 him so&H51;

<lb n=P177.24>soon; for&H3;, if I recollect right&H21;, he went but the day

<lb n=P177.25>before&H5;. He and his sisters were well&H5;, I hope&H1;, when you

<lb n=P177.26>left London.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P177.27>&dq;Perfectly so&H52 &dash; I thank you.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P177.28>She found that&H3 she was to&H9 receive no&H2 other answer&H0 &dash;

<lb n=P177.29>and, after&H4 a short pause&H0;, added,</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P177.30>&dq;I think I have understood that&H3 <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> has not

<lb n=P177.31>much idea of ever returning to&H4 Netherfield again?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P177.32>&dq;I have never heard him say so&H52;; but it is probable

<lb n=P177.33>that&H3 he may&H1 spend very little of his time there in&H4 future.<pb n=P178>

<lb n=P178.1>He has many friends, and he is at a time of life when

<lb n=P178.2>friends and engagements are continually increasing.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P178.3>&dq;If he means&H1 to&H9 be but little at Netherfield, it would

<lb n=P178.4>be better for&H4 the neighbourhood that&H3 he should give up&H5;

<lb n=P178.5>the place&H0 entirely, for&H3 then we might possibly get a

<lb n=P178.6>settled family there. But perhaps <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> did not

<lb n=P178.7>take the house so&H51 much for&H4 the convenience of the neighbourhood

<lb n=P178.8>as for&H4 his own&H2;, and we must expect him to&H9 keep

<lb n=P178.9>or quit it on&H4 the same principle.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P178.10>&dq;I should not be surprised,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>,</q><q who=PPB>&dq;if he were

<lb n=P178.11>to&H9 give it up&H5;, as soon as any eligible purchase&H0 offers&H1;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P178.12><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> made no&H2 answer&H0;. She was afraid of talking

<lb n=P178.13>longer of his friend; and, having nothing else to&H9 say,

<lb n=P178.14>was now determined to&H9 leave&H1 the trouble&H0 of finding a

<lb n=P178.15>subject&H0 to&H4 him.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P178.16>He took the hint&H0;, and soon began with,</q><q who=PPB>&dq;This seems

<lb n=P178.17>a very comfortable house. <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name>, I believe,

<lb n=P178.18>did a great deal&H0 to&H4 it when <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> first came to&H4;

<lb n=P178.19>Hunsford.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P178.20>&dq;I believe she did &dash; and I am sure she could not have

<lb n=P178.21>bestowed her kindness on&H4 a more grateful object&H0;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P178.22>&dq;<name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> appears very fortunate in&H4 his choice&H0 of

<lb n=P178.23>a wife.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P178.24>&dq;Yes, indeed; his friends may&H1 well&H5 rejoice in&H4 his

<lb n=P178.25>having met with one of the very few sensible&H22 women

<lb n=P178.26>who&H61 would have accepted him, or have made him happy

<lb n=P178.27>if they had. My friend has an excellent understanding &dash;

<lb n=P178.28>though I am not certain that&H3 I consider her marrying

<lb n=P178.29><name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> as the wisest thing she ever did. She seems

<lb n=P178.30>perfectly happy, however, and in&H4 a prudential light&H0;, it is

<lb n=P178.31>certainly a very good match&H0 for&H4 her.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P178.32>&dq;It must be very agreeable to&H4 her to&H9 be settled within

<lb n=P178.33>so&H51 easy a distance&H0 of her own&H2 family and friends.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P178.34>&dq;An easy distance&H0 do you call&H1 it? It is nearly fifty

<lb n=P178.35>miles.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P178.36>&dq;And what is fifty miles of good road? Little more

<lb n=P178.37>than half a day's journey. Yes, I call&H1 it a <hi r=Italic>very</hi> easy

<lb n=P178.38>distance&H0;.&dq;<pb n=P179></q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P179.1>&dq;I should never have considered the distance&H0 as one

<lb n=P179.2>of the <hi r=Italic>advantages</hi> of the match&H0;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>.</q><q who=PPA>&dq;I

<lb n=P179.3>should never have said <name who=PPQ>Mrs&point;&sp;Collins</name> was settled <hi r=Italic>near&H4;</hi> her

<lb n=P179.4>family.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P179.5>&dq;It is a proof of your own&H2 attachment to&H4 Hertfordshire.

<lb n=P179.6>Any&sp;thing beyond&H4 the very neighbourhood of

<lb n=P179.7>Longbourn, I suppose, would appear far.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P179.8>As he spoke there was a sort of smile&H0;, which&H61 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P179.9>fancied she understood;</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>he must be supposing her to&H9 be

<lb n=P179.10>thinking of <name who=PPE>Jane</name> and Netherfield,</q><q who=PP0>and she blushed as she

<lb n=P179.11>answered,</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P179.12>&dq;I do not mean&H1 to&H9 say that&H3 a woman may&H1 not be

<lb n=P179.13>settled too&H51 near&H4 her family. The far and the near&H2 must

<lb n=P179.14>be relative, and depend on&H4 many varying circumstances.

<lb n=P179.15>Where there is fortune to&H9 make&H1 the expence of travelling

<lb n=P179.16>unimportant, distance&H0 becomes no&H2 evil. But that&H62 is not

<lb n=P179.17>the case <hi r=Italic>here</hi>. <name who=PPK>Mr&point;</name> and <name who=PPQ>Mrs&point;&sp;Collins</name> have a comfortable

<lb n=P179.18>income, but not such a one as will&H1 allow of frequent

<lb n=P179.19>journeys &dash; and I am persuaded my friend would not call&H1;

<lb n=P179.20>herself <hi r=Italic>near&H4;</hi> her family under less than <hi r=Italic>half</hi> the present&H2;

<lb n=P179.21>distance&H0;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P179.22><name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> drew his chair a little towards her, and

<lb n=P179.23>said,</q><q who=PPB>&dq;<hi r=Italic>You</hi> cannot have a right&H0 to&H4 such very strong

<lb n=P179.24>local attachment. <hi r=Italic>You</hi> cannot have been always at

<lb n=P179.25>Longbourn.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P179.26><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> looked surprised. The gentleman experienced

<lb n=P179.27>some change&H0 of feeling; he drew back&H5 his chair, took

<lb n=P179.28>a newspaper from the table, and, glancing over it, said,

<lb n=P179.29>in&H4 a colder voice,</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P179.30>&dq;Are you pleased with Kent?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P179.31>A short dialogue on&H4 the subject&H0 of the country ensued,

<lb n=P179.32>on&H4 either side&H0 calm&H2 and concise &dash; and soon put an end&H0 to&H4;

<lb n=P179.33>by&H4 the entrance of <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name> and her sister, just&H5 returned

<lb n=P179.34>from their walk&H0;. The t&ecirc;te&sp;a&sp;t&ecirc;te surprised them. <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>

<lb n=P179.35>related the mistake&H0 which&H61 had occasioned his intruding

<lb n=P179.36>on&H4 <name who=PPA>Miss&sp;Bennet</name>, and after&H4 sitting a few minutes

<lb n=P179.37>longer without saying much to&H4 any&sp;body, went away.</q></p><p><q who=PPQ>

<lb n=P179.38>&dq;What can be the meaning of this!&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name>,<pb n=P180>

<lb n=P180.1>as soon as he was gone.</q><q who=PPQ>&dq;My dear&H21 <name who=PPA>Eliza</name> he must be

<lb n=P180.2>in&H4 love&H0 with you, or he would never have called on&H4 us in&H4;

<lb n=P180.3>this familiar way.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P180.4>But when <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> told of his silence&H0;, it did not seem

<lb n=P180.5>very likely, even&H5 to&H4 <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name>'s wishes&H0;, to&H9 be the case;

<lb n=P180.6>and after&H4 various conjectures&H0;, they could at last&H0 only

<lb n=P180.7>suppose his visit&H0 to&H9 proceed from the difficulty of finding

<lb n=P180.8>any&sp;thing to&H9 do, which&H61 was the more probable from the

<lb n=P180.9>time of year. All field sports&H0 were over. Within doors

<lb n=P180.10>there was <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name>, books, and a billiard&sp;table,

<lb n=P180.11>but gentlemen cannot be always within doors; and in&H4;

<lb n=P180.12>the nearness of the Parsonage, or the pleasantness of the

<lb n=P180.13>walk&H0 to&H4 it, or of the people who&H61 lived in&H4 it, the two cousins

<lb n=P180.14>found a temptation from this period of walking thither

<lb n=P180.15>almost every day. They called at various times of the

<lb n=P180.16>morning, sometimes separately, sometimes together, and

<lb n=P180.17>now and then accompanied by&H4 their aunt. It was plain

<lb n=P180.18>to&H4 them all that&H3 <name who=PPM>Colonel&sp;Fitzwilliam</name> came because he had

<lb n=P180.19>pleasure in&H4 their society, a persuasion which&H61 of course&H8;

<lb n=P180.20>recommended him still&H5 more; and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was reminded

<lb n=P180.21>by&H4 her own&H2 satisfaction in&H4 being&H1 with him, as well&H5 as by&H4;

<lb n=P180.22>his evident admiration for&H4 her, of her former favourite&H0;

<lb n=P180.23><name who=PPP>George&sp;Wickham;</name> and though, in&H4 comparing them, she

<lb n=P180.24>saw there was less captivating softness in&H4 <name who=PPM>Colonel&sp;Fitzwilliam</name>'s

<lb n=P180.25>manners, she believed he might have the best

<lb n=P180.26>informed mind&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P180.27>But why <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> came so&H51 often to&H4 the parsonage,

<lb n=P180.28>it was more difficult to&H9 understand.</q><q who=PPQ type=indirect>It could not be for&H4;

<lb n=P180.29>society, as he frequently sat there ten minutes together

<lb n=P180.30>without opening his lips; and when he did speak, it

<lb n=P180.31>seemed the effect&H0 of necessity rather than of choice&H0 &dash; a

<lb n=P180.32>sacrifice&H0 to&H4 propriety, not a pleasure to&H4 himself. He

<lb n=P180.33>seldom appeared really animated.</q><q who=PP0><name who=PPQ>Mrs&point;&sp;Collins</name> knew not

<lb n=P180.34>what to&H9 make&H1 of him.</q><q who=PPQ type=indirect><name who=PPM>Colonel&sp;Fitzwilliam</name>'s occasionally

<lb n=P180.35>laughing at his stupidity, proved that&H3 he was generally

<lb n=P180.36>different, which&H61 her own&H2 knowledge of him could not

<lb n=P180.37>have told her;</q><q who=PP0>and as she would have liked to&H9 believe

<lb n=P180.38>this change&H0 the effect&H0 of love&H0;, and the object&H0 of that&H62 love&H0;,<pb n=P181>

<lb n=P181.1>her friend <name who=PPA>Eliza</name>, she sat herself seriously to&H9 work&H1 to&H9 find

<lb n=P181.2>it out&H5;. &dash; She watched him whenever they were at Rosings,

<lb n=P181.3>and whenever he came to&H4 Hunsford; but without much

<lb n=P181.4>success.</q><q who=PPQ type=indirect>He certainly looked at her friend a great deal&H0;,

<lb n=P181.5>but the expression of that&H62 look&H0 was disputable. It was

<lb n=P181.6>an earnest, steadfast gaze, but she often doubted whether

<lb n=P181.7>there were much admiration in&H4 it, and sometimes it seemed

<lb n=P181.8>nothing but absence of mind&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P181.9>She had once or twice suggested to&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> the

<lb n=P181.10>possibility of his being&H1 partial to&H4 her, but <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P181.11>always laughed at the idea; and <name who=PPQ>Mrs&point;&sp;Collins</name> did not

<lb n=P181.12>think it right&H21 to&H9 press&H1 the subject&H0;, from the danger of

<lb n=P181.13>raising expectations which&H61 might only end&H1 in&H4 disappointment;

<lb n=P181.14>for&H3 in&H4 her opinion it admitted not of a doubt&H0;,

<lb n=P181.15>that&H3 all her friend's dislike&H0 would vanish, if she could

<lb n=P181.16>suppose him to&H9 be in&H4 her power.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P181.17>In&H4 her kind&H2 schemes for&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, she sometimes

<lb n=P181.18>planned her marrying <name who=PPM>Colonel&sp;Fitzwilliam</name>.</q><q who=PPQ type=indirect>He was beyond&H4;

<lb n=P181.19>comparison the pleasantest man; he certainly admired

<lb n=P181.20>her, and his situation in&H4 life was most eligible; but, to&H9;

<lb n=P181.21>counterbalance these advantages, <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> had considerable

<lb n=P181.22>patronage in&H4 the church, and his cousin could

<lb n=P181.23>have none at all.</q></p></div2>

<div2 type=chap n=10><p><pb n=P182><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P182.1>More than once did <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> in&H4 her ramble within

<lb n=P182.2>the Park, unexpectedly meet&H1 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>. &dash; She felt all the

<lb n=P182.3>perverseness of the mischance that&H61 should bring him where

<lb n=P182.4>no&sp;one else was brought; and to&H9 prevent its ever happening

<lb n=P182.5>again, took care&H0 to&H9 inform him at first, that&H3 it was a

<lb n=P182.6>favourite&H2 haunt of hers. &dash;</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>How it could occur a second&H2;

<lb n=P182.7>time therefore was very odd! &dash; Yet it did, and even&H5 a third.

<lb n=P182.8>It seemed like&H4 wilful ill-nature, or a voluntary penance,

<lb n=P182.9>for&H3 on&H4 these occasions it was not merely a few formal

<lb n=P182.10>enquiries and an awkward pause&H0 and then away, but he

<lb n=P182.11>actually thought&H1 it necessary to&H9 turn&H1 back&H5 and walk&H1 with

<lb n=P182.12>her.</q><q who=PP0>He never said a great deal&H0;, nor did she give herself

<lb n=P182.13>the trouble&H0 of talking or of listening much; but it struck

<lb n=P182.14>her in&H4 the course&H0 of their third rencontre that&H3 he was

<lb n=P182.15>asking some odd unconnected questions &dash; about&H4 her

<lb n=P182.16>pleasure in&H4 being&H1 at Hunsford, her love&H0 of solitary walks&H0;,

<lb n=P182.17>and her opinion of <name who=PPK>Mr&point;</name> and <name who=PPQ>Mrs&point;&sp;Collins</name>'s happiness;

<lb n=P182.18>and that&H3 in&H4 speaking of Rosings and her not perfectly

<lb n=P182.19>understanding the house, he seemed to&H9 expect that&H3 whenever

<lb n=P182.20>she came into Kent again she would be staying <hi r=Italic>there</hi>

<lb n=P182.21>too&H52;.</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>His words seemed to&H9 imply it. Could he have

<lb n=P182.22><name who=PPM>Colonel&sp;Fitzwilliam</name> in&H4 his thoughts?</q><q who=PP0>She supposed,</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>if he

<lb n=P182.23>meant any&sp;thing, he must mean&H1 an allusion to&H4 what might

<lb n=P182.24>arise in&H4 that&H62 quarter&H02;.</q><q who=PP0>It distressed her a little, and she

<lb n=P182.25>was quite glad to&H9 find herself at the gate in&H4 the pales

<lb n=P182.26>opposite the Parsonage.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P182.27>She was engaged one day as she walked, in&H4 re-perusing

<lb n=P182.28><name who=PPE>Jane</name>'s last&H2 letter, and dwelling on&H4 some passages which&H61;

<lb n=P182.29>proved that&H3 <name who=PPE>Jane</name> had not written in&H4 spirits, when, instead

<lb n=P182.30>of being&H1 again surprised by&H4 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>, she saw on&H4 looking

<lb n=P182.31>up&H5 that&H3 <name who=PPM>Colonel&sp;Fitzwilliam</name> was meeting her. Putting

<lb n=P182.32>away the letter immediately and forcing a smile&H0;, she said,</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P182.33>&dq;I did not know before&H5 that&H3 you ever walked this way.&dq;<pb n=P183></q></p><p><q who=PPM>

<lb n=P183.1>&dq;I have been making the tour of the Park,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>he replied,</q><q who=PPM>

<lb n=P183.2>&dq;as I generally do every year, and intend to&H9 close&H1 it with

<lb n=P183.3>a call&H0 at the Parsonage. Are you going much farther?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P183.4>&dq;No&H7;, I should have turned in&H4 a moment.&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P183.5>And accordingly she did turn&H1;, and they walked towards

<lb n=P183.6>the Parsonage together.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P183.7>&dq;Do you certainly leave&H1 Kent on&H4 Saturday?&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said she.</q></p><p><q who=PPM>

<lb n=P183.8>&dq;Yes &dash; if <name who=PPB>Darcy</name> does not put it off again. But I am

<lb n=P183.9>at his disposal. He arranges the business just&H5 as he

<lb n=P183.10>pleases.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P183.11>&dq;And if not able to&H9 please himself in&H4 the arrangement,

<lb n=P183.12>he has at least great pleasure in&H4 the power of choice&H0;. I do

<lb n=P183.13>not know any&sp;body who&H61 seems more to&H9 enjoy the power

<lb n=P183.14>of doing what he likes than <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPM>

<lb n=P183.15>&dq;He likes to&H9 have his own&H2 way very well&H5;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied

<lb n=P183.16><name who=PPM>Colonel&sp;Fitzwilliam</name>.</q><q who=PPM>&dq;But so&H52 we all do. It is only that&H3;

<lb n=P183.17>he has better means&H0 of having it than many others,

<lb n=P183.18>because he is rich, and many others are poor. I speak

<lb n=P183.19>feelingly. A younger son, you know, must be inured to&H4;

<lb n=P183.20>self-denial and dependence.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P183.21>&dq;In&H4 my opinion, the younger son of an Earl can know

<lb n=P183.22>very little of either. Now, seriously, what have you ever

<lb n=P183.23>known of self-denial and dependence? When have you

<lb n=P183.24>been prevented by&H4 want&H0 of money from going wherever

<lb n=P183.25>you chose, or procuring any&sp;thing you had a fancy&H0 for&H4;?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPM>

<lb n=P183.26>&dq;These are home questions &dash; and perhaps I cannot say

<lb n=P183.27>that&H3 I have experienced many hardships of that&H62 nature.

<lb n=P183.28>But in&H4 matters of greater weight, I may&H1 suffer from the

<lb n=P183.29>want&H0 of money. Younger sons cannot marry where they

<lb n=P183.30>like&H1;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P183.31>&dq;Unless where they like&H1 women of fortune, which&H61 I think

<lb n=P183.32>they very often do.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPM>

<lb n=P183.33>&dq;Our habits of expence make&H1 us too&H51 dependant, and

<lb n=P183.34>there are not many in&H4 my rank&H0 of life who&H61 can afford to&H9;

<lb n=P183.35>marry without some attention to&H4 money.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA type=indirect>

<lb n=P183.36>&dq;Is this,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>thought&H1 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>&dq;meant for&H4 me?&dq;</q><q who=PP0>and

<lb n=P183.37>she coloured at the idea; but, recovering herself, said

<lb n=P183.38>in&H4 a lively tone,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;And pray, what is the usual price of an<pb n=P184>

<lb n=P184.1>Earl's younger son? Unless the elder brother is very

<lb n=P184.2>sickly, I suppose you would not ask above&H4 fifty thousand

<lb n=P184.3>pounds.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P184.4>He answered her in&H4 the same style, and the subject&H0;

<lb n=P184.5>dropped. To&H9 interrupt a silence&H0 which&H61 might make&H1 him

<lb n=P184.6>fancy&H1 her affected with what had passed, she soon afterwards

<lb n=P184.7>said,</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P184.8>&dq;I imagine your cousin brought you down&H5 with him

<lb n=P184.9>chiefly for&H4 the sake of having somebody at his disposal.

<lb n=P184.10>I wonder&H1 he does not marry, to&H9 secure&H1 a lasting convenience

<lb n=P184.11>of that&H62 kind&H0;. But, perhaps his sister does as

<lb n=P184.12>well&H5 for&H4 the present&H01;, and, as she is under his sole care&H0;,

<lb n=P184.13>he may&H1 do what he likes with her.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPM>

<lb n=P184.14>&dq;No&H7;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPM>Colonel&sp;Fitzwilliam</name>,</q><q who=PPM>&dq;that&H62 is an advantage

<lb n=P184.15>which&H61 he must divide with me. I am joined with him in&H4;

<lb n=P184.16>the guardianship of <name who=PPZG>Miss&sp;Darcy</name>.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P184.17>&dq;Are you, indeed? And pray what sort of guardians

<lb n=P184.18>do you make&H1;? Does your charge&H0 give you much trouble&H0;?

<lb n=P184.19>Young ladies of her age, are sometimes a little difficult

<lb n=P184.20>to&H9 manage, and if she has the true <name who=PPB>Darcy</name> spirit, she may&H1;

<lb n=P184.21>like&H1 to&H9 have her own&H2 way.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P184.22>As she spoke, she observed him looking at her earnestly,

<lb n=P184.23>and the manner in&H4 which&H61 he immediately asked her why

<lb n=P184.24>she supposed <name who=PPZG>Miss&sp;Darcy</name> likely to&H9 give them any uneasiness,

<lb n=P184.25>convinced her that&H3 she had somehow or other got

<lb n=P184.26>pretty&H5 near&H4 the truth. She directly replied,</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P184.27>&dq;You need&H1 not be frightened. I never heard any harm&H0;

<lb n=P184.28>of her; and I dare&H12 say she is one of the most tractable

<lb n=P184.29>creatures in&H4 the world. She is a very great favourite&H0 with

<lb n=P184.30>some ladies of my acquaintance, <name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Hurst</name> and <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name>.

<lb n=P184.31>I think I have heard you say that&H3 you know

<lb n=P184.32>them.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPM>

<lb n=P184.33>&dq;I know them a little. Their brother is a pleasant

<lb n=P184.34>gentleman-like man &dash; he is a great friend of <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>'s.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P184.35>&dq;Oh! yes,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> drily &dash;</q><q who=PPA>&dq;<name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> is

<lb n=P184.36>uncommonly kind&H2 to&H4 <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>, and takes a prodigious

<lb n=P184.37>deal&H0 of care&H0 of him.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPM>

<lb n=P184.38>&dq;Care&H0 of him! &dash; Yes, I really believe <name who=PPB>Darcy</name> <hi r=Italic>does</hi> take<pb n=P185>

<lb n=P185.1>care&H0 of him in&H4 those points where he most wants&H1 care&H0;.

<lb n=P185.2>From something that&H61 he told me in&H4 our journey hither,

<lb n=P185.3>I have reason&H0 to&H9 think <name who=PPI>Bingley</name> very much indebted to&H4;

<lb n=P185.4>him. But I ought to&H9 beg his pardon&H0;, for&H3 I have no&H2 right&H0;

<lb n=P185.5>to&H9 suppose that&H3 <name who=PPI>Bingley</name> was the person meant. It was

<lb n=P185.6>all conjecture&H0;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P185.7>&dq;What is it you mean&H1;?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPM>

<lb n=P185.8>&dq;It is a circumstance which&H61 <name who=PPB>Darcy</name> of course&H8 would

<lb n=P185.9>not wish&H1 to&H9 be generally known, because if it were to&H9;

<lb n=P185.10>get round&H5 to&H4 the lady's family, it would be an unpleasant

<lb n=P185.11>thing.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P185.12>&dq;You may&H1 depend upon&H4 my not mentioning it.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPM>

<lb n=P185.13>&dq;And remember that&H3 I have not much reason&H0 for&H4;

<lb n=P185.14>supposing it to&H9 be <name who=PPI>Bingley</name>. What he told me was merely

<lb n=P185.15>this; that&H3 he congratulated himself on&H4 having lately saved

<lb n=P185.16>a friend from the inconveniences of a most imprudent

<lb n=P185.17>marriage, but without mentioning names or any other

<lb n=P185.18>particulars, and I only suspected it to&H9 be <name who=PPI>Bingley</name> from

<lb n=P185.19>believing him the kind&H0 of young man to&H9 get into a scrape

<lb n=P185.20>of that&H62 sort, and from knowing them to&H9 have been together

<lb n=P185.21>the whole&H0 of last&H2 summer.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P185.22>&dq;Did <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> give you his reasons for&H4 this interference?&dq;

<lb n=P185.23></q></p><p><q who=PPM>

<lb n=P185.24>&dq;I understood that&H3 there were some very strong objections

<lb n=P185.25>against the lady.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P185.26>&dq;And what arts did he use&H1 to&H9 separate&H1 them?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPM>

<lb n=P185.27>&dq;He did not talk&H1 to&H4 me of his own&H2 arts,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPM>Fitzwilliam</name>

<lb n=P185.28>smiling.</q><q who=PPM>&dq;He only told me, what I have now

<lb n=P185.29>told you.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P185.30><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> made no&H2 answer&H0;, and walked on&H5;, her heart

<lb n=P185.31>swelling with indignation. After&H4 watching her a little,

<lb n=P185.32><name who=PPM>Fitzwilliam</name> asked her why she was so&H51 thoughtful.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P185.33>&dq;I am thinking of what you have been telling me,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P185.34>said she.</q><q who=PPA>&dq;Your cousin's conduct&H0 does not suit&H1 my

<lb n=P185.35>feelings. Why was he to&H9 be the judge&H0;?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPM>

<lb n=P185.36>&dq;You are rather disposed to&H9 call&H1 his interference

<lb n=P185.37>officious?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P185.38>&dq;I do not see what right&H0 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> had to&H9 decide on&H4;<pb n=P186>

<lb n=P186.1>the propriety of his friend's inclination, or why, upon&H4 his

<lb n=P186.2>own&H2 judgment alone, he was to&H9 determine and direct&H1 in&H4;

<lb n=P186.3>what manner that&H62 friend was to&H9 be happy.&dq; &dq;But,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>she

<lb n=P186.4>continued, recollecting herself,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;as we know none of the

<lb n=P186.5>particulars, it is not fair to&H9 condemn him. It is not to&H9;

<lb n=P186.6>be supposed that&H3 there was much affection in&H4 the case.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPM>

<lb n=P186.7>&dq;That&H62 is not an unnatural surmise&H0;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPM>Fitzwilliam</name>,</q><q who=PPM>

<lb n=P186.8>&dq;but it is lessening the honour&H0 of my cousin's triumph&H0;

<lb n=P186.9>very sadly.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P186.10>This was spoken jestingly, but it appeared to&H4 her so&H51;

<lb n=P186.11>just&H2 a picture&H0 of <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>, that&H3 she would not trust&H1;

<lb n=P186.12>herself with an answer&H0;; and, therefore, abruptly changing

<lb n=P186.13>the conversation, talked on&H4 indifferent matters till they

<lb n=P186.14>reached the parsonage. There, shut into her own&H2 room,

<lb n=P186.15>as soon as their visitor left them, she could think without

<lb n=P186.16>interruption of all that&H61 she had heard.</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>It was not to&H9 be

<lb n=P186.17>supposed that&H3 any other people could be meant than those

<lb n=P186.18>with whom&H61 she was connected. There could not exist in&H4;

<lb n=P186.19>the world <hi r=Italic>two</hi> men, over whom&H61 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> could have such

<lb n=P186.20>boundless influence&H0;. That&H3 he had been concerned in&H4 the

<lb n=P186.21>measures taken to&H9 separate&H1 <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> and <name who=PPE>Jane</name>, she had

<lb n=P186.22>never doubted; but she had always attributed to&H4 <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name>

<lb n=P186.23>the principal&H2 design&H0 and arrangement of them.

<lb n=P186.24>If his own&H2 vanity, however, did not mislead him, <hi r=Italic>he</hi> was

<lb n=P186.25>the cause, his pride and caprice were the cause of all

<lb n=P186.26>that&H61 <name who=PPE>Jane</name> had suffered, and still&H5 continued to&H9 suffer. He

<lb n=P186.27>had ruined for&H4 a while&H0 every hope&H0 of happiness for&H4 the most

<lb n=P186.28>affectionate, generous heart in&H4 the world; and no&sp;one

<lb n=P186.29>could say how lasting an evil he might have inflicted.</q></p><p><q who=PPM>

<lb n=P186.30>&dq;There were some very strong objections against the

<lb n=P186.31>lady,&dq;</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>were <name who=PPM>Colonel&sp;Fitzwilliam</name>'s words, and these strong

<lb n=P186.32>objections probably were, her having one uncle who&H61 was

<lb n=P186.33>a country attorney, and another who&H61 was in&H4 business in&H4;

<lb n=P186.34>London.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P186.35>&dq;To&H4 <name who=PPE>Jane</name> herself,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>she exclaimed,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;there could be no&H2;

<lb n=P186.36>possibility of objection. All loveliness and goodness as

<lb n=P186.37>she is! Her understanding excellent, her mind&H0 improved,

<lb n=P186.38>and her manners captivating. Neither could any&sp;thing<pb n=P187>

<lb n=P187.1>be urged against my father, who&H61;, though with some

<lb n=P187.2>peculiarities, has abilities which&H61 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> himself need&H1;

<lb n=P187.3>not disdain&H1;, and respectability which&H61 he will&H1 probably

<lb n=P187.4>never reach&H1;.&dq;</q><q who=PP0>When she thought&H1 of her mother indeed,

<lb n=P187.5>her confidence gave way a little, but she would not allow

<lb n=P187.6>that&H3 any objections <hi r=Italic>there</hi> had material&H2 weight with

<lb n=P187.7><name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>, whose&H61 pride, she was convinced, would receive

<lb n=P187.8>a deeper wound&H0 from the want&H0 of importance in&H4 his friend's

<lb n=P187.9>connections, than from their want&H0 of sense; and she was

<lb n=P187.10>quite decided at last&H0;, that&H3 he had been partly governed

<lb n=P187.11>by&H4 this worst kind&H0 of pride, and partly by&H4 the wish&H0 of

<lb n=P187.12>retaining <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> for&H4 his sister.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P187.13>The agitation and tears which&H61 the subject&H0 occasioned,

<lb n=P187.14>brought on&H5 a headach; and it grew so&H51 much worse

<lb n=P187.15>towards the evening that&H3;, added to&H4 her unwillingness to&H9;

<lb n=P187.16>see <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>, it determined her not to&H9 attend her cousins

<lb n=P187.17>to&H4 Rosings, where they were engaged to&H9 drink tea. <name who=PPQ>Mrs&point;&sp;Collins</name>,

<lb n=P187.18>seeing that&H3 she was really unwell, did not press&H1;

<lb n=P187.19>her to&H9 go, and as much as possible prevented her husband

<lb n=P187.20>from pressing her, but <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> could not conceal his

<lb n=P187.21>apprehension of <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name>'s being&H1 rather displeased

<lb n=P187.22>by&H4 her staying at home.</q></p></div2>

<div2 type=chap n=11><p><pb n=P188>

<lb n=P188.1><q who=pp0>When they were gone, <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, as if intending to&H9;

<lb n=P188.2>exasperate herself as much as possible against <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>,

<lb n=P188.3>chose for&H4 her employment the examination of all the letters

<lb n=P188.4>which&H61 <name who=PPE>Jane</name> had written to&H4 her since her being&H1 in&H4 Kent.

<lb n=P188.5>They contained no&H2 actual complaint, nor was there any

<lb n=P188.6>revival of past&H2 occurrences, or any communication of

<lb n=P188.7>present&H2 suffering. But in&H4 all, and in&H4 almost every line of

<lb n=P188.8>each, there was a want&H0 of that&H62 cheerfulness which&H61 had

<lb n=P188.9>been used to&H9 characterize her style, and which&H61;, proceeding

<lb n=P188.10>from the serenity of a mind&H0 at ease&H0 with itself, and kindly

<lb n=P188.11>disposed towards every&sp;one, had been scarcely ever clouded.

<lb n=P188.12><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> noticed every sentence conveying the idea of

<lb n=P188.13>uneasiness, with an attention which&H61 it had hardly received

<lb n=P188.14>on&H4 the first perusal. <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>'s shameful boast&H0 of what

<lb n=P188.15>misery he had been able to&H9 inflict, gave her a keener sense

<lb n=P188.16>of her sister's sufferings. It was some consolation to&H9;

<lb n=P188.17>think that&H3 his visit&H0 to&H4 Rosings was to&H9 end&H1 on&H4 the day after&H4;

<lb n=P188.18>the next, and a still&H5 greater, that&H3 in&H4 less than a fortnight

<lb n=P188.19>she should herself be with <name who=PPE>Jane</name> again, and enabled to&H9;

<lb n=P188.20>contribute to&H4 the recovery of her spirits, by&H4 all that&H61;

<lb n=P188.21>affection could do.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P188.22><q who=pp0>She could not think of <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>'s leaving Kent, without

<lb n=P188.23>remembering that&H3 his cousin was to&H9 go with him;</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>but

<lb n=P188.24><name who=PPM>Colonel&sp;Fitzwilliam</name> had made it clear&H2 that&H3 he had no&H2;

<lb n=P188.25>intentions at all, and agreeable as he was, she did not

<lb n=P188.26>mean&H1 to&H9 be unhappy about&H4 him.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P188.27>While&H4 settling this point&H0;, she was suddenly roused by&H4;

<lb n=P188.28>the sound&H0 of the door&sp;bell, and her spirits were a little

<lb n=P188.29>fluttered by&H4 the idea of its being&H1 <name who=PPM>Colonel&sp;Fitzwilliam</name>

<lb n=P188.30>himself, who&H61 had once before&H5 called late in&H4 the evening,

<lb n=P188.31>and might now come to&H9 enquire particularly after&H4 her.

<lb n=P188.32>But this idea was soon banished, and her spirits were

<lb n=P188.33>very differently affected, when, to&H4 her utter&H2 amazement,<pb n=P189>

<lb n=P189.1>she saw <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> walk&H1 into the room. In&H4 an hurried

<lb n=P189.2>manner he immediately began an enquiry after&H4 her health,

<lb n=P189.3>imputing his visit&H0 to&H4 a wish&H0 of hearing that&H3 she were

<lb n=P189.4>better. She answered him with cold&H2 civility. He sat

<lb n=P189.5>down&H5 for&H4 a few moments, and then getting up&H5 walked

<lb n=P189.6>about&H4 the room. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was surprised, but said not

<lb n=P189.7>a word. After&H4 a silence&H0 of several minutes he came

<lb n=P189.8>towards her in&H4 an agitated manner, and thus began,</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P189.9>&dq;In&H4 vain have I struggled. It will&H1 not do. My feelings

<lb n=P189.10>will&H1 not be repressed. You must allow me to&H9 tell you

<lb n=P189.11>how ardently I admire and love&H1 you.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P189.12><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>'s astonishment was beyond&H4 expression. She

<lb n=P189.13>stared, coloured, doubted, and was silent. This he considered

<lb n=P189.14>sufficient encouragement, and the avowal of all

<lb n=P189.15>that&H61 he felt and had long felt for&H4 her, immediately followed.

<lb n=P189.16>He spoke well&H5;, but there were feelings besides those of the

<lb n=P189.17>heart to&H9 be detailed, and he was not more eloquent on&H4 the

<lb n=P189.18>subject&H0 of tenderness than of pride. His sense of her

<lb n=P189.19>inferiority &dash; of its being&H1 a degradation &dash; of the family

<lb n=P189.20>obstacles which&H61 judgment had always opposed to&H4 inclination,

<lb n=P189.21>were dwelt on&H5 with a warmth which&H61 seemed due&H2;

<lb n=P189.22>to&H4 the consequence he was wounding, but was very unlikely

<lb n=P189.23>to&H9 recommend his suit&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P189.24>In&H4 spite&H8 of her deeply-rooted dislike&H0;, she could not be

<lb n=P189.25>insensible to&H4 the compliment&H0 of such a man's affection,

<lb n=P189.26>and though her intentions did not vary for&H4 an instant&H0;,

<lb n=P189.27>she was at first sorry for&H4 the pain&H0 he was to&H9 receive; till,

<lb n=P189.28>roused to&H4 resentment by&H4 his subsequent language, she lost

<lb n=P189.29>all compassion in&H4 anger&H0;. She tried, however, to&H9 compose

<lb n=P189.30>herself to&H9 answer&H1 him with patience, when he should have

<lb n=P189.31>done. He concluded with representing to&H4 her the strength

<lb n=P189.32>of that&H62 attachment which&H61;, in&H4 spite&H8 of all his endeavours&H0;,

<lb n=P189.33>he had found impossible to&H9 conquer; and with expressing

<lb n=P189.34>his hope&H0 that&H3 it would now be rewarded by&H4 her acceptance

<lb n=P189.35>of his hand&H0;. As he said this, she could easily see that&H3 he

<lb n=P189.36>had no&H2 doubt&H0 of a favourable answer&H0;. He <hi r=Italic>spoke</hi> of apprehension

<lb n=P189.37>and anxiety, but his countenance expressed real

<lb n=P189.38>security. Such a circumstance could only exasperate<pb n=P190>

<lb n=P190.1>farther, and when he ceased, the colour rose&H1 into her cheeks,

<lb n=P190.2>and she said,</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P190.3>&dq;In&H4 such cases as this, it is, I believe, the established

<lb n=P190.4>mode to&H9 express&H1 a sense of obligation for&H4 the sentiments

<lb n=P190.5>avowed, however unequally they may&H1 be returned. It is

<lb n=P190.6>natural&H2 that&H3 obligation should be felt, and if I could <hi r=Italic>feel</hi>

<lb n=P190.7>gratitude, I would now thank you. But I cannot &dash; I have

<lb n=P190.8>never desired your good opinion, and you have certainly

<lb n=P190.9>bestowed it most unwillingly. I am sorry to&H9 have occasioned

<lb n=P190.10>pain&H0 to&H4 any&sp;one. It has been most unconsciously

<lb n=P190.11>done, however, and I hope&H1 will&H1 be of short duration.

<lb n=P190.12>The feelings which&H61;, you tell me, have long prevented the

<lb n=P190.13>acknowledgment of your regard&H0;, can have little difficulty

<lb n=P190.14>in&H4 overcoming it after&H4 this explanation.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P190.15><name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>, who&H61 was leaning against the mantle-piece

<lb n=P190.16>with his eyes fixed on&H4 her face&H0;, seemed to&H9 catch&H1 her words

<lb n=P190.17>with no&H2 less resentment than surprise&H0;. His complexion

<lb n=P190.18>became pale with anger&H0;, and the disturbance of his mind&H0;

<lb n=P190.19>was visible in&H4 every feature. He was struggling for&H4 the

<lb n=P190.20>appearance of composure, and would not open&H1 his lips,

<lb n=P190.21>till he believed himself to&H9 have attained it. The pause&H0;

<lb n=P190.22>was to&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>'s feelings dreadful. At length, in&H4 a voice

<lb n=P190.23>of forced calmness, he said,</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P190.24>&dq;And this is all the reply&H0 which&H61 I am to&H9 have the

<lb n=P190.25>honour&H0 of expecting! I might, perhaps, wish&H1 to&H9 be informed

<lb n=P190.26>why, with so&H51 little <hi r=Italic>endeavour&H0;</hi> at civility, I am thus

<lb n=P190.27>rejected. But it is of small importance.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P190.28>&dq;I might as well&H5 enquire,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied she,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;why with so&H51;

<lb n=P190.29>evident a design&H0 of offending and insulting me, you chose

<lb n=P190.30>to&H9 tell me that&H3 you liked me against your will&H0;, against

<lb n=P190.31>your reason&H0;, and even&H5 against your character? Was not

<lb n=P190.32>this some excuse&H0 for&H4 incivility, if I <hi r=Italic>was</hi> uncivil? But I have

<lb n=P190.33>other provocations. You know I have. Had not my own&H2;

<lb n=P190.34>feelings decided against you, had they been indifferent,

<lb n=P190.35>or had they even&H5 been favourable, do you think that&H3 any

<lb n=P190.36>consideration would tempt me to&H9 accept the man, who&H61 has

<lb n=P190.37>been the means&H0 of ruining, perhaps for&sp;ever, the happiness

<lb n=P190.38>of a most beloved sister?&dq;<pb n=P191></q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P191.1>As she pronounced these words, <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> changed

<lb n=P191.2>colour; but the emotion was short, and he listened

<lb n=P191.3>without attempting to&H9 interrupt her while&H3 she continued.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P191.4>&dq;I have every reason&H0 in&H4 the world to&H9 think ill of you.

<lb n=P191.5>No&H2 motive can excuse&H1 the unjust and ungenerous part&H0;

<lb n=P191.6>you acted <hi r=Italic>there</hi>. You dare&H11 not, you cannot deny that&H3 you

<lb n=P191.7>have been the principal&H2;, if not the only means&H0 of dividing

<lb n=P191.8>them from each other, of exposing one to&H4 the censure&H0 of

<lb n=P191.9>the world for&H4 caprice and instability, the other to&H4 its

<lb n=P191.10>derision for&H4 disappointed hopes&H0;, and involving them both

<lb n=P191.11>in&H4 misery of the acutest kind&H0;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P191.12>She paused, and saw with no&H2 slight&H2 indignation that&H3;

<lb n=P191.13>he was listening with an air which&H61 proved him wholly

<lb n=P191.14>unmoved by&H4 any feeling of remorse. He even&H5 looked at

<lb n=P191.15>her with a smile&H0 of affected incredulity.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P191.16>&dq;Can you deny that&H3 you have done it?&dq;</q><q who=PP0>she repeated.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P191.17>With assumed tranquillity he then replied,</q><q who=PPB>&dq;I have no&H2 wish&H0;

<lb n=P191.18>of denying that&H3 I did every&sp;thing in&H4 my power to&H9 separate&H1;

<lb n=P191.19>my friend from your sister, or that&H3 I rejoice in&H4 my success.

<lb n=P191.20>Towards <hi r=Italic>him</hi> I have been kinder than towards myself.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P191.21><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> disdained the appearance of noticing this civil

<lb n=P191.22>reflection, but its meaning did not escape&H1;, nor was it

<lb n=P191.23>likely to&H9 conciliate her.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P191.24>&dq;But it is not merely this affair,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>she continued,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;on&H4;

<lb n=P191.25>which&H61 my dislike&H0 is founded. Long before&H3 it had taken

<lb n=P191.26>place&H0;, my opinion of you was decided. Your character

<lb n=P191.27>was unfolded in&H4 the recital which&H61 I received many months

<lb n=P191.28>ago from <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name>. On&H4 this subject&H0;, what can you

<lb n=P191.29>have to&H9 say? In&H4 what imaginary act&H0 of friendship can you

<lb n=P191.30>here defend yourself? or under what misrepresentation,

<lb n=P191.31>can you here impose upon&H4 others?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P191.32>&dq;You take an eager interest&H0 in&H4 that&H62 gentleman's

<lb n=P191.33>concerns&H0;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPB>Darcy</name> in&H4 a less tranquil tone, and with

<lb n=P191.34>a heightened colour.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P191.35>&dq;Who&H62 that&H61 knows what his misfortunes have been, can

<lb n=P191.36>help&H1 feeling an interest&H0 in&H4 him?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P191.37>&dq;His misfortunes!&dq;</q><q who=PP0>repeated <name who=PPB>Darcy</name> contemptuously;</q><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P191.38>&dq;yes, his misfortunes have been great indeed.&dq;<pb n=P192></q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P192.1>&dq;And of your infliction,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> with energy.</q><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P192.2>&dq;You have reduced him to&H4 his present&H2 state&H0 of poverty,

<lb n=P192.3>comparative poverty. You have withheld the advantages,

<lb n=P192.4>which&H61 you must know to&H9 have been designed for&H4 him.

<lb n=P192.5>You have deprived the best years of his life, of that&H62 independence

<lb n=P192.6>which&H61 was no&H2 less his due&H0 than his desert&H0;. You

<lb n=P192.7>have done all this! and yet you can treat&H1 the mention&H0;

<lb n=P192.8>of his misfortunes with contempt and ridicule&H01;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P192.9>&dq;And this,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>, as he walked with quick&H2;

<lb n=P192.10>steps across&H4 the room,</q><q who=PPB>&dq;is your opinion of me! This is

<lb n=P192.11>the estimation in&H4 which&H61 you hold&H1 me! I thank you

<lb n=P192.12>for&H4 explaining it so&H51 fully. My faults, according to&H4 this

<lb n=P192.13>calculation, are heavy indeed! But perhaps,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>added he,

<lb n=P192.14>stopping in&H4 his walk&H0;, and turning towards her,</q><q who=PPB>&dq;these

<lb n=P192.15>offences might have been overlooked, had not your pride

<lb n=P192.16>been hurt by&H4 my honest confession of the scruples that&H61;

<lb n=P192.17>had long prevented my forming any serious&H2 design&H0;.

<lb n=P192.18>These bitter accusations might have been suppressed, had

<lb n=P192.19>I with greater policy concealed my struggles, and flattered

<lb n=P192.20>you into the belief of my being&H1 impelled by&H4 unqualified,

<lb n=P192.21>unalloyed inclination; by&H4 reason&H0;, by&H4 reflection, by&H4;

<lb n=P192.22>every&sp;thing. But disguise of every sort is my abhorrence.

<lb n=P192.23>Nor am I ashamed of the feelings I related. They

<lb n=P192.24>were natural&H2 and just&H2;. Could you expect me to&H9 rejoice

<lb n=P192.25>in&H4 the inferiority of your connections? To&H9 congratulate

<lb n=P192.26>myself on&H4 the hope&H0 of relations, whose&H61 condition&H0 in&H4 life

<lb n=P192.27>is so&H51 decidedly beneath my own&H2;?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P192.28><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> felt herself growing more angry every moment;

<lb n=P192.29>yet she tried to&H4 the utmost to&H9 speak with composure when

<lb n=P192.30>she said,</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P192.31>&dq;You are mistaken, <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>, if you suppose that&H3;

<lb n=P192.32>the mode of your declaration affected me in&H4 any other

<lb n=P192.33>way, than as it spared me the concern&H0 which&H61 I might

<lb n=P192.34>have felt in&H4 refusing you, had you behaved in&H4 a more

<lb n=P192.35>gentleman-like manner.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P192.36>She saw him start&H1 at this, but he said nothing, and she

<lb n=P192.37>continued,</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P192.38>&dq;You could not have made me the offer&H0 of your hand&H0;<pb n=P193>

<lb n=P193.1>in&H4 any possible way that&H61 would have tempted me to&H9;

<lb n=P193.2>accept it.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P193.3>Again his astonishment was obvious; and he looked

<lb n=P193.4>at her with an expression of mingled incredulity and

<lb n=P193.5>mortification. She went on&H5;.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P193.6>&dq;From the very beginning, from the first moment

<lb n=P193.7>I may&H1 almost say, of my acquaintance with you, your

<lb n=P193.8>manners impressing me with the fullest belief of your

<lb n=P193.9>arrogance, your conceit, and your selfish disdain&H0 of the

<lb n=P193.10>feelings of others, were such as to&H9 form&H1 that&H62 ground-work

<lb n=P193.11>of disapprobation, on&H4 which&H61 succeeding events have built

<lb n=P193.12>so&H51 immoveable a dislike&H0;; and I had not known you a

<lb n=P193.13>month before&H3 I felt that&H3 you were the last&H2 man in&H4 the

<lb n=P193.14>world whom&H61 I could ever be prevailed on&H5 to&H9 marry.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P193.15>&dq;You have said quite enough, madam. I perfectly

<lb n=P193.16>comprehend your feelings, and have now only to&H9 be

<lb n=P193.17>ashamed of what my own&H2 have been. Forgive me for&H4;

<lb n=P193.18>having taken up&H5 so&H51 much of your time, and accept my

<lb n=P193.19>best wishes&H0 for&H4 your health and happiness.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P193.20>And with these words he hastily left the room, and

<lb n=P193.21><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> heard him the next moment open&H1 the front&H2 door

<lb n=P193.22>and quit the house.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P193.23>The tumult of her mind&H0 was now painfully great. She

<lb n=P193.24>knew not how to&H9 support&H1 herself, and from actual weakness

<lb n=P193.25>sat down&H5 and cried for&H4 half an hour. Her astonishment,

<lb n=P193.26>as she reflected on&H4 what had passed, was increased by&H4;

<lb n=P193.27>every review of it.</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>That&H3 she should receive an offer&H0 of

<lb n=P193.28>marriage from <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>! that&H3 he should have been in&H4;

<lb n=P193.29>love&H0 with her for&H4 so&H51 many months! so&H51 much in&H4 love&H0;

<lb n=P193.30>as to&H9 wish&H1 to&H9 marry her in&H4 spite&H8 of all the objections which&H61;

<lb n=P193.31>had made him prevent his friend's marrying her sister, and

<lb n=P193.32>which&H61 must appear at least with equal&H2 force&H0 in&H4 his own&H2 case,

<lb n=P193.33>was almost incredible! it was gratifying to&H9 have inspired

<lb n=P193.34>unconsciously so&H51 strong an affection. But his pride, his

<lb n=P193.35>abominable pride, his shameless avowal of what he had

<lb n=P193.36>done with respect&H0 to&H4 <name who=PPE>Jane</name>, his unpardonable assurance

<lb n=P193.37>in&H4 acknowledging, though he could not justify it, and the

<lb n=P193.38>unfeeling manner in&H4 which&H61 he had mentioned <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name>,<pb n=P194>

<lb n=P194.1>his cruelty towards whom&H61 he had not attempted to&H9;

<lb n=P194.2>deny, soon overcame the pity&H0 which&H61 the consideration of

<lb n=P194.3>his attachment had for&H4 a moment excited.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P194.4>She continued in&H4 very agitating reflections till the sound&H0;

<lb n=P194.5>of <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name>'s carriage made her feel how unequal

<lb n=P194.6>she was to&H9 encounter <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name>'s observation, and hurried

<lb n=P194.7>her away to&H4 her room.</q></p></div2>

<div2 type=chap n=12><p><pb n=P195>

<lb n=P195.1><q who=pp0><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> awoke the next morning to&H4 the same

<lb n=P195.2>thoughts and meditations which&H61 had at length closed her

<lb n=P195.3>eyes. She could not yet recover from the surprise&H0 of what

<lb n=P195.4>had happened; it was impossible to&H9 think of any&sp;thing

<lb n=P195.5>else, and totally indisposed for&H4 employment, she resolved

<lb n=P195.6>soon after&H4 breakfast&H0 to&H9 indulge herself in&H4 air and exercise&H0;.

<lb n=P195.7>She was proceeding directly to&H4 her favourite&H2 walk&H0;, when

<lb n=P195.8>the recollection of <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>'s sometimes coming there

<lb n=P195.9>stopped her, and instead of entering the park, she turned

<lb n=P195.10>up&H4 the lane, which&H61 led her farther from the turnpike road.

<lb n=P195.11>The park paling was still&H5 the boundary on&H4 one side&H0;, and

<lb n=P195.12>she soon passed one of the gates into the ground.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P195.13><q who=pp0>After&H4 walking two or three times along&H4 that&H62 part&H0 of the

<lb n=P195.14>lane, she was tempted, by&H4 the pleasantness of the morning,

<lb n=P195.15>to&H9 stop&H1 at the gates and look&H1 into the park. The five

<lb n=P195.16>weeks which&H61 she had now passed in&H4 Kent, had made

<lb n=P195.17>a great difference in&H4 the country, and every day was adding

<lb n=P195.18>to&H4 the verdure of the early trees. She was on&H4 the point&H0;

<lb n=P195.19>of continuing her walk&H0;, when she caught a glimpse of

<lb n=P195.20>a gentleman within the sort of grove which&H61 edged the

<lb n=P195.21>park; he was moving that&H62 way; and fearful of its being&H1;

<lb n=P195.22><name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>, she was directly retreating. But the person

<lb n=P195.23>who&H61 advanced, was now near&H5 enough to&H9 see her, and

<lb n=P195.24>stepping forward&H5 with eagerness, pronounced her name&H0;.

<lb n=P195.25>She had turned away, but on&H4 hearing herself called,

<lb n=P195.26>though in&H4 a voice which&H61 proved it to&H9 be <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>, she

<lb n=P195.27>moved again towards the gate. He had by&H4 that&H62 time

<lb n=P195.28>reached it also, and holding out&H5 a letter, which&H61 she instinctively

<lb n=P195.29>took, said with a look&H0 of haughty composure,</q><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P195.30>&dq;I have been walking in&H4 the grove some time in&H4 the hope&H0;

<lb n=P195.31>of meeting you. Will&H1 you do me the honour&H0 of reading

<lb n=P195.32>that&H62 letter?&dq; &dash;</q><q who=PP0>And then, with a slight&H2 bow&H01;, turned again

<lb n=P195.33>into the plantation, and was soon out&H5 of sight.<pb n=P196></q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P196.1>With no&H2 expectation of pleasure, but with the strongest

<lb n=P196.2>curiosity, <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> opened the letter, and to&H4 her still&H5;

<lb n=P196.3>increasing wonder&H0;, perceived an envelope containing two

<lb n=P196.4>sheets of letter paper, written quite through&H5;, in&H4 a very

<lb n=P196.5>close&H2 hand&H0;. &dash; The envelope itself was likewise full. &dash;

<lb n=P196.6>Pursuing her way along&H4 the lane, she then began it. It

<lb n=P196.7>was dated from Rosings, at eight o'clock in&H4 the morning,

<lb n=P196.8>and was as follows: &dash;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P196.9>&dq;Be not alarmed, Madam, on&H4 receiving this letter, by&H4;

<lb n=P196.10>the apprehension of its containing any repetition of those

<lb n=P196.11>sentiments, or renewal of those offers&H0;, which&H61 were last&H2;

<lb n=P196.12>night so&H51 disgusting to&H4 you. I write without any intention

<lb n=P196.13>of paining you, or humbling myself, by&H4 dwelling on&H4;

<lb n=P196.14>wishes&H0;, which&H61;, for&H4 the happiness of both, cannot be too&H51;

<lb n=P196.15>soon forgotten; and the effort which&H61 the formation, and

<lb n=P196.16>the perusal of this letter must occasion&H1;, should have been

<lb n=P196.17>spared, had not my character required it to&H9 be written

<lb n=P196.18>and read. You must, therefore, pardon&H1 the freedom with

<lb n=P196.19>which&H61 I demand&H1 your attention; your feelings, I know,

<lb n=P196.20>will&H1 bestow it unwillingly, but I demand&H1 it of your justice.</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P196.21>&dq;Two offences of a very different nature, and by&H4 no&H2;

<lb n=P196.22>means&H0 of equal&H2 magnitude, you last&H2 night laid to&H4 my

<lb n=P196.23>charge&H0;. The first mentioned was, that&H3;, regardless of the

<lb n=P196.24>sentiments of either, I had detached <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> from

<lb n=P196.25>your sister, &dash; and the other, that&H3 I had, in&H4 defiance of

<lb n=P196.26>various claims, in&H4 defiance of honour&H0 and humanity, ruined

<lb n=P196.27>the immediate prosperity, and blasted the prospects of

<lb n=P196.28><name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name>. &dash; Wilfully and wantonly to&H9 have thrown off

<lb n=P196.29>the companion of my youth, the acknowledged favourite&H0;

<lb n=P196.30>of my father, a young man who&H61 had scarcely any other

<lb n=P196.31>dependence than on&H4 our patronage, and who&H61 had been

<lb n=P196.32>brought up&H5 to&H9 expect its exertion, would be a depravity,

<lb n=P196.33>to&H4 which&H61 the separation of two young persons, whose&H61;

<lb n=P196.34>affection could be the growth of only a few weeks, could

<lb n=P196.35>bear&H1 no&H2 comparison. &dash; But from the severity of that&H62 blame&H0;

<lb n=P196.36>which&H61 was last&H2 night so&H51 liberally bestowed, respecting each

<lb n=P196.37>circumstance, I shall hope&H1 to&H9 be in&H4 future secured, when

<lb n=P196.38>the following account&H0 of my actions and their motives<pb n=P197>

<lb n=P197.1>has been read. &dash; If, in&H4 the explanation of them which&H61 is

<lb n=P197.2>due&H2 to&H4 myself, I am under the necessity of relating feelings

<lb n=P197.3>which&H61 may&H1 be offensive to&H4 your's, I can only say that&H3 I am

<lb n=P197.4>sorry. &dash; The necessity must be obeyed &dash; and farther apology

<lb n=P197.5>would be absurd. &dash; I had not been long in&H4 Hertfordshire,

<lb n=P197.6>before&H3 I saw, in&H4 common&H0 with others, that&H3 <name who=PPI>Bingley</name> preferred

<lb n=P197.7>your eldest sister, to&H4 any other young woman in&H4 the

<lb n=P197.8>country. &dash; But it was not till the evening of the dance&H0 at

<lb n=P197.9>Netherfield that&H3 I had any apprehension of his feeling

<lb n=P197.10>a serious&H2 attachment. &dash; I had often seen him in&H4 love&H0 before&H5;.

<lb n=P197.11>&dash; At that&H62 ball&H02;, while&H3 I had the honour&H0 of dancing with

<lb n=P197.12>you, I was first made acquainted, by&H4 <name who=PPR>Sir&sp;William&sp;Lucas</name>'s

<lb n=P197.13>accidental information, that&H3 <name who=PPI>Bingley</name>'s attentions to&H4 your

<lb n=P197.14>sister had given rise&H0 to&H4 a general&H2 expectation of their

<lb n=P197.15>marriage. He spoke of it as a certain event, of which&H61;

<lb n=P197.16>the time alone could be undecided. From that&H62 moment

<lb n=P197.17>I observed my friend's behaviour attentively; and I could

<lb n=P197.18>then perceive that&H3 his partiality for&H4 <name who=PPE>Miss&sp;Bennet</name> was

<lb n=P197.19>beyond&H4 what I had ever witnessed in&H4 him. Your sister

<lb n=P197.20>I also watched. &dash; Her look&H0 and manners were open&H2;,

<lb n=P197.21>cheerful and engaging as ever, but without any symptom

<lb n=P197.22>of peculiar regard&H0;, and I remained convinced from the

<lb n=P197.23>evening's scrutiny, that&H3 though she received his attentions

<lb n=P197.24>with pleasure, she did not invite them by&H4 any participation

<lb n=P197.25>of sentiment. &dash; If <hi r=Italic>you</hi> have not been mistaken here, <hi r=Italic>I</hi> must

<lb n=P197.26>have been in&H4 an error. Your superior knowledge of your

<lb n=P197.27>sister must make&H1 the latter probable. &dash; If it be so&H52;, if I have

<lb n=P197.28>been misled by&H4 such error, to&H9 inflict pain&H0 on&H4 her, your

<lb n=P197.29>resentment has not been unreasonable. But I shall not

<lb n=P197.30>scruple&H1 to&H9 assert, that&H3 the serenity of your sister's countenance

<lb n=P197.31>and air was such, as might have given the most

<lb n=P197.32>acute observer, a conviction that&H3;, however amiable her

<lb n=P197.33>temper, her heart was not likely to&H9 be easily touched. &dash;

<lb n=P197.34>That&H3 I was desirous of believing her indifferent is certain, &dash;

<lb n=P197.35>but I will&H1 venture to&H9 say that&H3 my investigations and

<lb n=P197.36>decisions are not usually influenced by&H4 my hopes&H0 or fears.

<lb n=P197.37>&dash; I did not believe her to&H9 be indifferent because I wished it; &dash;

<lb n=P197.38>I believed it on&H4 impartial conviction, as truly as I wished<pb n=P198>

<lb n=P198.1>it in&H4 reason&H0;. &dash; My objections to&H4 the marriage were not

<lb n=P198.2>merely those, which&H61 I last&H2 night acknowledged to&H9 have

<lb n=P198.3>required the utmost force&H0 of passion to&H9 put aside, in&H4 my

<lb n=P198.4>own&H2 case; the want&H0 of connection could not be so&H51 great

<lb n=P198.5>an evil to&H4 my friend as to&H4 me. &dash; But there were other

<lb n=P198.6>causes of repugnance; &dash; causes which&H61;, though still&H5 existing,

<lb n=P198.7>and existing to&H4 an equal&H2 degree in&H4 both instances, I had

<lb n=P198.8>myself endeavoured to&H9 forget, because they were not

<lb n=P198.9>immediately before&H4 me. &dash; These causes must be stated,

<lb n=P198.10>though briefly. &dash; The situation of your mother's family,

<lb n=P198.11>though objectionable, was nothing in&H4 comparison of that&H62;

<lb n=P198.12>total want&H0 of propriety so&H51 frequently, so&H51 almost uniformly

<lb n=P198.13>betrayed by&H4 herself, by&H4 your three younger sisters, and

<lb n=P198.14>occasionally even&H5 by&H4 your father. &dash; Pardon&H1 me. &dash; It pains

<lb n=P198.15>me to&H9 offend you. But amidst your concern&H0 for&H4 the

<lb n=P198.16>defects of your nearest relations, and your displeasure at

<lb n=P198.17>this representation of them, let it give you consolation

<lb n=P198.18>to&H9 consider that&H3;, to&H9 have conducted yourselves so&H3 as to&H9;

<lb n=P198.19>avoid any share&H0 of the like&H2 censure&H0;, is praise&H0 no&H2 less

<lb n=P198.20>generally bestowed on&H4 you and your eldest sister, than it

<lb n=P198.21>is honourable to&H4 the sense and disposition of both. &dash; I will&H1;

<lb n=P198.22>only say farther, that&H3 from what passed that&H62 evening,

<lb n=P198.23>my opinion of all parties was confirmed, and every inducement

<lb n=P198.24>heightened, which&H61 could have led me before&H5;, to&H9;

<lb n=P198.25>preserve my friend from what I esteemed a most unhappy

<lb n=P198.26>connection. &dash; He left Netherfield for&H4 London, on&H4 the day

<lb n=P198.27>following, as you, I am certain, remember, with the design&H0;

<lb n=P198.28>of soon returning. &dash; The part&H0 which&H61 I acted, is now to&H9 be

<lb n=P198.29>explained. &dash; His sisters' uneasiness had been equally

<lb n=P198.30>excited with my own&H2;; our coincidence of feeling was soon

<lb n=P198.31>discovered; and, alike sensible&H21 that&H3 no&H2 time was to&H9 be

<lb n=P198.32>lost in&H4 detaching their brother, we shortly resolved on&H4;

<lb n=P198.33>joining him directly in&H4 London. &dash; We accordingly went &dash;

<lb n=P198.34>and there I readily engaged in&H4 the office of pointing out&H5;

<lb n=P198.35>to&H4 my friend, the certain evils of such a choice&H0;. &dash; I described,

<lb n=P198.36>and enforced them earnestly. &dash; But, however this

<lb n=P198.37>remonstrance might have staggered or delayed his determination,

<lb n=P198.38>I do not suppose that&H3 it would ultimately have<pb n=P199>

<lb n=P199.1>prevented the marriage, had it not been seconded by&H4 the

<lb n=P199.2>assurance which&H61 I hesitated not in&H4 giving, of your sister's

<lb n=P199.3>indifference. He had before&H5 believed her to&H9 return&H1 his

<lb n=P199.4>affection with sincere, if not with equal&H2 regard&H0;. &dash; But

<lb n=P199.5><name who=PPI>Bingley</name> has great natural&H2 modesty, with a stronger dependence

<lb n=P199.6>on&H4 my judgment than on&H4 his own&H2;. &dash; To&H9 convince

<lb n=P199.7>him, therefore, that&H3 he had deceived himself, was no&H2 very

<lb n=P199.8>difficult point&H0;. To&H9 persuade him against returning into

<lb n=P199.9>Hertfordshire, when that&H62 conviction had been given, was

<lb n=P199.10>scarcely the work&H0 of a moment. &dash; I cannot blame&H1 myself

<lb n=P199.11>for&H4 having done thus much. There is but one part&H0 of my

<lb n=P199.12>conduct&H0 in&H4 the whole&H2 affair, on&H4 which&H61 I do not reflect

<lb n=P199.13>with satisfaction; it is that&H3 I condescended to&H9 adopt the

<lb n=P199.14>measures of art so&H51 far as to&H9 conceal from him your sister's

<lb n=P199.15>being&H1 in&H4 town. I knew it myself, as it was known to&H4;

<lb n=P199.16><name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name>, but her brother is even&H5 yet ignorant of it. &dash;

<lb n=P199.17>That&H3 they might have met without ill consequence, is

<lb n=P199.18>perhaps probable; &dash; but his regard&H0 did not appear to&H4 me

<lb n=P199.19>enough extinguished for&H4 him to&H9 see her without some

<lb n=P199.20>danger. &dash; Perhaps this concealment, this disguise, was

<lb n=P199.21>beneath me. &dash; It is done, however, and it was done for&H4;

<lb n=P199.22>the best. &dash; On&H4 this subject&H0 I have nothing more to&H9 say,

<lb n=P199.23>no&H2 other apology to&H9 offer&H1;. If I have wounded your sister's

<lb n=P199.24>feelings, it was unknowingly done; and though the

<lb n=P199.25>motives which&H61 governed me may&H1 to&H4 you very naturally

<lb n=P199.26>appear insufficient, I have not yet learnt to&H9 condemn

<lb n=P199.27>them. &dash; With respect&H0 to&H4 that&H62 other, more weighty accusation,

<lb n=P199.28>of having injured <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name>, I can only refute

<lb n=P199.29>it by&H4 laying before&H4 you the whole&H0 of his connection with

<lb n=P199.30>my family. Of what he has <hi r=Italic>particularly</hi> accused me I am

<lb n=P199.31>ignorant; but of the truth of what I shall relate, I can

<lb n=P199.32>summon more than one witness&H0 of undoubted veracity.

<lb n=P199.33><name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name> is the son of a very respectable man, who&H61;

<lb n=P199.34>had for&H4 many years the management of all the Pemberley

<lb n=P199.35>estates; and whose&H61 good conduct&H0 in&H4 the discharge of his

<lb n=P199.36>trust&H0;, naturally inclined my father to&H9 be of service to&H4;

<lb n=P199.37>him, and on&H4 <name who=PPP>George&sp;Wickham</name>, who&H61 was his god-son, his

<lb n=P199.38>kindness was therefore liberally bestowed. My father<pb n=P200>

<lb n=P200.1>supported him at school, and afterwards at Cambridge; &dash;

<lb n=P200.2>most important assistance, as his own&H2 father, always poor

<lb n=P200.3>from the extravagance of his wife, would have been

<lb n=P200.4>unable to&H9 give him a gentleman's education. My father

<lb n=P200.5>was not only fond of this young man's society, whose&H61;

<lb n=P200.6>manners were always engaging; he had also the highest

<lb n=P200.7>opinion of him, and hoping the church would be his

<lb n=P200.8>profession&H02;, intended to&H9 provide for&H4 him in&H4 it. As for&H4;

<lb n=P200.9>myself, it is many, many years since I first began to&H9 think

<lb n=P200.10>of him in&H4 a very different manner. The vicious propensities &dash;

<lb n=P200.11>the want&H0 of principle which&H61 he was careful to&H9;

<lb n=P200.12>guard&H1 from the knowledge of his best friend, could not

<lb n=P200.13>escape&H1 the observation of a young man of nearly the same

<lb n=P200.14>age with himself, and who&H61 had opportunities of seeing

<lb n=P200.15>him in&H4 unguarded moments, which&H61 <name who=PPZE>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> could not

<lb n=P200.16>have. Here again I shall give you pain&H0 &dash; to&H4 what degree

<lb n=P200.17>you only can tell. But whatever may&H1 be the sentiments

<lb n=P200.18>which&H61 <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name> has created, a suspicion of their

<lb n=P200.19>nature shall not prevent me from unfolding his real

<lb n=P200.20>character. It adds even&H5 another motive. My excellent

<lb n=P200.21>father died about&H4 five years ago; and his attachment to&H4;

<lb n=P200.22><name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name> was to&H4 the last&H0 so&H51 steady, that&H3 in&H4 his will&H0;

<lb n=P200.23>he particularly recommended it to&H4 me, to&H9 promote his

<lb n=P200.24>advancement in&H4 the best manner that&H61 his profession&H02 might

<lb n=P200.25>allow, and if he took orders&H02;, desired that&H3 a valuable family

<lb n=P200.26>living might be his as soon as it became vacant. There

<lb n=P200.27>was also a legacy of one thousand pounds. His own&H2 father

<lb n=P200.28>did not long survive mine&H6;, and within half a year from

<lb n=P200.29>these events, <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name> wrote to&H9 inform me that&H3;,

<lb n=P200.30>having finally resolved against taking orders&H02;, he hoped

<lb n=P200.31>I should not think it unreasonable for&H4 him to&H9 expect

<lb n=P200.32>some more immediate pecuniary advantage, in&H4 lieu of the

<lb n=P200.33>preferment, by&H4 which&H61 he could not be benefited. He had

<lb n=P200.34>some intention, he added, of studying the law, and I must

<lb n=P200.35>be aware that&H3 the interest&H0 of one thousand pounds would

<lb n=P200.36>be a very insufficient support&H0 therein. I rather wished,

<lb n=P200.37>than believed him to&H9 be sincere; but at any rate&H0;, was

<lb n=P200.38>perfectly ready to&H9 accede to&H4 his proposal. I knew that&H3;<pb n=P201>

<lb n=P201.1><name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name> ought not to&H9 be a clergyman. The business

<lb n=P201.2>was therefore soon settled. He resigned all claim&H0 to&H4;

<lb n=P201.3>assistance in&H4 the church, were it possible that&H3 he could

<lb n=P201.4>ever be in&H4 a situation to&H9 receive it, and accepted in&H4 return&H0;

<lb n=P201.5>three thousand pounds. All connection between us

<lb n=P201.6>seemed now dissolved. I thought&H1 too&H51 ill of him, to&H9 invite

<lb n=P201.7>him to&H4 Pemberley, or admit his society in&H4 town. In&H4 town

<lb n=P201.8>I believe he chiefly lived, but his studying the law was

<lb n=P201.9>a mere pretence, and being&H1 now free from all restraint,

<lb n=P201.10>his life was a life of idleness and dissipation. For&H4 about&H4;

<lb n=P201.11>three years I heard little of him; but on&H4 the decease

<lb n=P201.12>of the incumbent of the living which&H61 had been designed

<lb n=P201.13>for&H4 him, he applied to&H4 me again by&H4 letter for&H4 the presentation.

<lb n=P201.14>His circumstances, he assured me, and I had no&H2;

<lb n=P201.15>difficulty in&H4 believing it, were exceedingly bad. He had

<lb n=P201.16>found the law a most unprofitable study&H0;, and was now

<lb n=P201.17>absolutely resolved on&H4 being&H1 ordained, if I would present&H1;

<lb n=P201.18>him to&H4 the living in&H4 question&H0 &dash; of which&H61 he trusted there

<lb n=P201.19>could be little doubt&H0;, as he was well&H5 assured that&H3 I had

<lb n=P201.20>no&H2 other person to&H9 provide for&H4;, and I could not have

<lb n=P201.21>forgotten my revered father's intentions. You will&H1 hardly

<lb n=P201.22>blame&H1 me for&H4 refusing to&H9 comply with this entreaty, or

<lb n=P201.23>for&H4 resisting every repetition of it. His resentment was

<lb n=P201.24>in&H4 proportion to&H4 the distress&H0 of his circumstances &dash; and

<lb n=P201.25>he was doubtless as violent in&H4 his abuse of me to&H4 others,

<lb n=P201.26>as in&H4 his reproaches to&H4 myself. After&H4 this period, every

<lb n=P201.27>appearance of acquaintance was dropt. How he lived

<lb n=P201.28>I know not. But last&H2 summer he was again most painfully

<lb n=P201.29>obtruded on&H4 my notice&H0;. I must now mention&H1 a circumstance

<lb n=P201.30>which&H61 I would wish&H1 to&H9 forget myself, and which&H61;

<lb n=P201.31>no&H2 obligation less than the present&H2 should induce me to&H9;

<lb n=P201.32>unfold to&H4 any human being&H0;. Having said thus much,

<lb n=P201.33>I feel no&H2 doubt&H0 of your secrecy. My sister, who&H61 is more

<lb n=P201.34>than ten years my junior, was left to&H4 the guardianship of

<lb n=P201.35>my mother's nephew, <name who=PPM>Colonel&sp;Fitzwilliam</name>, and myself.

<lb n=P201.36>About&H4 a year ago, she was taken from school, and an

<lb n=P201.37>establishment formed for&H4 her in&H4 London; and last&H2 summer

<lb n=P201.38>she went with the lady who&H61 presided over it, to&H4 Ramsgate;<pb n=P202>

<lb n=P202.1>and thither also went <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name>, undoubtedly by&H4;

<lb n=P202.2>design&H0;; for&H3 there proved to&H9 have been a prior acquaintance

<lb n=P202.3>between him and <name who=PPZZR>Mrs&point;&sp;Younge</name>, in&H4 whose&H61 character we

<lb n=P202.4>were most unhappily deceived; and by&H4 her connivance

<lb n=P202.5>and aid, he so&H51 far recommended himself to&H4 <name who=PPZG>Georgiana</name>,

<lb n=P202.6>whose&H61 affectionate heart retained a strong impression of

<lb n=P202.7>his kindness to&H9 her as a child, that&H3 she was persuaded to&H4;

<lb n=P202.8>believe herself in&H4 love&H0;, and to&H9 consent&H1 to&H4 an elopement.

<lb n=P202.9>She was then but fifteen, which&H61 must be her excuse&H0;; and

<lb n=P202.10>after&H4 stating her imprudence, I am happy to&H9 add, that&H3;

<lb n=P202.11>I owed the knowledge of it to&H4 herself. I joined them

<lb n=P202.12>unexpectedly a day or two before&H4 the intended elopement,

<lb n=P202.13>and then <name who=PPZG>Georgiana</name>, unable to&H9 support&H1 the idea of grieving

<lb n=P202.14>and offending a brother whom&H61 she almost looked up&H5 to&H4;

<lb n=P202.15>as a father, acknowledged the whole&H0 to&H4 me. You may&H1;

<lb n=P202.16>imagine what I felt and how I acted. Regard&H0 for&H4 my

<lb n=P202.17>sister's credit&H0 and feelings prevented any public&H2 exposure,

<lb n=P202.18>but I wrote to&H4 <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name>, who&H61 left the place&H0 immediately,

<lb n=P202.19>and <name who=PPZZR>Mrs&point;&sp;Younge</name> was of course&H8 removed from her

<lb n=P202.20>charge&H0;. <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name>'s chief object&H0 was unquestionably

<lb n=P202.21>my sister's fortune, which&H61 is thirty thousand pounds;

<lb n=P202.22>but I cannot help&H1 supposing that&H3 the hope&H0 of revenging

<lb n=P202.23>himself on&H4 me, was a strong inducement. His revenge

<lb n=P202.24>would have been complete&H2 indeed. This, madam, is a

<lb n=P202.25>faithful narrative of every event in&H4 which&H61 we have been

<lb n=P202.26>concerned together; and if you do not absolutely reject

<lb n=P202.27>it as false, you will&H1;, I hope&H1;, acquit me henceforth of cruelty

<lb n=P202.28>towards <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name>. I know not in&H4 what manner, under

<lb n=P202.29>what form&H0 of falsehood he has imposed on&H4 you; but his

<lb n=P202.30>success is not perhaps to&H9 be wondered at. Ignorant as you

<lb n=P202.31>previously were of every&sp;thing concerning either, detection

<lb n=P202.32>could not be in&H4 your power, and suspicion certainly

<lb n=P202.33>not in&H4 your inclination. You may&H1 possibly wonder&H1 why

<lb n=P202.34>all this was not told you last&H2 night. But I was not then

<lb n=P202.35>master enough of myself to&H9 know what could or ought

<lb n=P202.36>to&H9 be revealed. For&H4 the truth of every&sp;thing here related,

<lb n=P202.37>I can appeal more particularly to&H4 the testimony of <name who=PPM>Colonel&sp;Fitzwilliam</name>,

<lb n=P202.38>who&H61 from our near&H2 relationship and constant<pb n=P203>

<lb n=P203.1>intimacy, and still&H5 more as one of the executors of my

<lb n=P203.2>father's will&H0;, has been unavoidably acquainted with every

<lb n=P203.3>particular of these transactions. If your abhorrence of

<lb n=P203.4><hi r=Italic>me</hi> should make&H1 <hi r=Italic>my</hi> assertions valueless, you cannot be

<lb n=P203.5>prevented by&H4 the same cause from confiding in&H4 my cousin;

<lb n=P203.6>and that&H3 there may&H1 be the possibility of consulting him,

<lb n=P203.7>I shall endeavour&H1 to&H9 find some opportunity of putting this

<lb n=P203.8>letter in&H4 your hands in&H4 the course&H0 of the morning. I will&H1;

<lb n=P203.9>only add, God bless you.

<lb n=P203.10>&dq;<name who=PPB>FITZWILLIAM&sp;DARCY</name>.&dq;</q></p></div2>

<div2 type=chap n=13><p><pb n=P204><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P204.1>If <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, when <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> gave her the letter, did

<lb n=P204.2>not expect it to&H9 contain a renewal of his offers&H0;, she had

<lb n=P204.3>formed no&H2 expectation at all of its contents. But such

<lb n=P204.4>as they were, it may&H1 be well&H5 supposed how eagerly she

<lb n=P204.5>went through&H4 them, and what a contrariety of emotion

<lb n=P204.6>they excited. Her feelings as she read were scarcely to&H9;

<lb n=P204.7>be defined. With amazement did she first understand

<lb n=P204.8>that&H3 he believed any apology to&H9 be in&H4 his power; and

<lb n=P204.9>stedfastly was she persuaded that&H3 he could have no&H2;

<lb n=P204.10>explanation to&H9 give, which&H61 a just&H2 sense of shame&H0 would

<lb n=P204.11>not conceal. With a strong prejudice against every&sp;thing

<lb n=P204.12>he might say, she began his account&H0 of what had happened

<lb n=P204.13>at Netherfield. She read, with an eagerness which&H61 hardly

<lb n=P204.14>left her power of comprehension, and from impatience of

<lb n=P204.15>knowing what the next sentence might bring, was incapable

<lb n=P204.16>of attending to&H4 the sense of the one before&H4 her eyes. His

<lb n=P204.17>belief of her sister's insensibility, she instantly resolved

<lb n=P204.18>to&H9 be false, and his account&H0 of the real, the worst objections

<lb n=P204.19>to&H4 the match&H0;, made her too&H51 angry to&H9 have any wish&H0 of

<lb n=P204.20>doing him justice. He expressed no&H2 regret&H0 for&H4 what he

<lb n=P204.21>had done which&H61 satisfied her;</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>his style was not penitent,

<lb n=P204.22>but haughty. It was all pride and insolence.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P204.23>But when this subject&H0 was succeeded by&H4 his account&H0;

<lb n=P204.24>of <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name>, when she read with somewhat clearer

<lb n=P204.25>attention, a relation of events, which&H61;, if true, must overthrow

<lb n=P204.26>every cherished opinion of his worth, and which&H61;

<lb n=P204.27>bore&H11 so&H51 alarming an affinity to&H4 his own&H2 history of himself,

<lb n=P204.28>her feelings were yet more acutely painful and more

<lb n=P204.29>difficult of definition. Astonishment, apprehension, and

<lb n=P204.30>even&H5 horror, oppressed her. She wished to&H9 discredit it

<lb n=P204.31>entirely, repeatedly exclaiming,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;This must be false!

<lb n=P204.32>This cannot be! This must be the grossest falsehood!&dq; &dash;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P204.33>and when she had gone through&H4 the whole&H2 letter, though<pb n=P205>

<lb n=P205.1>scarcely knowing any&sp;thing of the last&H2 page or two, put

<lb n=P205.2>it hastily away, protesting that&H3 she would not regard&H1 it,

<lb n=P205.3>that&H3 she would never look&H1 in&H4 it again.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P205.4>In&H4 this perturbed state&H0 of mind&H0;, with thoughts that&H61;

<lb n=P205.5>could rest&H1 on&H4 nothing, she walked on&H5;; but it would not

<lb n=P205.6>do; in&H4 half a minute&H0 the letter was unfolded again, and

<lb n=P205.7>collecting herself as well&H5 as she could, she again began

<lb n=P205.8>the mortifying perusal of all that&H61 related to&H4 <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>,

<lb n=P205.9>and commanded herself so&H51 far as to&H9 examine the meaning

<lb n=P205.10>of every sentence. The account&H0 of his connection with

<lb n=P205.11>the Pemberley family, was exactly what he had related

<lb n=P205.12>himself; and the kindness of the late <name who=PPZE>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>, though

<lb n=P205.13>she had not before&H5 known its extent, agreed equally well&H5;

<lb n=P205.14>with his own&H2 words. So&H51 far each recital confirmed the

<lb n=P205.15>other: but when she came to&H4 the will&H0;, the difference was

<lb n=P205.16>great. What <name who=PPP>Wickham</name> had said of the living was fresh

<lb n=P205.17>in&H4 her memory, and as she recalled his very words, it was

<lb n=P205.18>impossible not to&H9 feel that&H3 there was gross duplicity on&H4;

<lb n=P205.19>one side&H0 or the other; and, for&H4 a few moments, she flattered

<lb n=P205.20>herself that&H3 her wishes&H0 did not err. But when she read,

<lb n=P205.21>and re-read with the closest attention, the particulars

<lb n=P205.22>immediately following of <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>'s resigning all pretensions

<lb n=P205.23>to&H4 the living, of his receiving in&H4 lieu, so&H51 considerable

<lb n=P205.24>a sum as three thousand pounds, again was she forced

<lb n=P205.25>to&H9 hesitate. She put down&H5 the letter, weighed every

<lb n=P205.26>circumstance with what she meant to&H9 be impartiality &dash;

<lb n=P205.27>deliberated on&H4 the probability of each statement &dash; but

<lb n=P205.28>with little success.</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>On&H4 both sides it was only assertion.</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P205.29>Again she read on&H5;. But every line proved more clearly

<lb n=P205.30>that&H3 the affair, which&H61 she had believed it impossible that&H3;

<lb n=P205.31>any contrivance could so&H52 represent, as to&H9 render <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>'s

<lb n=P205.32>conduct&H0 in&H4 it less than infamous, was capable of a turn&H0;

<lb n=P205.33>which&H61 must make&H1 him entirely blameless throughout the

<lb n=P205.34>whole&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P205.35>The extravagance and general&H2 profligacy which&H61 he

<lb n=P205.36>scrupled not to&H9 lay&H11 to&H4 <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name>'s charge&H0;, exceedingly

<lb n=P205.37>shocked her; the more so&H52;, as she could bring no&H2 proof

<lb n=P205.38>of its injustice. She had never heard of him before&H4 his<pb n=P206>

<lb n=P206.1>entrance into the &blank;shire&sp;Militia, in&H4 which&H61 he had

<lb n=P206.2>engaged at the persuasion of the young man, who&H61;, on&H4;

<lb n=P206.3>meeting him accidentally in&H4 town, had there renewed

<lb n=P206.4>a slight&H2 acquaintance. Of his former way of life, nothing

<lb n=P206.5>had been known in&H4 Hertfordshire but what he told himself.

<lb n=P206.6>As to&H4 his real character, had information been in&H4 her

<lb n=P206.7>power, she had never felt a wish&H0 of enquiring. His countenance,

<lb n=P206.8>voice, and manner, had established him at once

<lb n=P206.9>in&H4 the possession of every virtue. She tried to&H9 recollect

<lb n=P206.10>some instance&H0 of goodness, some distinguished trait of

<lb n=P206.11>integrity or benevolence, that&H61 might rescue&H1 him from

<lb n=P206.12>the attacks of <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy;</name> or at least, by&H4 the predominance

<lb n=P206.13>of virtue, atone for&H4 those casual errors, under which&H61 she

<lb n=P206.14>would endeavour&H1 to&H9 class&H1;, what <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> had described

<lb n=P206.15>as the idleness and vice of many years continuance.

<lb n=P206.16>But no&H2 such recollection befriended her. She could see

<lb n=P206.17>him instantly before&H4 her, in&H4 every charm&H0 of air and address&H0;;

<lb n=P206.18>but she could remember no&H2 more substantial good than

<lb n=P206.19>the general&H2 approbation of the neighbourhood, and the

<lb n=P206.20>regard&H0 which&H61 his social powers had gained him in&H4 the mess.

<lb n=P206.21>After&H4 pausing on&H4 this point&H0 a considerable while&H0;, she once

<lb n=P206.22>more continued to&H9 read. But, alas! the story which&H61;

<lb n=P206.23>followed of his designs on&H4 <name who=PPZG>Miss&sp;Darcy</name>, received some

<lb n=P206.24>confirmation from what had passed between <name who=PPM>Colonel&sp;Fitzwilliam</name>

<lb n=P206.25>and herself only the morning before&H5;; and at

<lb n=P206.26>last&H0 she was referred for&H4 the truth of every particular to&H4;

<lb n=P206.27><name who=PPM>Colonel&sp;Fitzwilliam</name> himself &dash; from whom&H61 she had previously

<lb n=P206.28>received the information of his near&H2 concern&H0 in&H4 all his

<lb n=P206.29>cousin's affairs, and whose&H61 character she had no&H2 reason&H0;

<lb n=P206.30>to&H9 question&H1;. At one time she had almost resolved on&H4;

<lb n=P206.31>applying to&H4 him, but the idea was checked by&H4 the awkwardness

<lb n=P206.32>of the application, and at length wholly banished

<lb n=P206.33>by&H4 the conviction that&H3 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> would never have

<lb n=P206.34>hazarded such a proposal, if he had not been well&H5 assured

<lb n=P206.35>of his cousin's corroboration.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P206.36>She perfectly remembered every&sp;thing that&H61 had passed

<lb n=P206.37>in&H4 conversation between <name who=PPP>Wickham</name> and herself, in&H4 their

<lb n=P206.38>first evening at <name who=PPZZG>Mr&point;&sp;Philips</name>'s. Many of his expressions<pb n=P207>

<lb n=P207.1>were still&H5 fresh in&H4 her memory. She was <hi r=Italic>now</hi> struck with

<lb n=P207.2>the impropriety of such communications to&H4 a stranger&H0;,

<lb n=P207.3>and wondered it had escaped her before&H5;. She saw the

<lb n=P207.4>indelicacy of putting himself forward&H5 as he had done,

<lb n=P207.5>and the inconsistency of his professions with his conduct&H0;.

<lb n=P207.6>She remembered that&H3 he had boasted&H1 of having no&H2 fear&H0;

<lb n=P207.7>of seeing <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> &dash; that&H3 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> might leave&H1 the

<lb n=P207.8>country, but that&H3 <hi r=Italic>he</hi> should stand&H1 his ground; yet he

<lb n=P207.9>had avoided the Netherfield ball&H02 the very next week.

<lb n=P207.10>She remembered also, that&H3 till the Netherfield family had

<lb n=P207.11>quitted the country, he had told his story to&H4 no&sp;one but

<lb n=P207.12>herself; but that&H3 after&H4 their removal, it had been every&sp;where

<lb n=P207.13>discussed; that&H3 he had then no&H2 reserves, no&H2 scruples

<lb n=P207.14>in&H4 sinking <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>'s character, though he had assured

<lb n=P207.15>her that&H3 respect&H0 for&H4 the father, would always prevent his

<lb n=P207.16>exposing the son.</q></p><p><q who=PPA type=indirect>

<lb n=P207.17>How differently did every&sp;thing now appear in&H4 which&H61;

<lb n=P207.18>he was concerned! His attentions to&H4 <name who=PPZW>Miss&sp;King</name> were

<lb n=P207.19>now the consequence of views solely and hatefully mercenary;

<lb n=P207.20>and the mediocrity of her fortune proved no&H2 longer

<lb n=P207.21>the moderation of his wishes&H0;, but his eagerness to&H9 grasp

<lb n=P207.22>at any&sp;thing. His behaviour to&H4 herself could now have

<lb n=P207.23>had no&H2 tolerable motive; he had either been deceived

<lb n=P207.24>with regard&H0 to&H4 her fortune, or had been gratifying his

<lb n=P207.25>vanity by&H4 encouraging the preference which&H61 she believed

<lb n=P207.26>she had most incautiously shewn.</q><q who=PP0>Every lingering struggle&H0;

<lb n=P207.27>in&H4 his favour&H0 grew fainter and fainter; and in&H4 farther

<lb n=P207.28>justification of <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>, she could not but allow that&H3;</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>

<lb n=P207.29><name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>, when questioned by&H4 <name who=PPE>Jane</name>, had long ago

<lb n=P207.30>asserted his blamelessness in&H4 the affair; that&H3 proud and

<lb n=P207.31>repulsive as were his manners, she had never, in&H4 the whole&H2;

<lb n=P207.32>course&H0 of their acquaintance, an acquaintance which&H61 had

<lb n=P207.33>latterly brought them much together, and given her a sort

<lb n=P207.34>of intimacy with his ways, seen any&sp;thing that&H61 betrayed

<lb n=P207.35>him to&H9 be unprincipled or unjust &dash; any&sp;thing that&H61 spoke

<lb n=P207.36>him of irreligious or immoral habits. That&H3 among his

<lb n=P207.37>own&H2 connections he was esteemed and valued &dash; that&H3 even&H5;

<lb n=P207.38><name who=PPP>Wickham</name> had allowed him merit&H0 as a brother, and that&H3;<pb n=P208>

<lb n=P208.1>she had often heard him speak so&H51 affectionately of his

<lb n=P208.2>sister as to&H9 prove him capable of <hi r=Italic>some</hi> amiable feeling.

<lb n=P208.3>That&H3 had his actions been what <name who=PPP>Wickham</name> represented

<lb n=P208.4>them, so&H51 gross a violation of every&sp;thing right&H21 could hardly

<lb n=P208.5>have been concealed from the world; and that&H3 friendship

<lb n=P208.6>between a person capable of it, and such an amiable man

<lb n=P208.7>as <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>, was incomprehensible.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P208.8>She grew absolutely ashamed of herself. &dash; Of neither

<lb n=P208.9><name who=PPB>Darcy</name> nor <name who=PPP>Wickham</name> could she think, without feeling that&H3;

<lb n=P208.10>she had been blind&H2;, partial, prejudiced, absurd.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P208.11>&dq;How despicably have I acted!&dq;</q><q who=PP0>she cried. &dash;</q><q who=PPA>&dq;I, who&H61;

<lb n=P208.12>have prided myself on&H4 my discernment! &dash; I, who&H61 have

<lb n=P208.13>valued myself on&H4 my abilities! who&H61 have often disdained

<lb n=P208.14>the generous candour of my sister, and gratified my vanity,

<lb n=P208.15>in&H4 useless or blameable distrust&H0;. &dash; How humiliating is this

<lb n=P208.16>discovery! &dash; Yet, how just&H2 a humiliation! &dash; Had I been

<lb n=P208.17>in&H4 love&H0;, I could not have been more wretchedly blind&H2;.

<lb n=P208.18>But vanity, not love&H0;, has been my folly. &dash; Pleased with

<lb n=P208.19>the preference of one, and offended by&H4 the neglect&H0 of the

<lb n=P208.20>other, on&H4 the very beginning of our acquaintance, I have

<lb n=P208.21>courted prepossession and ignorance, and driven reason&H0;

<lb n=P208.22>away, where either were concerned. Till this moment,

<lb n=P208.23>I never knew myself.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P208.24>From herself to&H4 <name who=PPE>Jane</name> &dash; from <name who=PPE>Jane</name> to&H4 <name who=PPI>Bingley</name>, her

<lb n=P208.25>thoughts were in&H4 a line which&H61 soon brought to&H4 her recollection

<lb n=P208.26>that&H3 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>'s explanation <hi r=Italic>there</hi>, had appeared

<lb n=P208.27>very insufficient; and she read it again. Widely different

<lb n=P208.28>was the effect&H0 of a second&H2 perusal. &dash;</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>How could she deny

<lb n=P208.29>that&H62 credit&H0 to&H4 his assertions, in&H4 one instance&H0;, which&H61 she

<lb n=P208.30>had been obliged to&H9 give in&H4 the other? &dash; He declared

<lb n=P208.31>himself to&H9 have been totally unsuspicious of her sister's

<lb n=P208.32>attachment; &dash; and she could not help&H1 remembering what

<lb n=P208.33><name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name>'s opinion had always been. &dash; Neither could she

<lb n=P208.34>deny the justice of his description of <name who=PPE>Jane</name>. &dash;</q><q who=PP0>She felt that&H3;</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>

<lb n=P208.35><name who=PPE>Jane</name>'s feelings, though fervent, were little displayed, and

<lb n=P208.36>that&H3 there was a constant complacency in&H4 her air and

<lb n=P208.37>manner, not often united with great sensibility.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P208.38>When she came to&H4 that&H62 part&H0 of the letter in&H4 which&H61;<pb n=P209>

<lb n=P209.1>her family were mentioned, in&H4 terms of such mortifying,

<lb n=P209.2>yet merited reproach&H0;, her sense of shame&H0 was severe.

<lb n=P209.3>The justice of the charge&H0 struck her too&H51 forcibly for&H4 denial,

<lb n=P209.4>and the circumstances to&H4 which&H61 he particularly alluded,

<lb n=P209.5>as having passed at the Netherfield ball&H02;, and as confirming

<lb n=P209.6>all his first disapprobation, could not have made a stronger

<lb n=P209.7>impression on&H4 his mind&H0 than on&H4 hers.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P209.8>The compliment&H0 to&H4 herself and her sister, was not

<lb n=P209.9>unfelt. It soothed, but it could not console her for&H4 the

<lb n=P209.10>contempt which&H61 had been thus self-attracted by&H4 the rest&H01;

<lb n=P209.11>of her family; &dash; and as she considered that&H3 <name who=PPE>Jane</name>'s disappointment

<lb n=P209.12>had in&H4 fact been the work&H0 of her nearest

<lb n=P209.13>relations, and reflected how materially the credit&H0 of both

<lb n=P209.14>must be hurt by&H4 such impropriety of conduct&H0;, she felt

<lb n=P209.15>depressed beyond&H4 any&sp;thing she had ever known before&H5;.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P209.16>After&H4 wandering along&H4 the lane for&H4 two hours, giving

<lb n=P209.17>way to&H4 every variety of thought&H0;; re-considering events,

<lb n=P209.18>determining probabilities, and reconciling herself as well&H5;

<lb n=P209.19>as she could, to&H4 a change&H0 so&H51 sudden&H2 and so&H51 important,

<lb n=P209.20>fatigue&H0;, and a recollection of her long absence, made her

<lb n=P209.21>at length return&H1 home; and she entered the house with

<lb n=P209.22>the wish&H0 of appearing cheerful as usual, and the resolution

<lb n=P209.23>of repressing such reflections as must make&H1 her unfit for&H4;

<lb n=P209.24>conversation.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P209.25>She was immediately told, that&H3;</q><q who=PPX type=indirect>the two gentlemen from

<lb n=P209.26>Rosings had each called during her absence; <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>,

<lb n=P209.27>only for&H4 a few minutes to&H9 take leave&H0;, but that&H3 <name who=PPM>Colonel&sp;Fitzwilliam</name>

<lb n=P209.28>had been sitting with them at least an hour,

<lb n=P209.29>hoping for&H4 her return&H0;, and almost resolving to&H9 walk&H1 after&H4;

<lb n=P209.30>her till she could be found. &dash;</q><q who=PP0><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> could but just&H5;

<lb n=P209.31><hi r=Italic>affect</hi> concern&H0 in&H4 missing him; she really rejoiced at it.

<lb n=P209.32><name who=PPM>Colonel&sp;Fitzwilliam</name> was no&H2 longer an object&H0;. She could

<lb n=P209.33>think only of her letter.</q></p></div2>

<div2 type=chap n=14><p><pb n=P210>

<lb n=P210.1><q who=pp0>The two gentlemen left Rosings the next morning;

<lb n=P210.2>and <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> having been in&H4 waiting near&H4 the lodges,

<lb n=P210.3>to&H9 make&H1 them his parting obeisance, was able to&H9 bring

<lb n=P210.4>home the pleasing intelligence, of their appearing in&H4 very

<lb n=P210.5>good health, and in&H4 as tolerable spirits as could be

<lb n=P210.6>expected, after&H4 the melancholy&H2 scene so&H51 lately gone

<lb n=P210.7>through&H5 at Rosings. To&H4 Rosings he then hastened to&H9;

<lb n=P210.8>console <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name>, and her daughter; and on&H4 his

<lb n=P210.9>return&H0;, brought back&H5;, with great satisfaction, a message

<lb n=P210.10>from her Ladyship, importing that&H3;</q><q who=PPL type=indirect>she felt herself so&H51;

<lb n=P210.11>dull as to&H9 make&H1 her very desirous of having them all to&H9;

<lb n=P210.12>dine with her.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P210.13><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> could not see <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name> without recollecting,

<lb n=P210.14>that&H3;</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>had she chosen it, she might by&H4 this time

<lb n=P210.15>have been presented to&H4 her, as her future niece;</q><q who=PP0>nor

<lb n=P210.16>could she think, without a smile&H0;, of what her ladyship's

<lb n=P210.17>indignation would have been.</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>&dq;What would she have

<lb n=P210.18>said? &dash; how would she have behaved?&dq;</q><q who=PP0>were questions

<lb n=P210.19>with which&H61 she amused herself.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P210.20>Their first subject&H0 was the diminution of the Rosings

<lb n=P210.21>party. &dash;</q><q who=PPL>&dq;I assure you, I feel it exceedingly,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine;</name></q><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P210.22>&dq;I believe nobody feels the loss of friends so&H51;

<lb n=P210.23>much as I do. But I am particularly attached to&H4 these

<lb n=P210.24>young men; and know them to&H9 be so&H51 much attached to&H4;

<lb n=P210.25>me! &dash; They were excessively sorry to&H9 go! But so&H51 they

<lb n=P210.26>always are. The dear&H21 <name who=PPM>colonel</name> rallied his spirits tolerably

<lb n=P210.27>till just&H5 at last&H0;; but <name who=PPB>Darcy</name> seemed to&H9 feel it most acutely,

<lb n=P210.28>more I think than last&H0 year. His attachment to&H4 Rosings,

<lb n=P210.29>certainly increases.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P210.30><name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> had a compliment&H0;, and an allusion to&H9 throw&H1;

<lb n=P210.31>in&H4 here, which&H61 were kindly smiled on&H5 by&H4 the mother and

<lb n=P210.32>daughter.<pb n=P211></q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P211.1><name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name> observed, after&H4 dinner, that&H3;</q><q who=PPL type=indirect><name who=PPA>Miss&sp;Bennet</name>

<lb n=P211.2>seemed out&H5 of spirits,</q><q who=PP0>and immediately accounting

<lb n=P211.3>for&H4 it herself, by&H4 supposing that&H3;</q><q who=PPL type=indirect>she did not like&H1 to&H9;

<lb n=P211.4>go home again so&H51 soon,</q><q who=PP0>she added,</q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P211.5>&dq;But if that&H62 is the case, you must write to&H4 your mother

<lb n=P211.6>to&H9 beg that&H3 you may&H1 stay&H1 a little longer. <name who=PPQ>Mrs&point;&sp;Collins</name>

<lb n=P211.7>will&H1 be very glad of your company, I am sure.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P211.8>&dq;I am much obliged to&H4 your ladyship for&H4 your kind&H2;

<lb n=P211.9>invitation,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;but it is not in&H4 my power

<lb n=P211.10>to&H9 accept it. &dash; I must be in&H4 town next Saturday.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P211.11>&dq;Why, at that&H62 rate&H0;, you will&H1 have been here only six

<lb n=P211.12>weeks. I expected you to&H9 stay&H1 two months. I told <name who=PPQ>Mrs&point;&sp;Collins</name>

<lb n=P211.13>so&H52 before&H3 you came. There can be no&H2 occasion&H0;

<lb n=P211.14>for&H4 your going so&H51 soon. <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> could certainly spare&H1;

<lb n=P211.15>you for&H4 another fortnight.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P211.16>&dq;But my father cannot. &dash; He wrote last&H2 week to&H9 hurry&H1;

<lb n=P211.17>my return&H0;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P211.18>&dq;Oh! your father of course&H8 may&H1 spare&H1 you, if your

<lb n=P211.19>mother can. &dash; Daughters are never of so&H51 much consequence

<lb n=P211.20>to&H4 a father. And if you will&H1 stay&H1 another <hi r=Italic>month</hi> complete&H2;,

<lb n=P211.21>it will&H1 be in&H4 my power to&H9 take one of you as far as London,

<lb n=P211.22>for&H3 I am going there early in&H4 June, for&H4 a week; and as

<lb n=P211.23><name who=PPZH>Dawson</name> does not object&H1 to&H4 the Barouche&sp;box, there

<lb n=P211.24>will&H1 be very good room for&H4 one of you &dash; and indeed,

<lb n=P211.25>if the weather should happen to&H9 be cool&H2;, I should not

<lb n=P211.26>object&H1 to&H4 taking you both, as you are neither of you

<lb n=P211.27>large.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P211.28>&dq;You are all kindness, Madam; but I believe we must

<lb n=P211.29>abide by&H4 our original plan.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P211.30><name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name> seemed resigned.</q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P211.31>&dq;<name who=PPQ>Mrs&point;&sp;Collins</name>, you must send a servant with them.

<lb n=P211.32>You know I always speak my mind&H0;, and I cannot bear&H1 the

<lb n=P211.33>idea of two young women travelling post by&H4 themselves.

<lb n=P211.34>It is highly improper. You must contrive to&H9 send somebody.

<lb n=P211.35>I have the greatest dislike&H0 in&H4 the world to&H4 that&H62;

<lb n=P211.36>sort of thing. &dash; Young women should always be properly

<lb n=P211.37>guarded and attended, according to&H4 their situation in&H4;

<lb n=P211.38>life. When my niece <name who=PPZG>Georgiana</name> went to&H4 Ramsgate last&H2;<pb n=P212>

<lb n=P212.1>summer, I made a point&H0 of her having two men&sp;servants

<lb n=P212.2>go with her. &dash; <name who=PPZG>Miss&sp;Darcy</name>, the daughter of <name who=PPZE>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>,

<lb n=P212.3>of Pemberley, and <name who=PPZF>Lady&sp;Anne</name>, could not have appeared

<lb n=P212.4>with propriety in&H4 a different manner. &dash; I am excessively

<lb n=P212.5>attentive to&H4 all those things. You must send <name who=PPZT>John</name> with

<lb n=P212.6>the young ladies, <name who=PPQ>Mrs&point;&sp;Collins</name>. I am glad it occurred to&H4;

<lb n=P212.7>me to&H9 mention&H1 it; for&H3 it would really be discreditable to&H4;

<lb n=P212.8><hi r=Italic>you</hi> to&H9 let them go alone.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P212.9>&dq;My uncle is to&H9 send a servant for&H4 us.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P212.10>&dq;Oh! &dash; Your uncle! &dash; He keeps a man-servant, does

<lb n=P212.11>he? &dash; I am very glad you have somebody who&H61 thinks of

<lb n=P212.12>those things. Where shall you change&H1 horses? &dash; Oh!

<lb n=P212.13>Bromley, of course&H8;. &dash; If you mention&H1 my name&H0 at the&sp;Bell,

<lb n=P212.14>you will&H1 be attended to&H5;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P212.15><name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name> had many other questions to&H9 ask

<lb n=P212.16>respecting their journey, and as she did not answer&H1 them

<lb n=P212.17>all herself, attention was necessary, which&H61 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P212.18>believed to&H9 be lucky for&H4 her; or, with a mind&H0 so&H51 occupied,

<lb n=P212.19>she might have forgotten where she was. Reflection

<lb n=P212.20>must be reserved for&H4 solitary hours; whenever she was

<lb n=P212.21>alone, she gave way to&H4 it as the greatest relief; and

<lb n=P212.22>not a day went by&H5 without a solitary walk&H0;, in&H4 which&H61;

<lb n=P212.23>she might indulge in&H4 all the delight&H0 of unpleasant recollections.

<lb n=P212.24></q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P212.25><name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>'s letter, she was in&H4 a fair way of soon knowing

<lb n=P212.26>by&H4 heart. She studied every sentence: and her feelings

<lb n=P212.27>towards its writer were at times widely different. When

<lb n=P212.28>she remembered the style of his address&H0;, she was still&H5;

<lb n=P212.29>full of indignation; but when she considered how unjustly

<lb n=P212.30>she had condemned and upbraided him, her anger&H0 was

<lb n=P212.31>turned against herself; and his disappointed feelings

<lb n=P212.32>became the object&H0 of compassion. His attachment excited

<lb n=P212.33>gratitude, his general&H2 character respect&H0;; but she could

<lb n=P212.34>not approve him; nor could she for&H4 a moment repent

<lb n=P212.35>her refusal, or feel the slightest inclination ever to&H9 see

<lb n=P212.36>him again. In&H4 her own&H2 past&H2 behaviour, there was a constant

<lb n=P212.37>source of vexation and regret&H0;; and in&H4 the unhappy

<lb n=P212.38>defects of her family a subject&H0 of yet heavier chagrin.<pb n=P213></q><q who=PPA type=indirect>

<lb n=P213.1>They were hopeless of remedy. Her father, contented

<lb n=P213.2>with laughing at them, would never exert himself to&H9;

<lb n=P213.3>restrain the wild giddiness of his youngest daughters; and

<lb n=P213.4>her mother, with manners so&H51 far from right&H21 herself, was

<lb n=P213.5>entirely insensible of the evil.</q><q who=PP0><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> had frequently

<lb n=P213.6>united with <name who=PPE>Jane</name> in&H4 an endeavour&H0 to&H9 check&H1 the imprudence

<lb n=P213.7>of <name who=PPG>Catherine</name> and <name who=PPH>Lydia;</name></q><q who=PPA type=indirect>but while&H3 they were supported

<lb n=P213.8>by&H4 their mother's indulgence, what chance&H0 could there be

<lb n=P213.9>of improvement? <name who=PPG>Catherine</name>, weak-spirited, irritable, and

<lb n=P213.10>completely under <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>'s guidance, had been always

<lb n=P213.11>affronted by&H4 their advice; and <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>, self-willed and

<lb n=P213.12>careless, would scarcely give them a hearing. They were

<lb n=P213.13>ignorant, idle, and vain. While&H3 there was an officer in&H4;

<lb n=P213.14>Meryton, they would flirt with him; and while&H3 Meryton

<lb n=P213.15>was within a walk&H0 of Longbourn, they would be going

<lb n=P213.16>there for&sp;ever.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P213.17>Anxiety on&H4 <name who=PPE>Jane</name>'s behalf, was another prevailing concern&H0;,

<lb n=P213.18>and <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>'s explanation, by&H4 restoring <name who=PPI>Bingley</name>

<lb n=P213.19>to&H4 all her former good opinion, heightened the sense of

<lb n=P213.20>what <name who=PPE>Jane</name> had lost. His affection was proved to&H9 have

<lb n=P213.21>been sincere, and his conduct&H0 cleared of all blame&H0;, unless

<lb n=P213.22>any could attach to&H4 the implicitness of his confidence in&H4;

<lb n=P213.23>his friend. How grievous then was the thought&H0 that&H3;,</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>

<lb n=P213.24>of a situation so&H51 desirable in&H4 every respect&H0;, so&H51 replete

<lb n=P213.25>with advantage, so&H51 promising for&H4 happiness, <name who=PPE>Jane</name> had

<lb n=P213.26>been deprived, by&H4 the folly and indecorum of her own&H2;

<lb n=P213.27>family!</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P213.28>When to&H4 these recollections was added the developement

<lb n=P213.29>of <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>'s character, it may&H1 be easily believed that&H3;

<lb n=P213.30>the happy spirits which&H61 had seldom been depressed before&H5;,

<lb n=P213.31>were now so&H51 much affected as to&H9 make&H1 it almost impossible

<lb n=P213.32>for&H4 her to&H9 appear tolerably cheerful.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P213.33>Their engagements at Rosings were as frequent during

<lb n=P213.34>the last&H2 week of her stay&H0;, as they had been at first. The

<lb n=P213.35>very last&H2 evening was spent there; and her Ladyship

<lb n=P213.36>again enquired minutely into the particulars of their

<lb n=P213.37>journey, gave them directions as to&H4 the best method of

<lb n=P213.38>packing, and was so&H51 urgent on&H4 the necessity of placing<pb n=P214>

<lb n=P214.1>gowns in&H4 the only right&H21 way, that&H3 <name who=PPV>Maria</name> thought&H1 herself

<lb n=P214.2>obliged, on&H4 her return&H0;, to&H9 undo all the work&H0 of the morning,

<lb n=P214.3>and pack her trunk afresh.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P214.4>When they parted, <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name>, with great condescension,

<lb n=P214.5>wished them a good journey, and invited them

<lb n=P214.6>to&H9 come to&H4 Hunsford again next year; and <name who=PPZJ>Miss&sp;De&sp;Bourgh</name>

<lb n=P214.7>exerted herself so&H51 far as to&H9 curtsey and hold&H1 out&H5 her hand&H0;

<lb n=P214.8>to&H4 both.</q></p></div2>

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<lb n=P215.1><q who=pp0>On&H4 Saturday morning <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> and <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> met

<lb n=P215.2>for&H4 breakfast&H0 a few minutes before&H3 the others appeared;

<lb n=P215.3>and he took the opportunity of paying the parting civilities

<lb n=P215.4>which&H61 he deemed indispensably necessary.</q><q who=PPK>

<lb n=P215.5>&dq;I know not, <name who=PPA>Miss&sp;Elizabeth</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said he,</q><q who=PPK>&dq;whether

<lb n=P215.6><name who=PPQ>Mrs&point;&sp;Collins</name> has yet expressed her sense of your kindness

<lb n=P215.7>in&H4 coming to&H4 us, but I am very certain you will&H1 not leave&H1;

<lb n=P215.8>the house without receiving her thanks for&H4 it. The favour&H0;

<lb n=P215.9>of your company has been much felt, I assure you. We

<lb n=P215.10>know how little there is to&H9 tempt any&sp;one to&H4 our humble&H2;

<lb n=P215.11>abode. Our plain manner of living, our small rooms, and

<lb n=P215.12>few domestics, and the little we see of the world, must

<lb n=P215.13>make&H1 Hunsford extremely dull to&H4 a young lady like&H4 yourself;

<lb n=P215.14>but I hope&H1 you will&H1 believe us grateful for&H4 the

<lb n=P215.15>condescension, and that&H3 we have done every&sp;thing in&H4 our

<lb n=P215.16>power to&H9 prevent your spending your time unpleasantly.&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P215.17><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was eager with her thanks and assurances of

<lb n=P215.18>happiness.</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>She had spent six weeks with great enjoyment;

<lb n=P215.19>and the pleasure of being&H1 with <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name>, and the kind&H2;

<lb n=P215.20>attentions she had received, must make&H1 <hi r=Italic>her</hi> feel the obliged.</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P215.21><name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> was gratified; and with a more smiling

<lb n=P215.22>solemnity replied,</q></p><p><q who=PPK>

<lb n=P215.23>&dq;It gives me the greatest pleasure to&H9 hear that&H3 you

<lb n=P215.24>have passed your time not disagreeably. We have

<lb n=P215.25>certainly done our best; and most fortunately having it

<lb n=P215.26>in&H4 our power to&H9 introduce you to&H4 very superior society,

<lb n=P215.27>and from our connections with Rosings, the frequent means&H0;

<lb n=P215.28>of varying the humble&H2 home scene, I think we may&H1 flatter

<lb n=P215.29>ourselves that&H3 your Hunsford visit&H0 cannot have been

<lb n=P215.30>entirely irksome. Our situation with regard&H0 to&H4 <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name>'s

<lb n=P215.31>family is indeed the sort of extraordinary<pb n=P216>

<lb n=P216.1>advantage and blessing which&H61 few can boast&H1;. You see

<lb n=P216.2>on&H4 what a footing we are. You see how continually we are

<lb n=P216.3>engaged there. In&H4 truth I must acknowledge that&H3;, with

<lb n=P216.4>all the disadvantages of this humble&H2 parsonage, I should

<lb n=P216.5>not think any&sp;one abiding in&H4 it an object&H0 of compassion,

<lb n=P216.6>while&H3 they are sharers of our intimacy at Rosings.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P216.7>Words were insufficient for&H4 the elevation of his feelings;

<lb n=P216.8>and he was obliged to&H9 walk&H1 about&H4 the room, while&H3 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P216.9>tried to&H9 unite civility and truth in&H4 a few short

<lb n=P216.10>sentences.</q></p><p><q who=PPK>

<lb n=P216.11>&dq;You may&H1;, in&H4 fact, carry a very favourable report&H0 of

<lb n=P216.12>us into Hertfordshire, my dear&H21 cousin. I flatter myself

<lb n=P216.13>at least that&H3 you will&H1 be able to&H9 do so&H52;. <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name>'s

<lb n=P216.14>great attentions to&H4 <name who=PPQ>Mrs&point;&sp;Collins</name> you have been a daily

<lb n=P216.15>witness&H0 of; and altogether I trust&H1 it does not appear

<lb n=P216.16>that&H3 your friend has drawn an unfortunate &dash; but on&H4 this

<lb n=P216.17>point&H0 it will&H1 be as well&H5 to&H9 be silent. Only let me assure

<lb n=P216.18>you, my dear&H21 <name who=PPA>Miss&sp;Elizabeth</name>, that&H3 I can from my heart

<lb n=P216.19>most cordially wish&H1 you equal&H2 felicity in&H4 marriage. My

<lb n=P216.20>dear&H21 <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name> and I have but one mind&H0 and one way of

<lb n=P216.21>thinking. There is in&H4 every&sp;thing a most remarkable

<lb n=P216.22>resemblance of character and ideas between us. We seem

<lb n=P216.23>to&H9 have been designed for&H4 each other.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P216.24><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> could safely say that&H3;</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>it was a great happiness

<lb n=P216.25>where that&H62 was the case,</q><q who=PP0>and with equal&H2 sincerity could

<lb n=P216.26>add that&H3;</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>she firmly believed and rejoiced in&H4 his domestic&H2;

<lb n=P216.27>comforts.</q><q who=PP0>She was not sorry, however, to&H9 have the recital

<lb n=P216.28>of them interrupted by&H4 the entrance of the lady from whom&H61;

<lb n=P216.29>they sprung.</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>Poor <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name>! &dash; it was melancholy&H2 to&H9;

<lb n=P216.30>leave&H1 her to&H4 such society! &dash; But she had chosen it with

<lb n=P216.31>her eyes open&H2;; and though evidently regretting that&H3 her

<lb n=P216.32>visitors were to&H9 go, she did not seem to&H9 ask for&H4 compassion.

<lb n=P216.33>Her home and her housekeeping, her parish and her

<lb n=P216.34>poultry, and all their dependent concerns&H0;, had not yet

<lb n=P216.35>lost their charms.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P216.36>At length the chaise arrived, the trunks were fastened

<lb n=P216.37>on&H5;, the parcels placed within, and it was pronounced to&H9;

<lb n=P216.38>be ready. After&H4 an affectionate parting between the<pb n=P217>

<lb n=P217.1>friends, <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was attended to&H4 the carriage by&H4 <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>,

<lb n=P217.2>and as they walked down&H4 the garden, he was

<lb n=P217.3>commissioning her with his best respects to&H4 all her family,

<lb n=P217.4>not forgetting his thanks for&H4 the kindness he had received

<lb n=P217.5>at Longbourn in&H4 the winter, and his compliments to&H4 <name who=PPN>Mr&point;</name>

<lb n=P217.6>and <name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>, though unknown. He then handed

<lb n=P217.7>her in&H5;, <name who=PPV>Maria</name> followed, and the door was on&H4 the point&H0;

<lb n=P217.8>of being&H1 closed, when he suddenly reminded them, with

<lb n=P217.9>some consternation, that&H3;</q><q who=PPK type=indirect>they had hitherto forgotten to&H9;

<lb n=P217.10>leave&H1 any message for&H4 the ladies at Rosings.</q></p><p><q who=PPK>

<lb n=P217.11>&dq;But,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>he added,</q><q who=PPK>&dq;you will&H1 of course&H8 wish&H1 to&H9 have

<lb n=P217.12>your humble&H2 respects delivered to&H4 them, with your grateful

<lb n=P217.13>thanks for&H4 their kindness to&H4 you while&H3 you have been here.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P217.14><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> made no&H2 objection; &dash; the door was then

<lb n=P217.15>allowed to&H9 be shut, and the carriage drove off.</q></p><p><q who=PPV>

<lb n=P217.16>&dq;Good gracious!&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried <name who=PPV>Maria</name>, after&H4 a few minutes

<lb n=P217.17>silence&H0;,</q><q who=PPV>&dq;it seems but a day or two since we first came! &dash;

<lb n=P217.18>and yet how many things have happened!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P217.19>&dq;A great many indeed,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said her companion with

<lb n=P217.20>a sigh&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PPV>

<lb n=P217.21>&dq;We have dined nine times at Rosings, besides drinking

<lb n=P217.22>tea there twice! &dash; How much I shall have to&H9 tell!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P217.23><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> privately added,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;And how much I shall

<lb n=P217.24>have to&H9 conceal.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P217.25>Their journey was performed without much conversation,

<lb n=P217.26>or any alarm&H0;; and within four hours of their

<lb n=P217.27>leaving Hunsford, they reached <name who=PPN>Mr&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>'s house,

<lb n=P217.28>where they were to&H9 remain a few days.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P217.29><name who=PPE>Jane</name> looked well&H5;, and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> had little opportunity

<lb n=P217.30>of studying her spirits, amidst the various engagements

<lb n=P217.31>which&H61 the kindness of her aunt had reserved for&H4 them.</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>

<lb n=P217.32>But <name who=PPE>Jane</name> was to&H9 go home with her, and at Longbourn

<lb n=P217.33>there would be leisure enough for&H4 observation.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P217.34>It was not without an effort meanwhile that&H3 she could

<lb n=P217.35>wait even&H5 for&H4 Longbourn, before&H3 she told her sister of

<lb n=P217.36><name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>'s proposals. To&H9 know that&H3 she had the power

<lb n=P217.37>of revealing what would so&H51 exceedingly astonish <name who=PPE>Jane</name>,<pb n=P218>

<lb n=P218.1>and must, at the same time, so&H51 highly gratify whatever

<lb n=P218.2>of her own&H2 vanity she had not yet been able to&H9 reason&H1;

<lb n=P218.3>away, was such a temptation to&H4 openness as nothing could

<lb n=P218.4>have conquered, but the state&H0 of indecision in&H4 which&H61 she

<lb n=P218.5>remained, as to&H4 the extent of what she should communicate;

<lb n=P218.6>and her fear&H0;, if she once entered on&H4 the subject&H0;, of

<lb n=P218.7>being&H1 hurried into repeating something of <name who=PPI>Bingley</name>, which&H61;

<lb n=P218.8>might only grieve her sister farther.</q></p></div2>

<div2 type=chap n=16><p><pb n=P219>

<lb n=P219.1><q who=pp0>It was the second&H2 week in&H4 May&H0;, in&H4 which&H61 the three

<lb n=P219.2>young ladies set&H1 out&H5 together from Gracechurch-street, for&H4;

<lb n=P219.3>the town of &blank; in&H4 Hertfordshire; and, as they drew

<lb n=P219.4>near&H4 the appointed inn where <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name>'s carriage was

<lb n=P219.5>to&H9 meet&H1 them, they quickly perceived, in&H4 token of the

<lb n=P219.6>coachman's punctuality, both <name who=PPG>Kitty</name> and <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> looking

<lb n=P219.7>out&H5 of a dining&sp;room up&sp;stairs. These two girls had been

<lb n=P219.8>above&H4 an hour in&H4 the place&H0;, happily employed in&H4 visiting

<lb n=P219.9>an opposite milliner, watching the sentinel on&H4 guard&H0;, and

<lb n=P219.10>dressing a sallad and cucumber.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P219.11><q who=pp0>After&H4 welcoming their sisters, they triumphantly displayed

<lb n=P219.12>a table set&H1 out&H5 with such cold&H2 meat as an inn larder

<lb n=P219.13>usually affords, exclaiming,</q><q who=PPY>&dq;Is not this nice? is not

<lb n=P219.14>this an agreeable surprise&H0;?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPH>

<lb n=P219.15>&dq;And we mean&H1 to&H9 treat&H1 you all,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>added <name who=PPH>Lydia;</name></q><q who=PPH>&dq;but

<lb n=P219.16>you must lend us the money, for&H3 we have just&H5 spent ours

<lb n=P219.17>at the shop out&H5 there.&dq;</q><q who=PP0>Then shewing her purchases:</q><q who=PPH>

<lb n=P219.18>&dq;Look&H1 here, I have bought this bonnet. I do not think

<lb n=P219.19>it is very pretty&H2;; but I thought&H1 I might as well&H5 buy it

<lb n=P219.20>as not. I shall pull it to&H4 pieces as soon as I get home,

<lb n=P219.21>and see if I can make&H1 it up&H5 any better.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P219.22>And when her sisters abused it as ugly, she added,

<lb n=P219.23>with perfect&H2 unconcern,</q><q who=PPH>&dq;Oh! but there were two or

<lb n=P219.24>three much uglier in&H4 the shop; and when I have bought

<lb n=P219.25>some prettier-coloured satin to&H9 trim it with fresh, I think

<lb n=P219.26>it will&H1 be very tolerable. Besides, it will&H1 not much signify

<lb n=P219.27>what one wears this summer, after&H3 the &blank;shire have

<lb n=P219.28>left Meryton, and they are going in&H4 a fortnight.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P219.29>&dq;Are they indeed?&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, with the greatest

<lb n=P219.30>satisfaction.</q></p><p><q who=PPH>

<lb n=P219.31>&dq;They are going to&H9 be encamped near&H4 Brighton; and

<lb n=P219.32>I do so&H51 want&H1 papa to&H9 take us all there for&H4 the summer!

<lb n=P219.33>It would be such a delicious scheme&H0;, and I dare&H12 say<pb n=P220>

<lb n=P220.1>would hardly cost&H1 any&sp;thing at all. Mamma would like&H1;

<lb n=P220.2>to&H9 go too&H52 of all things! Only think what a miserable

<lb n=P220.3>summer else we shall have!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA type=indirect>

<lb n=P220.4>&dq;Yes,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>thought&H1 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>&dq;<hi r=Italic>that&H62;</hi> would be a delightful

<lb n=P220.5>scheme&H0;, indeed, and completely do for&H4 us at once.

<lb n=P220.6>Good Heaven! Brighton, and a whole&H2 campful of soldiers,

<lb n=P220.7>to&H4 us, who&H61 have been overset already by&H4 one poor regiment

<lb n=P220.8>of militia, and the monthly balls of Meryton.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPH>

<lb n=P220.9>&dq;Now I have got some news for&H4 you,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>, as

<lb n=P220.10>they sat down&H5 to&H4 table.</q><q who=PPH>&dq;What do you think? It is

<lb n=P220.11>excellent news, capital news, and about&H4 a certain person

<lb n=P220.12>that&H61 we all like&H1;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P220.13><name who=PPE>Jane</name> and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> looked at each other, and the

<lb n=P220.14>waiter was told that&H3 he need&H1 not stay&H1;. <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> laughed,

<lb n=P220.15>and said,</q></p><p><q who=PPH>

<lb n=P220.16>&dq;Aye, that&H62 is just&H5 like&H4 your formality and discretion.

<lb n=P220.17>You thought&H1 the waiter must not hear, as if he cared!

<lb n=P220.18>I dare&H12 say he often hears worse things said than I am

<lb n=P220.19>going to&H9 say. But he is an ugly fellow! I am glad he is

<lb n=P220.20>gone. I never saw such a long chin in&H4 my life. Well&H7;, but

<lb n=P220.21>now for&H4 my news: it is about&H4 dear&H21 <name who=PPP>Wickham;</name> too&H51 good

<lb n=P220.22>for&H4 the waiter, is not it? There is no&H2 danger of <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>'s

<lb n=P220.23>marrying <name who=PPZW>Mary&sp;King</name>. There's for&H4 you! She is gone down&H5;

<lb n=P220.24>to&H4 her uncle at Liverpool; gone to&H9 stay&H1;. <name who=PPP>Wickham</name> is

<lb n=P220.25>safe.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P220.26>&dq;And <name who=PPZW>Mary&sp;King</name> is safe!&dq;</q><q who=PP0>added <name who=PPA>Elizabeth;</name></q><q who=PPA>&dq;safe

<lb n=P220.27>from a connection imprudent as to&H4 fortune.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPH>

<lb n=P220.28>&dq;She is a great fool for&H4 going away, if she liked him.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P220.29>&dq;But I hope&H1 there is no&H2 strong attachment on&H4 either

<lb n=P220.30>side&H0;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPE>Jane</name>.</q></p><p><q who=PPH>

<lb n=P220.31>&dq;I am sure there is not on&H4 <hi r=Italic>his</hi>. I will&H1 answer&H1 for&H4 it

<lb n=P220.32>he never cared three straws about&H4 her. Who&H62 <hi r=Italic>could</hi> about&H4;

<lb n=P220.33>such a nasty little freckled thing?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P220.34><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was shocked to&H9 think that&H3;,</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>however incapable

<lb n=P220.35>of such coarseness of <hi r=Italic>expression</hi> herself, the coarseness

<lb n=P220.36>of the <hi r=Italic>sentiment</hi> was little other than her own&H2 breast had

<lb n=P220.37>formerly harboured and fancied liberal!</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P220.38>As soon as all had ate, and the elder ones paid, the<pb n=P221>

<lb n=P221.1>carriage was ordered; and after&H4 some contrivance, the

<lb n=P221.2>whole&H2 party, with all their boxes, workbags, and parcels,

<lb n=P221.3>and the unwelcome addition of <name who=PPG>Kitty</name>'s and <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>'s

<lb n=P221.4>purchases, were seated in&H4 it.</q></p><p><q who=PPH>

<lb n=P221.5>&dq;How nicely we are crammed in&H5;!&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>.</q><q who=PPH>&dq;I am

<lb n=P221.6>glad I bought my bonnet, if it is only for&H4 the fun of having

<lb n=P221.7>another bandbox! Well&H7;, now let us be quite comfortable

<lb n=P221.8>and snug, and talk&H1 and laugh&H1 all the way home. And

<lb n=P221.9>in&H4 the first place&H0;, let us hear what has happened to&H4 you

<lb n=P221.10>all, since you went away. Have you seen any pleasant

<lb n=P221.11>men? Have you had any flirting? I was in&H4 great hopes&H0;

<lb n=P221.12>that&H3 one of you would have got a husband before&H3 you came

<lb n=P221.13>back&H5;. <name who=PPE>Jane</name> will&H1 be quite an old maid soon, I declare.

<lb n=P221.14>She is almost three&sp;and&sp;twenty! Lord&H7;, how ashamed

<lb n=P221.15>I should be of not being&H1 married before&H4 three&sp;and&sp;twenty!

<lb n=P221.16>My aunt <name who=PPV>Philips</name> wants&H1 you so&H51 to&H9 get husbands, you can't

<lb n=P221.17>think. She says <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name> had better have taken <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins;</name>

<lb n=P221.18>but <hi r=Italic>I</hi> do not think there would have been any fun in&H4 it.

<lb n=P221.19>Lord&H7;! how I should like&H1 to&H9 be married before&H4 any of you;

<lb n=P221.20>and then I would chaperon you about&H5 to&H4 all the balls.

<lb n=P221.21>Dear&H7 me! we had such a good piece of fun the other day

<lb n=P221.22>at <name who=PPZL>Colonel&sp;Forster</name>'s. <name who=PPG>Kitty</name> and me were to&H9 spend the

<lb n=P221.23>day there, and <name who=PPZM>Mrs&point;&sp;Forster</name> promised to&H9 have a little

<lb n=P221.24>dance&H0 in&H4 the evening; (by&sp;the&sp;bye, <name who=PPZM>Mrs&point;&sp;Forster</name> and

<lb n=P221.25>me are <hi r=Italic>such</hi> friends!) and so&H3 she asked the two <name who=PPZR>Harringtons</name>

<lb n=P221.26>to&H9 come, but <name who=PPZR>Harriet</name> was ill, and so&H3 <name who=PPZR>Pen</name> was forced to&H9;

<lb n=P221.27>come by&H4 herself; and then, what do you think we did?

<lb n=P221.28>We dressed up&H5 <name who=PPZC>Chamberlayne</name> in&H4 woman's clothes, on&H4;

<lb n=P221.29>purpose to&H9 pass&H1 for&H4 a lady, &dash; only think what fun! Not

<lb n=P221.30>a soul knew of it, but <name who=PPZL>Col&point;</name> and <name who=PPZM>Mrs&point;&sp;Forster</name>, and

<lb n=P221.31><name who=PPG>Kitty</name> and me, except my aunt, for&H3 we were forced to&H9;

<lb n=P221.32>borrow one of her gowns; and you cannot imagine how

<lb n=P221.33>well&H5 he looked! When <name who=PPW>Denny</name>, and <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>, and <name who=PPZZI>Pratt</name>,

<lb n=P221.34>and two or three more of the men came in&H5;, they did not

<lb n=P221.35>know him in&H4 the least. Lord&H7;! how I laughed! and so&H3;

<lb n=P221.36>did <name who=PPZM>Mrs&point;&sp;Forster</name>. I thought&H1 I should have died. And

<lb n=P221.37><hi r=Italic>that&H62;</hi> made the men suspect something, and then they soon

<lb n=P221.38>found out&H5 what was the matter.&dq;<pb n=P222></q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P222.1>With such kind&H0 of histories of their parties and good

<lb n=P222.2>jokes, did <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>, assisted by&H4 <name who=PPG>Kitty</name>'s hints and additions,

<lb n=P222.3>endeavour&H1 to&H9 amuse her companions all the way to&H4 Longbourn.

<lb n=P222.4><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> listened as little as she could, but there

<lb n=P222.5>was no&H2 escaping the frequent mention&H0 of <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>'s

<lb n=P222.6>name&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P222.7>Their reception at home was most kind&H2;. <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>

<lb n=P222.8>rejoiced to&H9 see <name who=PPE>Jane</name> in&H4 undiminished beauty; and more

<lb n=P222.9>than once during dinner did <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name> say voluntarily

<lb n=P222.10>to&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P222.11>&dq;I am glad you are come back&H5;, <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P222.12>Their party in&H4 the dining-room was large, for&H3 almost

<lb n=P222.13>all the <name who=PPR1>Lucases</name> came to&H9 meet&H1 <name who=PPV>Maria</name> and hear the news:

<lb n=P222.14>and various were the subjects which&H61 occupied them;

<lb n=P222.15><name who=PPV>lady&sp;Lucas</name> was enquiring of <name who=PPV>Maria</name> across&H4 the table, after&H4;

<lb n=P222.16>the welfare and poultry of her eldest daughter; <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>

<lb n=P222.17>was doubly engaged, on&H4 one hand&H0 collecting an account&H0;

<lb n=P222.18>of the present&H2 fashions from <name who=PPE>Jane</name>, who&H61 sat some way

<lb n=P222.19>below her, and on&H4 the other, retailing them all to&H4 the

<lb n=P222.20>younger <name who=PPQ1>Miss&sp;Lucases;</name> and <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>, in&H4 a voice rather

<lb n=P222.21>louder than any other person's, was enumerating the

<lb n=P222.22>various pleasures of the morning to&H4 any&sp;body who&H61 would

<lb n=P222.23>hear her.</q></p><p><q who=PPH>

<lb n=P222.24>&dq;Oh! <name who=PPF>Mary</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said she,</q><q who=PPH>&dq;I wish&H1 you had gone with

<lb n=P222.25>us, for&H3 we had such fun! as we went along&H5;, <name who=PPG>Kitty</name> and

<lb n=P222.26>me drew up&H5 all the blinds, and pretended there was

<lb n=P222.27>nobody in&H4 the coach; and I should have gone so&H52 all the

<lb n=P222.28>way, if <name who=PPG>Kitty</name> had not been sick; and when we got to&H4;

<lb n=P222.29>the&sp;George, I do think we behaved very handsomely, for&H3;

<lb n=P222.30>we treated the other three with the nicest cold&H2 luncheon

<lb n=P222.31>in&H4 the world, and if you would have gone, we would have

<lb n=P222.32>treated you too&H52;. And then when we came away it was

<lb n=P222.33>such fun! I thought&H1 we never should have got into the

<lb n=P222.34>coach. I was ready to&H9 die&H1 of laughter. And then we were

<lb n=P222.35>so&H51 merry all the way home! we talked and laughed so&H51;

<lb n=P222.36>loud, that&H3 any&sp;body might have heard us ten miles off!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P222.37>To&H4 this, <name who=PPF>Mary</name> very gravely replied,</q><q who=PPF>&dq;Far be it from

<lb n=P222.38>me, my dear&H21 sister, to&H9 depreciate such pleasures. They<pb n=P223>

<lb n=P223.1>would doubtless be congenial with the generality of female&H2;

<lb n=P223.2>minds. But I confess they would have no&H2 charms for&H4 <hi r=Italic>me</hi>.

<lb n=P223.3>I should infinitely prefer a book.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P223.4>But of this answer&H0 <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> heard not a word. She seldom

<lb n=P223.5>listened to&H4 any&sp;body for&H4 more than half a minute&H0;, and

<lb n=P223.6>never attended to&H4 <name who=PPF>Mary</name> at all.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P223.7>In&H4 the afternoon <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> was urgent with the rest&H01 of the

<lb n=P223.8>girls to&H9 walk&H1 to&H4 Meryton and see how every&sp;body went on&H5;;

<lb n=P223.9>but <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> steadily opposed the scheme&H0;.</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>It should

<lb n=P223.10>not be said, that&H3 the <name who=PPE1>Miss&sp;Bennets</name> could not be at home

<lb n=P223.11>half a day before&H3 they were in&H4 pursuit of the officers.</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P223.12>There was another reason&H0 too&H52 for&H4 her opposition.</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>She

<lb n=P223.13>dreaded seeing <name who=PPP>Wickham</name> again, and was resolved to&H9 avoid

<lb n=P223.14>it as long as possible. The comfort&H0 to&H4 <hi r=Italic>her</hi>, of the regiment's

<lb n=P223.15>approaching removal, was indeed beyond&H4 expression. In&H4;

<lb n=P223.16>a fortnight they were to&H9 go, and once gone, she hoped

<lb n=P223.17>there could be nothing more to&H9 plague her on&H4 his account&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P223.18>She had not been many hours at home, before&H3 she found

<lb n=P223.19>that&H3 the Brighton scheme&H0;, of which&H61 <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> had given them

<lb n=P223.20>a hint&H0 at the inn, was under frequent discussion between

<lb n=P223.21>her parents. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> saw directly that&H3 her father had

<lb n=P223.22>not the smallest intention of yielding; but his answers

<lb n=P223.23>were at the same time so&H51 vague and equivocal, that&H3 her

<lb n=P223.24>mother, though often disheartened, had never yet despaired

<lb n=P223.25>of succeeding at last&H0;.</q></p></div2>

<div2 type=chap n=17><p><pb n=P224>

<lb n=P224.1><q who=pp0><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>'s impatience to&H9 acquaint <name who=PPE>Jane</name> with what

<lb n=P224.2>had happened could no&H2 longer be overcome; and at length

<lb n=P224.3>resolving to&H9 suppress every particular in&H4 which&H61 her sister

<lb n=P224.4>was concerned, and preparing her to&H9 be surprised, she

<lb n=P224.5>related to&H4 her the next morning the chief of the scene

<lb n=P224.6>between <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> and herself.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P224.7><q who=pp0><name who=PPE>Miss&sp;Bennet</name>'s astonishment was soon lessened by&H4 the

<lb n=P224.8>strong sisterly partiality which&H61 made any admiration of

<lb n=P224.9><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> appear perfectly natural&H2;; and all surprise&H0 was

<lb n=P224.10>shortly lost in&H4 other feelings.</q><q who=PPE type=indirect>She was sorry that&H3 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>

<lb n=P224.11>should have delivered his sentiments in&H4 a manner

<lb n=P224.12>so&H51 little suited to&H9 recommend them; but still&H5 more was

<lb n=P224.13>she grieved for&H4 the unhappiness which&H61 her sister's refusal

<lb n=P224.14>must have given him.</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P224.15>&dq;His being&H1 so&H51 sure of succeeding, was wrong,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said she;</q><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P224.16>&dq;and certainly ought not to&H9 have appeared; but consider

<lb n=P224.17>how much it must increase&H1 his disappointment.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P224.18>&dq;Indeed,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;I am heartily sorry for&H4;

<lb n=P224.19>him; but he has other feelings which&H61 will&H1 probably soon

<lb n=P224.20>drive&H1 away his regard&H0 for&H4 me. You do not blame&H1 me,

<lb n=P224.21>however, for&H4 refusing him?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P224.22>&dq;Blame&H1 you! Oh, no&H7;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P224.23>&dq;But you blame&H1 me for&H4 having spoken so&H51 warmly of

<lb n=P224.24><name who=PPP>Wickham</name>.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P224.25>&dq;No&H7 &dash; I do not know that&H3 you were wrong in&H4 saying

<lb n=P224.26>what you did.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P224.27>&dq;But you <hi r=Italic>will&H1;</hi> know it, when I have told you what

<lb n=P224.28>happened the very next day.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P224.29>She then spoke of the letter, repeating the whole&H0 of its

<lb n=P224.30>contents as far as they concerned <name who=PPP>George&sp;Wickham</name>.

<lb n=P224.31>What a stroke was this for&H4 poor <name who=PPE>Jane</name>! who&H61 would willingly

<lb n=P224.32>have gone through&H4 the world without believing that&H3 so&H51;

<lb n=P224.33>much wickedness existed in&H4 the whole&H2 race of mankind,<pb n=P225>

<lb n=P225.1>as was here collected in&H4 one individual. Nor was <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>'s

<lb n=P225.2>vindication, though grateful to&H4 her feelings, capable of

<lb n=P225.3>consoling her for&H4 such discovery. Most earnestly did she

<lb n=P225.4>labour to&H9 prove the probability of error, and seek to&H9 clear&H1;

<lb n=P225.5>one, without involving the other.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P225.6>&dq;This will&H1 not do,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>.</q><q who=PPA>&dq;You never will&H1;

<lb n=P225.7>be able to&H9 make&H1 both of them good for&H4 any&sp;thing. Take

<lb n=P225.8>your choice&H0;, but you must be satisfied with only one.

<lb n=P225.9>There is but such a quantity of merit&H0 between them;

<lb n=P225.10>just&H5 enough to&H9 make&H1 one good sort of man; and of late

<lb n=P225.11>it has been shifting about&H5 pretty&H5 much. For&H4 my part&H0;,

<lb n=P225.12>I am inclined to&H9 believe it all <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>'s, but you shall

<lb n=P225.13>do as you chuse.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P225.14>It was some time, however, before&H3 a smile&H0 could be

<lb n=P225.15>extorted from <name who=PPE>Jane</name>.</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P225.16>&dq;I do not know when I have been more shocked,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P225.17>said she.</q><q who=PPE>&dq;<name who=PPP>Wickham</name> so&H51 very bad! It is almost past&H4;

<lb n=P225.18>belief. And poor <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>! dear&H21 <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>, only consider

<lb n=P225.19>what he must have suffered. Such a disappointment!

<lb n=P225.20>and with the knowledge of your ill&sp;opinion too&H52;! and having

<lb n=P225.21>to&H9 relate such a thing of his sister! It is really too&H51 distressing.

<lb n=P225.22>I am sure you must feel it so&H52;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P225.23>&dq;Oh! no&H7;, my regret&H0 and compassion are all done away

<lb n=P225.24>by&H4 seeing you so&H51 full of both. I know you will&H1 do him

<lb n=P225.25>such ample justice, that&H3 I am growing every moment

<lb n=P225.26>more unconcerned and indifferent. Your profusion makes

<lb n=P225.27>me saving; and if you lament over him much longer,

<lb n=P225.28>my heart will&H1 be as light&H2 as a feather.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P225.29>&dq;Poor <name who=PPP>Wickham;</name> there is such an expression of goodness

<lb n=P225.30>in&H4 his countenance! such an openness and gentleness

<lb n=P225.31>in&H4 his manner.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P225.32>&dq;There certainly was some great mismanagement in&H4;

<lb n=P225.33>the education of those two young men. One has got all

<lb n=P225.34>the goodness, and the other all the appearance of it.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P225.35>&dq;I never thought&H1 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> so&H51 deficient in&H4 the <hi r=Italic>appearance</hi>

<lb n=P225.36>of it as you used to&H9 do.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P225.37>&dq;And yet I meant to&H9 be uncommonly clever in&H4 taking

<lb n=P225.38>so&H51 decided a dislike&H0 to&H4 him, without any reason&H0;. It is<pb n=P226>

<lb n=P226.1>such a spur to&H4 one's genius, such an opening for&H4 wit to&H9;

<lb n=P226.2>have a dislike&H0 of that&H62 kind&H0;. One may&H1 be continually

<lb n=P226.3>abusive without saying any&sp;thing just&H2;; but one cannot

<lb n=P226.4>be always laughing at a man without now and then

<lb n=P226.5>stumbling on&H4 something witty.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P226.6>&dq;<name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>, when you first read that&H62 letter, I am sure you

<lb n=P226.7>could not treat&H1 the matter as you do now.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P226.8>&dq;Indeed I could not. I was uncomfortable enough.

<lb n=P226.9>I was very uncomfortable, I may&H1 say unhappy. And with

<lb n=P226.10>no&sp;one to&H9 speak to&H4;, of what I felt, no&H2 <name who=PPE>Jane</name> to&H9 comfort&H1;

<lb n=P226.11>me and say that&H3 I had not been so&H51 very weak and vain

<lb n=P226.12>and nonsensical as I knew I had! Oh! how I wanted you!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P226.13>&dq;How unfortunate that&H3 you should have used such very

<lb n=P226.14>strong expressions in&H4 speaking of <name who=PPP>Wickham</name> to&H4 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>,

<lb n=P226.15>for&H3 now they <hi r=Italic>do</hi> appear wholly undeserved.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P226.16>&dq;Certainly. But the misfortune of speaking with

<lb n=P226.17>bitterness, is a most natural&H2 consequence of the prejudices

<lb n=P226.18>I had been encouraging. There is one point&H0;, on&H4 which&H61;

<lb n=P226.19>I want&H1 your advice. I want&H1 to&H9 be told whether I ought,

<lb n=P226.20>or ought not to&H9 make&H1 our acquaintance in&H4 general&H0 understand

<lb n=P226.21><name who=PPP>Wickham</name>'s character.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P226.22><name who=PPE>Miss&sp;Bennet</name> paused a little and then replied,</q><q who=PPE>&dq;Surely

<lb n=P226.23>there can be no&H2 occasion&H0 for&H4 exposing him so&H51 dreadfully.

<lb n=P226.24>What is your own&H2 opinion?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P226.25>&dq;That&H3 it ought not to&H9 be attempted. <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> has

<lb n=P226.26>not authorised me to&H9 make&H1 his communication public&H2;.

<lb n=P226.27>On&H4 the contrary every particular relative to&H4 his sister,

<lb n=P226.28>was meant to&H9 be kept as much as possible to&H4 myself;

<lb n=P226.29>and if I endeavour&H1 to&H9 undeceive people as to&H4 the rest&H01;

<lb n=P226.30>of his conduct&H0;, who&H62 will&H1 believe me? The general&H2 prejudice

<lb n=P226.31>against <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> is so&H51 violent, that&H3 it would be

<lb n=P226.32>the death of half the good people in&H4 Meryton, to&H9 attempt&H1;

<lb n=P226.33>to&H9 place&H1 him in&H4 an amiable light&H0;. I am not equal&H2 to&H4 it.

<lb n=P226.34><name who=PPP>Wickham</name> will&H1 soon be gone; and therefore it will&H1 not

<lb n=P226.35>signify to&H4 anybody here, what he really is. Sometime

<lb n=P226.36>hence it will&H1 be all found out&H5;, and then we may&H1 laugh&H1;

<lb n=P226.37>at their stupidity in&H4 not knowing it before&H5;. At present&H01;

<lb n=P226.38>I will&H1 say nothing about&H4 it.&dq;<pb n=P227></q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P227.1>&dq;You are quite right&H21;. To&H9 have his errors made public&H2;

<lb n=P227.2>might ruin&H1 him for&sp;ever. He is now perhaps sorry for&H4;

<lb n=P227.3>what he has done, and anxious to&H9 re-establish a character.

<lb n=P227.4>We must not make&H1 him desperate.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P227.5>The tumult of <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>'s mind&H0 was allayed by&H4 this

<lb n=P227.6>conversation. She had got rid of two of the secrets which&H61;

<lb n=P227.7>had weighed on&H4 her for&H4 a fortnight, and was certain of

<lb n=P227.8>a willing listener in&H4 <name who=PPE>Jane</name>, whenever she might wish&H1 to&H9;

<lb n=P227.9>talk&H1 again on&H4 either. But there was still&H5 something lurking

<lb n=P227.10>behind, of which&H61 prudence forbad the disclosure. She dared

<lb n=P227.11>not relate the other half of <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>'s letter, nor explain to&H4;

<lb n=P227.12>her sister how sincerely she had been valued by&H4 his friend.

<lb n=P227.13>Here was knowledge in&H4 which&H61 no&sp;one could partake;

<lb n=P227.14>and she was sensible&H21 that&H3 nothing less than a perfect&H2;

<lb n=P227.15>understanding between the parties could justify her in&H4;

<lb n=P227.16>throwing off this last&H2 incumbrance of mystery.</q><q who=PPA>&dq;And

<lb n=P227.17>then,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said she,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;if that&H62 very improbable event should

<lb n=P227.18>ever take place&H0;, I shall merely be able to&H9 tell what <name who=PPI>Bingley</name>

<lb n=P227.19>may&H1 tell in&H4 a much more agreeable manner himself. The

<lb n=P227.20>liberty of communication cannot be mine&H6 till it has lost

<lb n=P227.21>all its value&H0;!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P227.22>She was now, on&H4 being&H1 settled at home, at leisure to&H9;

<lb n=P227.23>observe the real state&H0 of her sister's spirits.</q><q who=PPA type=indirect><name who=PPE>Jane</name> was

<lb n=P227.24>not happy. She still&H5 cherished a very tender&H2 affection

<lb n=P227.25>for&H4 <name who=PPI>Bingley</name>. Having never even&H5 fancied herself in&H4 love&H0;

<lb n=P227.26>before&H5;, her regard&H0 had all the warmth of first attachment,

<lb n=P227.27>and from her age and disposition, greater steadiness than

<lb n=P227.28>first attachments often boast&H1;; and so&H51 fervently did she

<lb n=P227.29>value&H1 his remembrance, and prefer him to&H4 every other

<lb n=P227.30>man, that&H3 all her good sense, and all her attention to&H4 the

<lb n=P227.31>feelings of her friends, were requisite to&H9 check&H1 the indulgence

<lb n=P227.32>of those regrets, which&H61 must have been injurious

<lb n=P227.33>to&H4 her own&H2 health and their tranquillity.</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P227.34>&dq;Well&H7;, <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> one day,</q><q who=PPD>&dq;what is

<lb n=P227.35>your opinion <hi r=Italic>now</hi> of this sad business of <name who=PPE>Jane</name>'s? For&H4 my

<lb n=P227.36>part&H0;, I am determined never to&H9 speak of it again to&H4 anybody.

<lb n=P227.37>I told my sister <name who=PPV>Philips</name> so&H52 the other day. But

<lb n=P227.38>I cannot find out&H5 that&H3 <name who=PPE>Jane</name> saw any&sp;thing of him in&H4 London.<pb n=P228>

<lb n=P228.1>Well&H7;, he is a very undeserving young man &dash; and I do not

<lb n=P228.2>suppose there is the least chance&H0 in&H4 the world of her ever

<lb n=P228.3>getting him now. There is no&H2 talk&H0 of his coming to&H4 Netherfield

<lb n=P228.4>again in&H4 the summer; and I have enquired of every&sp;body

<lb n=P228.5>too&H52;, who&H61 is likely to&H9 know.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P228.6>&dq;I do not believe that&H3 he will&H1 ever live at Netherfield

<lb n=P228.7>any more.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P228.8>&dq;Oh, well&H7;! it is just&H5 as he chooses. Nobody wants&H1;

<lb n=P228.9>him to&H9 come. Though I shall always say that&H3 he used

<lb n=P228.10>my daughter extremely ill; and if I was her, I would

<lb n=P228.11>not have put up&H5 with it. Well&H7;, my comfort&H0 is, I am sure

<lb n=P228.12><name who=PPE>Jane</name> will&H1 die&H1 of a broken heart, and then he will&H1 be sorry

<lb n=P228.13>for&H4 what he has done.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P228.14>But as <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> could not receive comfort&H0 from any

<lb n=P228.15>such expectation, she made no&H2 answer&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P228.16>&dq;Well&H7;, <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>continued her mother soon afterwards,</q><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P228.17>&dq;and so&H3 the <name who=PPK1>Collinses</name> live very comfortable, do they?

<lb n=P228.18>Well&H7;, well&H7;, I only hope&H1 it will&H1 last&H1;. And what sort of table

<lb n=P228.19>do they keep? <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name> is an excellent manager, I dare&H12;

<lb n=P228.20>say. If she is half as sharp as her mother, she is saving

<lb n=P228.21>enough. There is nothing extravagant in&H4 <hi r=Italic>their</hi> housekeeping,

<lb n=P228.22>I dare&H12 say.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P228.23>&dq;No&H7;, nothing at all.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P228.24>&dq;A great deal&H0 of good management, depend upon&H4 it.

<lb n=P228.25>Yes, yes. <hi r=Italic>They</hi> will&H1 take care&H0 not to&H9 outrun their income.

<lb n=P228.26><hi r=Italic>They</hi> will&H1 never be distressed for&H4 money. Well&H7;, much good

<lb n=P228.27>may&H1 it do them! And so&H3;, I suppose, they often talk&H1 of

<lb n=P228.28>having Longbourn when your father is dead. They look&H1;

<lb n=P228.29>upon&H4 it quite as their own&H2;, I dare&H12 say, whenever that&H62;

<lb n=P228.30>happens.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P228.31>&dq;It was a subject&H0 which&H61 they could not mention&H1 before&H4;

<lb n=P228.32>me.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P228.33>&dq;No&H7;. It would have been strange if they had. But

<lb n=P228.34>I make&H1 no&H2 doubt&H0;, they often talk&H1 of it between themselves.

<lb n=P228.35>Well&H7;, if they can be easy with an estate that&H61 is not lawfully

<lb n=P228.36>their own&H2;, so&H51 much the better. <hi r=Italic>I</hi> should be ashamed of

<lb n=P228.37>having one that&H61 was only entailed on&H4 me.&dq;</q></p></div2>

<div2 type=chap n=18><p><pb n=P229><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P229.1>The first week of their return&H0 was soon gone. The

<lb n=P229.2>second&H2 began. It was the last&H0 of the regiment's stay&H0 in&H4;

<lb n=P229.3>Meryton, and all the young ladies in&H4 the neighbourhood

<lb n=P229.4>were drooping apace. The dejection was almost universal.

<lb n=P229.5>The elder <name who=PPE1>Miss&sp;Bennets</name> alone were still&H5 able to&H9 eat, drink,

<lb n=P229.6>and sleep&H1;, and pursue the usual course&H0 of their employments.

<lb n=P229.7>Very frequently were they reproached for&H4 this

<lb n=P229.8>insensibility by&H4 <name who=PPG>Kitty</name> and <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>, whose&H61 own&H2 misery was

<lb n=P229.9>extreme&H2;, and who&H61 could not comprehend such hard-heartedness

<lb n=P229.10>in&H4 any of the family.</q></p><p><q who=PPY>

<lb n=P229.11>&dq;Good Heaven! What is to&H9 become of us! What are

<lb n=P229.12>we to&H9 do!&dq;</q><q who=PP0>would they often exclaim in&H4 the bitterness

<lb n=P229.13>of woe.</q><q who=PPY>&dq;How can you be smiling so&H52;, <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P229.14>Their affectionate mother shared all their grief; she

<lb n=P229.15>remembered what she had herself endured on&H4 a similar

<lb n=P229.16>occasion&H0;, five&sp;and&sp;twenty years ago.</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P229.17>&dq;I am sure,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said she,</q><q who=PPD>&dq;I cried for&H4 two days together

<lb n=P229.18>when <name who=PPZZD>Colonel&sp;Millar</name>'s regiment went away. I thought&H1;

<lb n=P229.19>I should have broke my heart.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPH>

<lb n=P229.20>&dq;I am sure I shall break <hi r=Italic>mine&H6;</hi>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>.</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P229.21>&dq;If one could but go to&H4 Brighton!&dq;</q><q who=PP0>observed <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>.

<lb n=P229.22></q></p><p><q who=PPH>

<lb n=P229.23>&dq;Oh, yes! &dash; if one could but go to&H4 Brighton! But papa

<lb n=P229.24>is so&H51 disagreeable.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P229.25>&dq;A little sea-bathing would set&H1 me up&H5 for&sp;ever.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPG>

<lb n=P229.26>&dq;And my aunt <name who=PPV>Philips</name> is sure it would do <hi r=Italic>me</hi> a great

<lb n=P229.27>deal&H0 of good,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>added <name who=PPG>Kitty</name>.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P229.28>Such were the kind&H0 of lamentations resounding perpetually

<lb n=P229.29>through&H4 Longbourn-house. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> tried to&H9;

<lb n=P229.30>be diverted by&H4 them; but all sense of pleasure was lost

<lb n=P229.31>in&H4 shame&H0;. She felt anew the justice of <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>'s objections;

<lb n=P229.32>and never had she before&H5 been so&H51 much disposed

<lb n=P229.33>to&H9 pardon&H1 his interference in&H4 the views of his friend.<pb n=P230></q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P230.1>But the gloom of <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>'s prospect was shortly cleared

<lb n=P230.2>away; for&H3 she received an invitation from <name who=PPZM>Mrs&point;&sp;Forster</name>,

<lb n=P230.3>the wife of the Colonel of the regiment, to&H9 accompany her

<lb n=P230.4>to&H4 Brighton. This invaluable friend was a very young

<lb n=P230.5>woman, and very lately married. A resemblance in&H4 good&sp;humour

<lb n=P230.6>and good spirits had recommended her and <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>

<lb n=P230.7>to&H4 each other, and out&H5 of their <hi r=Italic>three</hi> months' acquaintance

<lb n=P230.8>they had been intimate&H2 <hi r=Italic>two</hi>.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P230.9>The rapture of <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> on&H4 this occasion&H0;, her adoration of

<lb n=P230.10><name who=PPZM>Mrs&point;&sp;Forster</name>, the delight&H0 of <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>, and the mortification

<lb n=P230.11>of <name who=PPG>Kitty</name>, are scarcely to&H9 be described. Wholly inattentive

<lb n=P230.12>to&H4 her sister's feelings, <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> flew about&H4 the house in&H4;

<lb n=P230.13>restless ecstacy, calling for&H4 every&sp;one's congratulations, and

<lb n=P230.14>laughing and talking with more violence than ever; whilst

<lb n=P230.15>the luckless <name who=PPG>Kitty</name> continued in&H4 the parlour repining at her

<lb n=P230.16>fate in&H4 terms as unreasonable as her accent was peevish.</q></p><p><q who=PPG>

<lb n=P230.17>&dq;I cannot see why <name who=PPZM>Mrs&point;&sp;Forster</name> should not ask <hi r=Italic>me</hi> as

<lb n=P230.18>well&H5 as <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said she,</q><q who=PPG>&dq;though I am <hi r=Italic>not</hi> her particular

<lb n=P230.19>friend. I have just&H5 as much right&H0 to&H9 be asked as she has,

<lb n=P230.20>and more too&H52;, for&H3 I am two years older.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P230.21>In&H4 vain did <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> attempt&H1 to&H9 make&H1 her reasonable,

<lb n=P230.22>and <name who=PPE>Jane</name> to&H9 make&H1 her resigned. As for&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> herself,

<lb n=P230.23>this invitation was so&H51 far from exciting in&H4 her the same

<lb n=P230.24>feelings as in&H4 her mother and <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>, that&H3 she considered

<lb n=P230.25>it as the death-warrant of all possibility of common&H2 sense

<lb n=P230.26>for&H4 the latter; and detestable as such a step&H0 must make&H1;

<lb n=P230.27>her were it known, she could not help&H1 secretly advising

<lb n=P230.28>her father not to&H9 let her go. She represented to&H4 him all

<lb n=P230.29>the improprieties of <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>'s general&H2 behaviour, the little

<lb n=P230.30>advantage she could derive from the friendship of such

<lb n=P230.31>a woman as <name who=PPZM>Mrs&point;&sp;Forster</name>, and the probability of her being&H1;

<lb n=P230.32>yet more imprudent with such a companion at Brighton,

<lb n=P230.33>where the temptations must be greater than at home.

<lb n=P230.34>He heard her attentively, and then said,</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P230.35>&dq;<name who=PPH>Lydia</name> will&H1 never be easy till she has exposed herself

<lb n=P230.36>in&H4 some public&H2 place&H0 or other, and we can never expect her

<lb n=P230.37>to&H9 do it with so&H51 little expense or inconvenience to&H4 her

<lb n=P230.38>family as under the present&H2 circumstances.&dq;<pb n=P231></q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P231.1>&dq;If you were aware,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;of the very great

<lb n=P231.2>disadvantage to&H4 us all, which&H61 must arise from the public&H2;

<lb n=P231.3>notice&H0 of <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>'s unguarded and imprudent manner; nay,

<lb n=P231.4>which&H61 has already arisen from it, I am sure you would

<lb n=P231.5>judge&H1 differently in&H4 the affair.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P231.6>&dq;Already arisen!&dq;</q><q who=PP0>repeated <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name>.</q><q who=PPC>&dq;What, has

<lb n=P231.7>she frightened away some of your lovers? Poor little

<lb n=P231.8><name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>! But do not be cast down&H5;. Such squeamish youths

<lb n=P231.9>as cannot bear&H1 to&H9 be connected with a little absurdity,

<lb n=P231.10>are not worth a regret&H0;. Come, let me see the list of the

<lb n=P231.11>pitiful fellows who&H61 have been kept aloof by&H4 <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>'s folly.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P231.12>&dq;Indeed you are mistaken. I have no&H2 such injuries

<lb n=P231.13>to&H9 resent. It is not of peculiar, but of general&H2 evils,

<lb n=P231.14>which&H61 I am now complaining. Our importance, our

<lb n=P231.15>respectability in&H4 the world, must be affected by&H4 the wild

<lb n=P231.16>volatility, the assurance and disdain&H0 of all restraint which&H61;

<lb n=P231.17>mark&H1 <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>'s character. Excuse&H1 me &dash; for&H3 I must speak

<lb n=P231.18>plainly. If you, my dear&H21 father, will&H1 not take the trouble&H0;

<lb n=P231.19>of checking her exuberant spirits, and of teaching her that&H3;

<lb n=P231.20>her present&H2 pursuits are not to&H9 be the business of her life,

<lb n=P231.21>she will&H1 soon be beyond&H4 the reach&H0 of amendment. Her

<lb n=P231.22>character will&H1 be fixed, and she will&H1;, at sixteen, be the most

<lb n=P231.23>determined flirt that&H61 ever made herself and her family

<lb n=P231.24>ridiculous. A flirt too&H52;, in&H4 the worst and meanest degree

<lb n=P231.25>of flirtation; without any attraction beyond&H4 youth and

<lb n=P231.26>a tolerable person; and from the ignorance and emptiness

<lb n=P231.27>of her mind&H0;, wholly unable to&H9 ward off any portion of

<lb n=P231.28>that&H62 universal contempt which&H61 her rage for&H4 admiration

<lb n=P231.29>will&H1 excite. In&H4 this danger <name who=PPG>Kitty</name> is also comprehended.

<lb n=P231.30>She will&H1 follow wherever <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> leads. Vain, ignorant,

<lb n=P231.31>idle, and absolutely uncontrouled! Oh! my dear&H21 father,

<lb n=P231.32>can you suppose it possible that&H3 they will&H1 not be censured

<lb n=P231.33>and despised wherever they are known, and that&H3 their

<lb n=P231.34>sisters will&H1 not be often involved in&H4 the disgrace&H0;?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P231.35><name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name> saw that&H3 her whole&H2 heart was in&H4 the subject&H0;;

<lb n=P231.36>and affectionately taking her hand&H0;, said in&H4 reply&H0;,</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P231.37>&dq;Do not make&H1 yourself uneasy, my love&H0;. Wherever

<lb n=P231.38>you and <name who=PPE>Jane</name> are known, you must be respected and<pb n=P232>

<lb n=P232.1>valued; and you will&H1 not appear to&H4 less advantage for&H4;

<lb n=P232.2>having a couple of &dash; or I may&H1 say, three very silly sisters.

<lb n=P232.3>We shall have no&H2 peace at Longbourn if <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> does not

<lb n=P232.4>go to&H4 Brighton. Let her go then. <name who=PPZL>Colonel&sp;Forster</name> is

<lb n=P232.5>a sensible&H22 man, and will&H1 keep her out&H5 of any real mischief;

<lb n=P232.6>and she is luckily too&H51 poor to&H9 be an object&H0 of prey to&H4;

<lb n=P232.7>any&sp;body. At Brighton she will&H1 be of less importance even&H5;

<lb n=P232.8>as a common&H2 flirt than she has been here. The officers

<lb n=P232.9>will&H1 find women better worth their notice&H0;. Let us hope&H1;,

<lb n=P232.10>therefore, that&H3 her being&H1 there may&H1 teach her her own&H2;

<lb n=P232.11>insignificance. At any rate&H0;, she cannot grow many degrees

<lb n=P232.12>worse, without authorizing us to&H9 lock&H1 her up&H5 for&H4 the rest&H01;

<lb n=P232.13>of her life.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P232.14>With this answer&H0 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was forced to&H9 be content;

<lb n=P232.15>but her own&H2 opinion continued the same, and she left

<lb n=P232.16>him disappointed and sorry. It was not in&H4 her nature,

<lb n=P232.17>however, to&H9 increase&H1 her vexations, by&H4 dwelling on&H4 them.

<lb n=P232.18>She was confident of having performed her duty, and to&H9;

<lb n=P232.19>fret over unavoidable evils, or augment them by&H4 anxiety,

<lb n=P232.20>was no&H2 part&H0 of her disposition.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P232.21>Had <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> and her mother known the substance of her

<lb n=P232.22>conference with her father, their indignation would hardly

<lb n=P232.23>have found expression in&H4 their united volubility. In&H4;

<lb n=P232.24><name who=PPH>Lydia</name>'s imagination, a visit&H0 to&H4 Brighton comprised every

<lb n=P232.25>possibility of earthly happiness. She saw with the creative

<lb n=P232.26>eye of fancy&H0;, the streets of that&H62 gay bathing&sp;place covered

<lb n=P232.27>with officers. She saw herself the object&H0 of attention, to&H4;

<lb n=P232.28>tens and to&H4 scores of them at present&H01 unknown. She saw

<lb n=P232.29>all the glories of the camp; its tents stretched forth in&H4;

<lb n=P232.30>beauteous uniformity of lines, crowded with the young

<lb n=P232.31>and the gay, and dazzling with scarlet; and to&H9 complete&H1;

<lb n=P232.32>the view&H0;, she saw herself seated beneath a tent, tenderly

<lb n=P232.33>flirting with at least six officers at once.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P232.34>Had she known that&H3 her sister sought to&H9 tear&H1 her from

<lb n=P232.35>such prospects and such realities as these, what would

<lb n=P232.36>have been her sensations? They could have been understood

<lb n=P232.37>only by&H4 her mother, who&H61 might have felt nearly

<lb n=P232.38>the same. <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>'s going to&H4 Brighton was all that&H61 consoled<pb n=P233>

<lb n=P233.1>her for&H4 the melancholy&H2 conviction of her husband's

<lb n=P233.2>never intending to&H9 go there himself.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P233.3>But they were entirely ignorant of what had passed;

<lb n=P233.4>and their raptures continued with little intermission to&H4 the

<lb n=P233.5>very day of <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>'s leaving home.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P233.6><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was now to&H9 see <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name> for&H4 the last&H2;

<lb n=P233.7>time. Having been frequently in&H4 company with him since

<lb n=P233.8>her return&H0;, agitation was pretty&H5 well&H5 over; the agitations

<lb n=P233.9>of former partiality entirely so&H52;. She had even&H5 learnt to&H9;

<lb n=P233.10>detect, in&H4 the very gentleness which&H61 had first delighted

<lb n=P233.11>her, an affectation and a sameness to&H9 disgust&H1 and weary.

<lb n=P233.12>In&H4 his present&H2 behaviour to&H4 herself, moreover, she had

<lb n=P233.13>a fresh source of displeasure, for&H3 the inclination he soon

<lb n=P233.14>testified of renewing those attentions which&H61 had marked

<lb n=P233.15>the early part&H0 of their acquaintance, could only serve,

<lb n=P233.16>after&H4 what had since passed, to&H9 provoke her. She lost

<lb n=P233.17>all concern&H0 for&H4 him in&H4 finding herself thus selected as the

<lb n=P233.18>object&H0 of such idle and frivolous gallantry; and while&H3 she

<lb n=P233.19>steadily repressed it, could not but feel the reproof contained

<lb n=P233.20>in&H4 his believing, that&H3 however long, and for&H4 whatever

<lb n=P233.21>cause, his attentions had been withdrawn, her vanity

<lb n=P233.22>would be gratified and her preference secured at any time

<lb n=P233.23>by&H4 their renewal.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P233.24>On&H4 the very last&H2 day of the regiment's remaining in&H4;

<lb n=P233.25>Meryton, he dined with others of the officers at Longbourn;

<lb n=P233.26>and so&H51 little was <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> disposed to&H9 part&H1 from him

<lb n=P233.27>in&H4 good&sp;humour, that&H3 on&H4 his making some enquiry as to&H4;

<lb n=P233.28>the manner in&H4 which&H61 her time had passed at Hunsford,

<lb n=P233.29>she mentioned <name who=PPM>Colonel&sp;Fitzwilliam</name>'s and <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>'s

<lb n=P233.30>having both spent three weeks at Rosings, and asked

<lb n=P233.31>him if he were acquainted with the former.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P233.32>He looked surprised, displeased, alarmed; but with

<lb n=P233.33>a moment's recollection and a returning smile&H0;, replied,

<lb n=P233.34>that&H3;</q><q who=PPP type=indirect>he had formerly seen him often;</q><q who=PP0>and after&H4 observing

<lb n=P233.35>that&H3;</q><q who=PPP type=indirect>he was a very gentlemanlike man,</q><q who=PP0>asked her</q><q who=PPP type=indirect>how she

<lb n=P233.36>had liked him.</q><q who=PP0>Her answer&H0 was warmly in&H4 his favour&H0;.

<lb n=P233.37>With an air of indifference he soon afterwards added,</q><q who=PPP>

<lb n=P233.38>&dq;How long did you say that&H3 he was at Rosings?&dq;<pb n=P234></q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P234.1>&dq;Nearly three weeks.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPP>

<lb n=P234.2>&dq;And you saw him frequently?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P234.3>&dq;Yes, almost every day.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPP>

<lb n=P234.4>&dq;His manners are very different from his cousin's.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P234.5>&dq;Yes, very different. But I think <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> improves

<lb n=P234.6>on&H4 acquaintance.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPP>

<lb n=P234.7>&dq;Indeed!&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried <name who=PPP>Wickham</name> with a look&H0 which&H61 did not

<lb n=P234.8>escape&H1 her.</q><q who=PPP>&dq;And pray may&H1 I ask?&dq;</q><q who=PP0>but checking himself,

<lb n=P234.9>he added in&H4 a gayer tone,</q><q who=PPP>&dq;Is it in&H4 address&H0 that&H61 he

<lb n=P234.10>improves? Has he deigned to&H9 add ought of civility to&H4;

<lb n=P234.11>his ordinary style? for&H3 I dare&H12 not hope&H1;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>he continued

<lb n=P234.12>in&H4 a lower&H2 and more serious&H2 tone,</q><q who=PPP>&dq;that&H3 he is improved

<lb n=P234.13>in&H4 essentials.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P234.14>&dq;Oh, no&H7;!&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>.</q><q who=PPA>&dq;In&H4 essentials, I believe,

<lb n=P234.15>he is very much what he ever was.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P234.16>While&H3 she spoke, <name who=PPP>Wickham</name> looked as if scarcely knowing

<lb n=P234.17>whether to&H9 rejoice over her words, or to&H9 distrust&H1 their

<lb n=P234.18>meaning. There was a something in&H4 her countenance

<lb n=P234.19>which&H61 made him listen with an apprehensive and anxious

<lb n=P234.20>attention, while&H3 she added,</q><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P234.21>&dq;When I said that&H3 he improved on&H4 acquaintance, I did

<lb n=P234.22>not mean&H1 that&H3 either his mind&H0 or manners were in&H4 a state&H0;

<lb n=P234.23>of improvement, but that&H3 from knowing him better, his

<lb n=P234.24>disposition was better understood.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P234.25><name who=PPP>Wickham</name>'s alarm&H0 now appeared in&H4 a heightened complexion

<lb n=P234.26>and agitated look&H0;; for&H4 a few minutes he was

<lb n=P234.27>silent; till, shaking off his embarrassment, he turned to&H4;

<lb n=P234.28>her again, and said in&H4 the gentlest of accents,</q></p><p><q who=PPP>

<lb n=P234.29>&dq;You, who&H61 so&H51 well&H5 know my feelings towards <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>,

<lb n=P234.30>will&H1 readily comprehend how sincerely I must rejoice that&H3;

<lb n=P234.31>he is wise enough to&H9 assume even&H5 the <hi r=Italic>appearance</hi> of what

<lb n=P234.32>is right&H21;. His pride, in&H4 that&H62 direction, may&H1 be of service,

<lb n=P234.33>if not to&H4 himself, to&H4 many others, for&H3 it must deter him

<lb n=P234.34>from such foul misconduct as I have suffered by&H4;. I only

<lb n=P234.35>fear&H1 that&H3 the sort of cautiousness, to&H4 which&H61 you, I imagine,

<lb n=P234.36>have been alluding, is merely adopted on&H4 his visits to&H4 his

<lb n=P234.37>aunt, of whose&H61 good opinion and judgment he stands

<lb n=P234.38>much in&H4 awe. His fear&H0 of her, has always operated,<pb n=P235>

<lb n=P235.1>I know, when they were together; and a good deal&H0 is to&H9;

<lb n=P235.2>be imputed to&H4 his wish&H0 of forwarding the match&H0 with

<lb n=P235.3><name who=PPZJ>Miss&sp;De&sp;Bourgh</name>, which&H61 I am certain he has very much

<lb n=P235.4>at heart.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P235.5><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> could not repress a smile&H0 at this, but she

<lb n=P235.6>answered only by&H4 a slight&H2 inclination of the head&H0;. She

<lb n=P235.7>saw that&H3 he wanted to&H9 engage her on&H4 the old subject&H0 of

<lb n=P235.8>his grievances, and she was in&H4 no&H2 humour to&H9 indulge

<lb n=P235.9>him. The rest&H01 of the evening passed with the <hi r=Italic>appearance</hi>,

<lb n=P235.10>on&H4 his side&H0;, of usual cheerfulness, but with no&H2 farther

<lb n=P235.11>attempt&H0 to&H9 distinguish <name who=PPA>Elizabeth;</name> and they parted at last&H0;

<lb n=P235.12>with mutual civility, and possibly a mutual desire&H0 of never

<lb n=P235.13>meeting again.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P235.14>When the party broke up&H5;, <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> returned with <name who=PPZM>Mrs&point;&sp;Forster</name>

<lb n=P235.15>to&H4 Meryton, from whence they were to&H9 set&H1 out&H5;

<lb n=P235.16>early the next morning. The separation between her and

<lb n=P235.17>her family was rather noisy than pathetic. <name who=PPG>Kitty</name> was the

<lb n=P235.18>only one who&H61 shed tears; but she did weep from vexation

<lb n=P235.19>and envy&H0;. <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> was diffuse in&H4 her good wishes&H0;

<lb n=P235.20>for&H4 the felicity of her daughter, and impressive in&H4 her

<lb n=P235.21>injunctions that&H3 she would not miss the opportunity of

<lb n=P235.22>enjoying herself as much as possible; advice, which&H61 there

<lb n=P235.23>was every reason&H0 to&H9 believe would be attended to&H4;; and

<lb n=P235.24>in&H4 the clamorous happiness of <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> herself in&H4 bidding

<lb n=P235.25>farewell, the more gentle adieus of her sisters were uttered

<lb n=P235.26>without being&H1 heard.</q></p></div2>

<div2 type=chap n=19><p><pb n=P236>

<lb n=P236.1><q who=pp0>Had <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>'s opinion been all drawn from her own&H2;

<lb n=P236.2>family, she could not have formed a very pleasing picture&H0;

<lb n=P236.3>of conjugal felicity or domestic&H2 comfort&H0;. Her father

<lb n=P236.4>captivated by&H4 youth and beauty, and that&H62 appearance

<lb n=P236.5>of good&sp;humour, which&H61 youth and beauty generally give,

<lb n=P236.6>had married a woman whose&H61 weak understanding and

<lb n=P236.7>illiberal mind&H0;, had very early in&H4 their marriage put an

<lb n=P236.8>end&H0 to&H4 all real affection for&H4 her. Respect&H0;, esteem&H0;, and

<lb n=P236.9>confidence, had vanished for&sp;ever; and all his views of

<lb n=P236.10>domestic&H2 happiness were overthrown. But <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name>

<lb n=P236.11>was not of a disposition to&H9 seek comfort&H0 for&H4 the disappointment

<lb n=P236.12>which&H61 his own&H2 imprudence had brought on&H5;, in&H4 any

<lb n=P236.13>of those pleasures which&H61 too&H51 often console the unfortunate

<lb n=P236.14>for&H4 their folly or their vice. He was fond of the country

<lb n=P236.15>and of books; and from these tastes had arisen his

<lb n=P236.16>principal&H2 enjoyments. To&H4 his wife he was very little

<lb n=P236.17>otherwise indebted, than as her ignorance and folly had

<lb n=P236.18>contributed to&H4 his amusement. This is not the sort of

<lb n=P236.19>happiness which&H61 a man would in&H4 general&H0 wish&H1 to&H9 owe

<lb n=P236.20>to&H4 his wife; but where other powers of entertainment

<lb n=P236.21>are wanting, the true philosopher will&H1 derive benefit from

<lb n=P236.22>such as are given.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P236.23><q who=pp0><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, however, had never been blind&H2 to&H4 the impropriety

<lb n=P236.24>of her father's behaviour as a husband. She

<lb n=P236.25>had always seen it with pain&H0;; but respecting his abilities,

<lb n=P236.26>and grateful for&H4 his affectionate treatment of herself, she

<lb n=P236.27>endeavoured to&H9 forget what she could not overlook, and

<lb n=P236.28>to&H9 banish from her thoughts that&H62 continual breach of

<lb n=P236.29>conjugal obligation and decorum which&H61;, in&H4 exposing his

<lb n=P236.30>wife to&H4 the contempt of her own&H2 children, was so&H51 highly

<lb n=P236.31>reprehensible. But she had never felt so&H51 strongly as now,

<lb n=P236.32>the disadvantages which&H61 must attend the children of so&H51;

<lb n=P236.33>unsuitable a marriage, nor ever been so&H51 fully aware of the<pb n=P237>

<lb n=P237.1>evils arising from so&H51 ill-judged a direction of talents;

<lb n=P237.2>talents which&H61 rightly used, might at least have preserved

<lb n=P237.3>the respectability of his daughters, even&H5 if incapable of

<lb n=P237.4>enlarging the mind&H0 of his wife.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P237.5><q who=pp0>When <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> had rejoiced over <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>'s departure,

<lb n=P237.6>she found little other cause for&H4 satisfaction in&H4 the loss of

<lb n=P237.7>the regiment. Their parties abroad were less varied than

<lb n=P237.8>before&H5;; and at home she had a mother and sister whose&H61;

<lb n=P237.9>constant repinings at the dulness of every&sp;thing around&H4;

<lb n=P237.10>them, threw a real gloom over their domestic&H2 circle;

<lb n=P237.11>and, though <name who=PPG>Kitty</name> might in&H4 time regain her natural&H2 degree

<lb n=P237.12>of sense, since the disturbers of her brain were removed,

<lb n=P237.13>her other sister, from whose&H61 disposition greater evil might

<lb n=P237.14>be apprehended, was likely to&H9 be hardened in&H4 all her folly

<lb n=P237.15>and assurance, by&H4 a situation of such double&H2 danger as

<lb n=P237.16>a watering&sp;place and a camp. Upon&H4 the whole&H0;, therefore,

<lb n=P237.17>she found, what has been sometimes found before&H5;, that&H3;

<lb n=P237.18>an event to&H4 which&H61 she had looked forward&H5 with impatient

<lb n=P237.19>desire&H0;, did not in&H4 taking place&H0;, bring all the satisfaction

<lb n=P237.20>she had promised herself. It was consequently necessary

<lb n=P237.21>to&H9 name&H1 some other period for&H4 the commencement of

<lb n=P237.22>actual felicity; to&H9 have some other point&H0 on&H4 which&H61 her

<lb n=P237.23>wishes&H0 and hopes&H0 might be fixed, and by&H4 again enjoying

<lb n=P237.24>the pleasure of anticipation, console herself for&H4 the present&H01;,

<lb n=P237.25>and prepare for&H4 another disappointment. Her tour to&H4;

<lb n=P237.26>the Lakes was now the object&H0 of her happiest thoughts;

<lb n=P237.27>it was her best consolation for&H4 all the uncomfortable

<lb n=P237.28>hours, which&H61 the discontentedness of her mother and

<lb n=P237.29><name who=PPG>Kitty</name> made inevitable; and could she have included

<lb n=P237.30><name who=PPE>Jane</name> in&H4 the scheme&H0;, every part&H0 of it would have been

<lb n=P237.31>perfect&H2;.</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>

<lb n=P237.32>&dq;But it is fortunate,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>thought&H1 she,</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>&dq;that&H3 I have something

<lb n=P237.33>to&H9 wish&H1 for&H4;. Were the whole&H2 arrangement complete&H2;,

<lb n=P237.34>my disappointment would be certain. But here, by&H4;

<lb n=P237.35>carrying with me one ceaseless source of regret&H0 in&H4 my

<lb n=P237.36>sister's absence, I may&H1 reasonably hope&H1 to&H9 have all my

<lb n=P237.37>expectations of pleasure realized. A scheme&H0 of which&H61;

<lb n=P237.38>every part&H0 promises&H1 delight&H0;, can never be successful; and<pb n=P238>

<lb n=P238.1>general&H2 disappointment is only warded off by&H4 the defence

<lb n=P238.2>of some little peculiar vexation.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P238.3>When <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> went away, she promised to&H9 write very

<lb n=P238.4>often and very minutely to&H4 her mother and <name who=PPG>Kitty;</name> but

<lb n=P238.5>her letters were always long expected, and always very

<lb n=P238.6>short. Those to&H4 her mother, contained little else, than

<lb n=P238.7>that&H3;</q><q who=PPH type=indirect>they were just&H5 returned from the library, where

<lb n=P238.8>such and such officers had attended them, and where she

<lb n=P238.9>had seen such beautiful ornaments as made her quite

<lb n=P238.10>wild; that&H3 she had a new gown, or a new parasol, which&H61;

<lb n=P238.11>she would have described more fully, but was obliged

<lb n=P238.12>to&H9 leave&H1 off in&H4 a violent hurry&H0;, as <name who=PPZM>Mrs&point;&sp;Forster</name> called her,

<lb n=P238.13>and they were going to&H4 the camp; &dash;</q><q who=PP0>and from her correspondence

<lb n=P238.14>with her sister, there was still&H5 less to&H9 be learnt &dash;

<lb n=P238.15>for&H3 her letters to&H4 <name who=PPG>Kitty</name>, though rather longer, were much

<lb n=P238.16>too&H51 full of lines under the words to&H9 be made public&H2;.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P238.17>After&H4 the first fortnight or three weeks of her absence,

<lb n=P238.18>health, good&sp;humour and cheerfulness began to&H9 re-appear

<lb n=P238.19>at Longbourn. Everything wore a happier aspect. The

<lb n=P238.20>families who&H61 had been in&H4 town for&H4 the winter came back&H5;

<lb n=P238.21>again, and summer finery and summer engagements arose.

<lb n=P238.22><name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> was restored to&H4 her usual querulous serenity,

<lb n=P238.23>and by&H4 the middle of June <name who=PPG>Kitty</name> was so&H51 much recovered

<lb n=P238.24>as to&H9 be able to&H9 enter Meryton without tears; an event

<lb n=P238.25>of such happy promise&H0 as to&H9 make&H1 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> hope&H1;, that&H3;

<lb n=P238.26>by&H4 the following Christmas, she might be so&H51 tolerably

<lb n=P238.27>reasonable as not to&H9 mention&H1 an officer above&H4 once a day,

<lb n=P238.28>unless by&H4 some cruel and malicious arrangement at the

<lb n=P238.29>war-office, another regiment should be quartered in&H4;

<lb n=P238.30>Meryton.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P238.31>The time fixed for&H4 the beginning of their Northern tour

<lb n=P238.32>was now fast approaching; and a fortnight only was

<lb n=P238.33>wanting of it, when a letter arrived from <name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>,

<lb n=P238.34>which&H61 at once delayed its commencement and curtailed

<lb n=P238.35>its extent.</q><q who=PPO type=indirect><name who=PPN>Mr&point;&sp;Gardiner</name> would be prevented by&H4 business

<lb n=P238.36>from setting out&H5 till a fortnight later in&H4 July, and must

<lb n=P238.37>be in&H4 London again within a month; and as that&H62 left

<lb n=P238.38>too&H51 short a period for&H4 them to&H9 go so&H51 far, and see so&H51 much<pb n=P239>

<lb n=P239.1>as they had proposed, or at least to&H9 see it with the leisure

<lb n=P239.2>and comfort&H0 they had built on&H5;, they were obliged to&H9 give

<lb n=P239.3>up&H5 the Lakes, and substitute a more contracted tour; and,

<lb n=P239.4>according to&H4 the present&H2 plan, were to&H9 go no&H2 farther

<lb n=P239.5>northward than Derbyshire. In&H4 that&H62 county, there was

<lb n=P239.6>enough to&H9 be seen, to&H9 occupy the chief of their three weeks;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P239.7>and to&H4 <name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name> it had a peculiarly strong attraction.

<lb n=P239.8>The town where she had formerly passed some years of

<lb n=P239.9>her life, and where they were now to&H9 spend a few days,

<lb n=P239.10>was probably as great an object&H0 of her curiosity, as all

<lb n=P239.11>the celebrated beauties of Matlock, Chatsworth, Dovedale,

<lb n=P239.12>or the Park.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P239.13><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was excessively disappointed; she had set&H1;

<lb n=P239.14>her heart on&H4 seeing the Lakes; and still&H5 thought&H1 there

<lb n=P239.15>might have been time enough. But it was her business

<lb n=P239.16>to&H9 be satisfied &dash; and certainly her temper to&H9 be happy;

<lb n=P239.17>and all was soon right&H21 again.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P239.18>With the mention&H0 of Derbyshire, there were many ideas

<lb n=P239.19>connected. It was impossible for&H4 her to&H9 see the word

<lb n=P239.20>without thinking of Pemberley and its owner.</q><q who=PPA>&dq;But

<lb n=P239.21>surely,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said she,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;I may&H1 enter his county with impunity,

<lb n=P239.22>and rob it of a few petrified spars without his perceiving

<lb n=P239.23>me.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P239.24>The period of expectation was now doubled. Four

<lb n=P239.25>weeks were to&H9 pass&H1 away before&H4 her uncle and aunt's

<lb n=P239.26>arrival. But they did pass&H1 away, and <name who=PPN>Mr&point;</name> and <name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>,

<lb n=P239.27>with their four children, did at length appear

<lb n=P239.28>at Longbourn. The children, two girls of six and eight

<lb n=P239.29>years old, and two younger boys, were to&H9 be left under

<lb n=P239.30>the particular care&H0 of their cousin <name who=PPE>Jane</name>, who&H61 was the

<lb n=P239.31>general&H2 favourite&H0;, and whose&H61 steady sense and sweetness

<lb n=P239.32>of temper exactly adapted her for&H4 attending to&H4 them in&H4;

<lb n=P239.33>every way &dash; teaching them, playing with them, and loving

<lb n=P239.34>them.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P239.35>The <name who=PPN1>Gardiners</name> staid only one night at Longbourn, and set&H1;

<lb n=P239.36>off the next morning with <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> in&H4 pursuit of novelty

<lb n=P239.37>and amusement. One enjoyment was certain &dash; that&H62 of

<lb n=P239.38>suitableness as companions; a suitableness which&H61 comprehended<pb n=P240>

<lb n=P240.1>health and temper to&H9 bear&H1 inconveniences &dash;

<lb n=P240.2>cheerfulness to&H9 enhance every pleasure &dash; and affection and

<lb n=P240.3>intelligence, which&H61 might supply&H1 it among themselves if

<lb n=P240.4>there were disappointments abroad.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P240.5>It is not the object&H0 of this work&H0 to&H9 give a description

<lb n=P240.6>of Derbyshire, nor of any of the remarkable places&H0 through&H4;

<lb n=P240.7>which&H61 their route thither lay&H12;; Oxford, Blenheim, Warwick,

<lb n=P240.8>Kenelworth, Birmingham, &amp;c&point; are sufficiently known.

<lb n=P240.9>A small part&H0 of Derbyshire is all the present&H2 concern&H0;.

<lb n=P240.10>To&H4 the little town of Lambton, the scene of <name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>'s

<lb n=P240.11>former residence, and where she had lately learned that&H3;

<lb n=P240.12>some acquaintance still&H5 remained, they bent their steps,

<lb n=P240.13>after&H4 having seen all the principal&H2 wonders&H0 of the country;

<lb n=P240.14>and within five miles of Lambton, <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> found from

<lb n=P240.15>her aunt, that&H3 Pemberley was situated. It was not in&H4;

<lb n=P240.16>their direct&H2 road, nor more than a mile or two out&H5 of it.

<lb n=P240.17>In&H4 talking over their route the evening before&H5;, <name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>

<lb n=P240.18>expressed an inclination to&H9 see the place&H0 again.

<lb n=P240.19><name who=PPN>Mr&point;&sp;Gardiner</name> declared his willingness, and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was

<lb n=P240.20>applied to&H5 for&H4 her approbation.</q></p><p><q who=PPO>

<lb n=P240.21>&dq;My love&H0;, should not you like&H1 to&H9 see a place&H0 of which&H61;

<lb n=P240.22>you have heard so&H51 much?&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said her aunt.</q><q who=PPO>&dq;A place&H0 too&H52;,

<lb n=P240.23>with which&H61 so&H51 many of your acquaintance are connected.

<lb n=P240.24><name who=PPP>Wickham</name> passed all his youth there, you know.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P240.25><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was distressed. She felt that&H3 she had no&H2;

<lb n=P240.26>business at Pemberley, and was obliged to&H9 assume a disinclination

<lb n=P240.27>for&H4 seeing it.</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>She must own&H1 that&H3 she was tired

<lb n=P240.28>of great houses; after&H4 going over so&H51 many, she really had

<lb n=P240.29>no&H2 pleasure in&H4 fine carpets or satin curtains.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P240.30><name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name> abused her stupidity.</q><q who=PPO>&dq;If it were merely

<lb n=P240.31>a fine house richly furnished,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said she,</q><q who=PPO>&dq;I should not

<lb n=P240.32>care&H1 about&H4 it myself; but the grounds are delightful.

<lb n=P240.33>They have some of the finest woods in&H4 the country.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P240.34><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> said no&H2 more &dash; but her mind&H0 could not

<lb n=P240.35>acquiesce. The possibility of meeting <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>, while&H4;

<lb n=P240.36>viewing the place&H0;, instantly occurred.</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>It would be

<lb n=P240.37>dreadful!</q><q who=PP0>She blushed at the very idea; and thought&H1;</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>

<lb n=P240.38>it would be better to&H9 speak openly to&H4 her aunt, than to&H9;<pb n=P241>

<lb n=P241.1>run&H1 such a risk&H0;. But against this, there were objections;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P241.2>and she finally resolved that&H3;</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>it could be the last&H2 resource,

<lb n=P241.3>if her private&H2 enquiries as to&H4 the absence of the family,

<lb n=P241.4>were unfavourably answered.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P241.5>Accordingly, when she retired at night, she asked the

<lb n=P241.6>chambermaid whether Pemberley were not a very fine

<lb n=P241.7>place&H0;, what was the name&H0 of its proprietor, and with no&H2;

<lb n=P241.8>little alarm&H0;, whether the family were down&H5 for&H4 the summer.

<lb n=P241.9>A most welcome&H2 negative followed the last&H2 question&H0 &dash;

<lb n=P241.10>and her alarms being&H1 now removed, she was at leisure to&H9;

<lb n=P241.11>feel a great deal&H0 of curiosity to&H9 see the house herself;

<lb n=P241.12>and when the subject&H0 was revived the next morning, and

<lb n=P241.13>she was again applied to&H4;, could readily answer&H1;, and with

<lb n=P241.14>a proper air of indifference, that&H3 she had not really any

<lb n=P241.15>dislike&H0 to&H4 the scheme&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P241.16>To&H4 Pemberley, therefore, they were to&H9 go.</q></p></div2></div1>

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<lb n=P245.1><q who=pp0><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, as they drove along&H5;, watched for&H4 the first

<lb n=P245.2>appearance of Pemberley&sp;Woods with some perturbation;

<lb n=P245.3>and when at length they turned in&H5 at the lodge, her

<lb n=P245.4>spirits were in&H4 a high flutter.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P245.5><q who=pp0>The park was very large, and contained great variety

<lb n=P245.6>of ground. They entered it in&H4 one of its lowest points,

<lb n=P245.7>and drove for&H4 some time through&H4 a beautiful wood,

<lb n=P245.8>stretching over a wide extent.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P245.9><q who=pp0><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>'s mind&H0 was too&H51 full for&H4 conversation, but she

<lb n=P245.10>saw and admired every remarkable spot and point&H0 of

<lb n=P245.11>view&H0;. They gradually ascended for&H4 half a mile, and then

<lb n=P245.12>found themselves at the top of a considerable eminence,

<lb n=P245.13>where the wood ceased, and the eye was instantly caught

<lb n=P245.14>by&H4 Pemberley&sp;House, situated on&H4 the opposite side&H0 of

<lb n=P245.15>a valley, into which&H61 the road with some abruptness wound&H11;.

<lb n=P245.16>It was a large, handsome, stone building, standing well&H5 on&H4;

<lb n=P245.17>rising ground, and backed by&H4 a ridge of high woody hills; &dash;

<lb n=P245.18>and in&H4 front&H0;, a stream of some natural&H2 importance was

<lb n=P245.19>swelled into greater, but without any artificial appearance.

<lb n=P245.20>Its banks were neither formal, nor falsely adorned. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P245.21>was delighted. She had never seen a place&H0 for&H4 which&H61;

<lb n=P245.22>nature had done more, or where natural&H2 beauty had been

<lb n=P245.23>so&H51 little counteracted by&H4 an awkward taste. They were

<lb n=P245.24>all of them warm&H2 in&H4 their admiration; and at that&H62 moment

<lb n=P245.25>she felt, that&H3;</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>to&H9 be mistress of Pemberley might be something!

<lb n=P245.26></q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P245.27>They descended the hill, crossed the bridge, and drove

<lb n=P245.28>to&H4 the door; and, while&H4 examining the nearer aspect of

<lb n=P245.29>the house, all her apprehensions of meeting its owner

<lb n=P245.30>returned. She dreaded lest the chambermaid had been<pb n=P246>

<lb n=P246.1>mistaken. On&H4 applying to&H9 see the place&H0;, they were

<lb n=P246.2>admitted into the hall; and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, as they waited

<lb n=P246.3>for&H4 the housekeeper, had leisure to&H9 wonder&H1 at her being&H1;

<lb n=P246.4>where she was.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P246.5>The housekeeper came; a respectable-looking, elderly

<lb n=P246.6>woman, much less fine, and more civil, than she had any

<lb n=P246.7>notion of finding her. They followed her into the dining-parlour.

<lb n=P246.8>It was a large, well-proportioned room, handsomely

<lb n=P246.9>fitted up&H5;. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, after&H4 slightly surveying it,

<lb n=P246.10>went to&H4 a window to&H9 enjoy its prospect. The hill, crowned

<lb n=P246.11>with wood, from which&H61 they had descended, receiving

<lb n=P246.12>increased abruptness from the distance&H0;, was a beautiful

<lb n=P246.13>object&H0;. Every disposition of the ground was good; and

<lb n=P246.14>she looked on&H4 the whole&H2 scene, the river, the trees scattered

<lb n=P246.15>on&H4 its banks, and the winding of the valley, as far as she

<lb n=P246.16>could trace it, with delight&H0;. As they passed into other

<lb n=P246.17>rooms, these objects&H0 were taking different positions; but

<lb n=P246.18>from every window there were beauties to&H9 be seen. The

<lb n=P246.19>rooms were lofty and handsome, and their furniture

<lb n=P246.20>suitable to&H4 the fortune of their proprietor; but <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P246.21>saw, with admiration of his taste, that&H3 it was neither

<lb n=P246.22>gaudy nor uselessly fine; with less of splendor, and more

<lb n=P246.23>real elegance, than the furniture of Rosings.</q></p><p><q who=PPA type=indirect>

<lb n=P246.24>&dq;And of this place&H0;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>thought&H1 she,</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>&dq;I might have been

<lb n=P246.25>mistress! With these rooms I might now have been

<lb n=P246.26>familiarly acquainted! Instead of viewing them as a

<lb n=P246.27>stranger&H0;, I might have rejoiced in&H4 them as my own&H2;, and

<lb n=P246.28>welcomed to&H4 them as visitors my uncle and aunt. &dash; But

<lb n=P246.29>no&H7;,&dq; &dash;</q><q who=PP0>recollecting herself, &dash;</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>&dq;that&H62 could never be: my

<lb n=P246.30>uncle and aunt would have been lost to&H4 me: I should

<lb n=P246.31>not have been allowed to&H9 invite them.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P246.32>This was a lucky recollection &dash; it saved her from something

<lb n=P246.33>like&H4 regret&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P246.34>She longed to&H9 enquire of the housekeeper, whether her

<lb n=P246.35>master were really absent, but had not courage for&H4 it.

<lb n=P246.36>At length, however, the question&H0 was asked by&H4 her uncle;

<lb n=P246.37>and she turned away with alarm&H0;, while&H3 <name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Reynolds</name>

<lb n=P246.38>replied, that&H3 he was, adding,</q><q who=PPV>&dq;but we expect him to-morrow,<pb n=P247>

<lb n=P247.1>with a large party of friends.&dq;</q><q who=PP0>How rejoiced

<lb n=P247.2>was <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> that&H3 their own&H2 journey had not by&H4 any

<lb n=P247.3>circumstance been delayed a day!</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P247.4>Her aunt now called her to&H9 look&H1 at a picture&H0;. She

<lb n=P247.5>approached, and saw the likeness of <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name> suspended,

<lb n=P247.6>amongst several other miniatures, over the mantle-piece.

<lb n=P247.7>Her aunt asked her, smilingly, how she liked it.

<lb n=P247.8>The housekeeper came forward&H5;, and told them</q><q who=PPV type=indirect>it was the

<lb n=P247.9>picture&H0 of a young gentleman, the son of her late master's

<lb n=P247.10>steward, who&H61 had been brought up&H5 by&H4 him at his own&H2;

<lb n=P247.11>expence. &dash;</q><q who=PPV>&dq;He is now gone into the army,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>she added,</q><q who=PPV>

<lb n=P247.12>&dq;but I am afraid he has turned out&H5 very wild.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P247.13><name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name> looked at her niece with a smile&H0;, but

<lb n=P247.14><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> could not return&H1 it.</q></p><p><q who=PPV>

<lb n=P247.15>&dq;And that&H62;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Reynolds</name>, pointing to&H4 another

<lb n=P247.16>of the miniatures,</q><q who=PPV>&dq;is my master &dash; and very like&H4 him.

<lb n=P247.17>It was drawn at the same time as the other &dash; about&H4 eight

<lb n=P247.18>years ago.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPO>

<lb n=P247.19>&dq;I have heard much of your master's fine person,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P247.20>said <name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>, looking at the picture&H0;;</q><q who=PPO>&dq;it is a handsome

<lb n=P247.21>face&H0;. But, <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>, you can tell us whether it is like&H4;

<lb n=P247.22>or not.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P247.23><name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Reynolds</name>'s respect&H0 for&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> seemed to&H9 increase&H1;

<lb n=P247.24>on&H4 this intimation of her knowing her master.</q></p><p><q who=PPV>

<lb n=P247.25>&dq;Does that&H62 young lady know <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P247.26><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> coloured, and said &dash;</q><q who=PPA>&dq;A little.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPV>

<lb n=P247.27>&dq;And do not you think him a very handsome gentleman,

<lb n=P247.28>Ma'am?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P247.29>&dq;Yes, very handsome.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPV>

<lb n=P247.30>&dq;I am sure <hi r=Italic>I</hi> know none so&H51 handsome; but in&H4 the

<lb n=P247.31>gallery up&sp;stairs you will&H1 see a finer, larger picture&H0 of him

<lb n=P247.32>than this. This room was my late master's favourite&H2;

<lb n=P247.33>room, and these miniatures are just&H5 as they used to&H9 be

<lb n=P247.34>then. He was very fond of them.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P247.35>This accounted to&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> for&H4 <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name>'s being&H1;

<lb n=P247.36>among them.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P247.37><name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Reynolds</name> then directed their attention to&H4 one of

<lb n=P247.38><name who=PPZG>Miss&sp;Darcy</name>, drawn when she was only eight years old.<pb n=P248></q></p><p><q who=PPN>

<lb n=P248.1>&dq;And is <name who=PPZG>Miss&sp;Darcy</name> as handsome as her brother?&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P248.2>said <name who=PPN>Mr&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>.</q></p><p><q who=PPV>

<lb n=P248.3>&dq;Oh! yes &dash; the handsomest young lady that&H61 ever was

<lb n=P248.4>seen; and so&H51 accomplished! &dash; She plays&H1 and sings all day

<lb n=P248.5>long. In&H4 the next room is a new instrument just&H5 come

<lb n=P248.6>down&H5 for&H4 her &dash; a present&H02 from my master; she comes here

<lb n=P248.7>to-morrow with him.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P248.8><name who=PPN>Mr&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>, whose&H61 manners were easy and pleasant,

<lb n=P248.9>encouraged her communicativeness by&H4 his questions and

<lb n=P248.10>remarks; <name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Reynolds</name>, either from pride or attachment,

<lb n=P248.11>had evidently great pleasure in&H4 talking of her

<lb n=P248.12>master and his sister.</q></p><p><q who=PPN>

<lb n=P248.13>&dq;Is your master much at Pemberley in&H4 the course&H0 of

<lb n=P248.14>the year?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPV>

<lb n=P248.15>&dq;Not so&H51 much as I could wish&H1;, Sir; but I dare&H12 say he

<lb n=P248.16>may&H1 spend half his time here; and <name who=PPZG>Miss&sp;Darcy</name> is always

<lb n=P248.17>down&H5 for&H4 the summer months.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA type=indirect>

<lb n=P248.18>&dq;Except,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>thought&H1 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>&dq;when she goes to&H4;

<lb n=P248.19>Ramsgate.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPN>

<lb n=P248.20>&dq;If your master would marry, you might see more of

<lb n=P248.21>him.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPV>

<lb n=P248.22>&dq;Yes, Sir; but I do not know when <hi r=Italic>that&H62;</hi> will&H1 be. I do

<lb n=P248.23>not know who&H61 is good enough for&H4 him.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P248.24><name who=PPN>Mr&point;</name> and <name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name> smiled. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> could not

<lb n=P248.25>help&H1 saying,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;It is very much to&H4 his credit&H0;, I am sure, that&H3;

<lb n=P248.26>you should think so&H52;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPV>

<lb n=P248.27>&dq;I say no&H2 more than the truth, and what every&sp;body

<lb n=P248.28>will&H1 say that&H61 knows him,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied the other. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P248.29>thought&H1 this was going pretty&H5 far; and she listened with

<lb n=P248.30>increasing astonishment as the housekeeper added,</q><q who=PPV>

<lb n=P248.31>&dq;I have never had a cross&H2 word from him in&H4 my

<lb n=P248.32>life, and I have known him ever since he was four years

<lb n=P248.33>old.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P248.34>This was praise&H0;, of all others most extraordinary, most

<lb n=P248.35>opposite to&H4 her ideas. That&H3 he was not a good-tempered

<lb n=P248.36>man, had been her firmest opinion. Her keenest attention

<lb n=P248.37>was awakened; she longed to&H9 hear more, and was grateful

<lb n=P248.38>to&H4 her uncle for&H4 saying,<pb n=P249></q></p><p><q who=PPN>

<lb n=P249.1>&dq;There are very few people of whom&H61 so&H51 much can be

<lb n=P249.2>said. You are lucky in&H4 having such a master.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPV>

<lb n=P249.3>&dq;Yes, Sir, I know I am. If I was to&H9 go through&H4 the

<lb n=P249.4>world, I could not meet&H1 with a better. But I have always

<lb n=P249.5>observed, that&H3 they who&H61 are good-natured when children,

<lb n=P249.6>are good-natured when they grow up&H5;; and he was always

<lb n=P249.7>the sweetest-tempered, most generous-hearted, boy in&H4 the

<lb n=P249.8>world.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P249.9><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> almost stared at her. &dash;</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>&dq;Can this be <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>!&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P249.10>thought&H1 she.</q></p><p><q who=PPO>

<lb n=P249.11>&dq;His father was an excellent man,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>.</q></p><p><q who=PPV>

<lb n=P249.12>&dq;Yes, Ma'am, that&H62 he was indeed; and his son will&H1 be

<lb n=P249.13>just&H5 like&H4 him &dash; just&H5 as affable to&H4 the poor.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P249.14><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> listened, wondered, doubted, and was impatient

<lb n=P249.15>for&H4 more. <name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Reynolds</name> could interest&H1 her on&H4 no&H2;

<lb n=P249.16>other point&H0;. She related the subject&H0 of the pictures, the

<lb n=P249.17>dimensions of the rooms, and the price of the furniture,

<lb n=P249.18>in&H4 vain. <name who=PPN>Mr&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>, highly amused by&H4 the kind&H0 of

<lb n=P249.19>family prejudice, to&H4 which&H61 he attributed her excessive

<lb n=P249.20>commendation of her master, soon led again to&H4 the subject&H0;;

<lb n=P249.21>and she dwelt with energy on&H4 his many merits, as they

<lb n=P249.22>proceeded together up&H4 the great staircase.</q></p><p><q who=PPV>

<lb n=P249.23>&dq;He is the best landlord, and the best master,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said

<lb n=P249.24>she,</q><q who=PPV>&dq;that&H61 ever lived. Not like&H4 the wild young men

<lb n=P249.25>now-a-days, who&H61 think of nothing but themselves. There

<lb n=P249.26>is not one of his tenants or servants but what will&H1 give

<lb n=P249.27>him a good name&H0;. Some people call&H1 him proud; but

<lb n=P249.28>I am sure I never saw any&sp;thing of it. To&H4 my fancy&H0;, it is

<lb n=P249.29>only because he does not rattle away like&H4 other young

<lb n=P249.30>men.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA type=indirect>

<lb n=P249.31>&dq;In&H4 what an amiable light&H0 does this place&H1 him!&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P249.32>thought&H1 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>.</q></p><p><q who=PPO>

<lb n=P249.33>&dq;This fine account&H0 of him,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>whispered her aunt, as they

<lb n=P249.34>walked,</q><q who=PPO>&dq;is not quite consistent with his behaviour to&H4 our

<lb n=P249.35>poor friend.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P249.36>&dq;Perhaps we might be deceived.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPO>

<lb n=P249.37>&dq;That&H62 is not very likely; our authority was too&H51 good.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P249.38>On&H4 reaching the spacious lobby above&H5;, they were shewn<pb n=P250>

<lb n=P250.1>into a very pretty&H2 sitting-room, lately fitted up&H5 with

<lb n=P250.2>greater elegance and lightness than the apartments below;

<lb n=P250.3>and were informed that&H3;</q><q who=PPV type=indirect>it was but just&H5 done, to&H9 give

<lb n=P250.4>pleasure to&H4 <name who=PPZG>Miss&sp;Darcy</name>, who&H61 had taken a liking to&H4 the room,

<lb n=P250.5>when last&H2 at Pemberley.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P250.6>&dq;He is certainly a good brother,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, as

<lb n=P250.7>she walked towards one of the windows.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P250.8><name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Reynolds</name> anticipated <name who=PPZG>Miss&sp;Darcy</name>'s delight&H0;, when

<lb n=P250.9>she should enter the room.</q><q who=PPV>&dq;And this is always the way

<lb n=P250.10>with him,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>she added. &dash;</q><q who=PPV>&dq;Whatever can give his sister

<lb n=P250.11>any pleasure, is sure to&H9 be done in&H4 a moment. There is

<lb n=P250.12>nothing he would not do for&H4 her.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P250.13>The picture&H0 gallery, and two or three of the principal&H2;

<lb n=P250.14>bed-rooms, were all that&H61 remained to&H9 be shewn. In&H4 the

<lb n=P250.15>former were many good paintings; but <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> knew

<lb n=P250.16>nothing of the art; and from such as had been already

<lb n=P250.17>visible below, she had willingly turned to&H9 look&H1 at some

<lb n=P250.18>drawings of <name who=PPZG>Miss&sp;Darcy</name>'s, in&H4 crayons, whose&H61 subjects were

<lb n=P250.19>usually more interesting, and also more intelligible.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P250.20>In&H4 the gallery there were many family portraits, but

<lb n=P250.21>they could have little to&H9 fix the attention of a stranger&H0;.

<lb n=P250.22><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> walked on&H5 in&H4 quest of the only face&H0 whose&H61;

<lb n=P250.23>features would be known to&H4 her. At last&H0 it arrested her &dash;

<lb n=P250.24>and she beheld a striking resemblance of <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>, with

<lb n=P250.25>such a smile&H0 over the face&H0;, as she remembered to&H9 have

<lb n=P250.26>sometimes seen, when he looked at her. She stood several

<lb n=P250.27>minutes before&H4 the picture&H0 in&H4 earnest contemplation, and

<lb n=P250.28>returned to&H4 it again before&H3 they quitted the gallery.

<lb n=P250.29><name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Reynolds</name> informed them, that&H3 it had been taken in&H4;

<lb n=P250.30>his father's life&sp;time.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P250.31>There was certainly at this moment, in&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>'s

<lb n=P250.32>mind&H0;, a more gentle sensation&H01 towards the original, than

<lb n=P250.33>she had ever felt in&H4 the height of their acquaintance.

<lb n=P250.34>The commendation bestowed on&H4 him by&H4 <name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Reynolds</name>

<lb n=P250.35>was of no&H2 trifling nature.</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>What praise&H0 is more valuable

<lb n=P250.36>than the praise&H0 of an intelligent servant? As a brother,

<lb n=P250.37>a landlord, a master,</q><q who=PP0>she considered</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>how many people's

<lb n=P250.38>happiness were in&H4 his guardianship! &dash; How much of<pb n=P251>

<lb n=P251.1>pleasure or pain&H0 it was in&H4 his power to&H9 bestow! &dash; How

<lb n=P251.2>much of good or evil must be done by&H4 him!</q><q who=PP0>Every idea

<lb n=P251.3>that&H61 had been brought forward&H5 by&H4 the housekeeper was

<lb n=P251.4>favourable to&H4 his character, and as she stood before&H4 the

<lb n=P251.5>canvas, on&H4 which&H61 he was represented, and fixed his eyes

<lb n=P251.6>upon&H4 herself, she thought&H1 of his regard&H0 with a deeper

<lb n=P251.7>sentiment of gratitude than it had ever raised before&H5;;

<lb n=P251.8>she remembered its warmth, and softened its impropriety

<lb n=P251.9>of expression.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P251.10>When all of the house that&H61 was open&H2 to&H4 general&H2 inspection

<lb n=P251.11>had been seen, they returned down&sp;stairs, and taking

<lb n=P251.12>leave&H0 of the housekeeper, were consigned over to&H4 the

<lb n=P251.13>gardener, who&H61 met them at the hall&sp;door.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P251.14>As they walked across&H4 the lawn towards the river,

<lb n=P251.15><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> turned back&H5 to&H9 look&H1 again; her uncle and aunt

<lb n=P251.16>stopped also, and while&H3 the former was conjecturing as

<lb n=P251.17>to&H4 the date of the building, the owner of it himself suddenly

<lb n=P251.18>came forward&H5 from the road, which&H61 led behind it to&H4 the

<lb n=P251.19>stables.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P251.20>They were within twenty yards of each other, and so&H51;

<lb n=P251.21>abrupt was his appearance, that&H3 it was impossible to&H9 avoid

<lb n=P251.22>his sight. Their eyes instantly met, and the cheeks of

<lb n=P251.23>each were overspread with the deepest blush&H0;. He absolutely

<lb n=P251.24>started, and for&H4 a moment seemed immoveable from

<lb n=P251.25>surprise&H0;; but shortly recovering himself, advanced towards

<lb n=P251.26>the party, and spoke to&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, if not in&H4 terms of perfect&H2;

<lb n=P251.27>composure, at least of perfect&H2 civility.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P251.28>She had instinctively turned away; but, stopping on&H4;

<lb n=P251.29>his approach&H0;, received his compliments with an embarrassment

<lb n=P251.30>impossible to&H9 be overcome. Had his first

<lb n=P251.31>appearance, or his resemblance to&H4 the picture&H0 they had

<lb n=P251.32>just&H5 been examining, been insufficient to&H9 assure the other

<lb n=P251.33>two that&H3 they now saw <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>, the gardener's expression

<lb n=P251.34>of surprise&H0;, on&H4 beholding his master, must immediately

<lb n=P251.35>have told it. They stood a little aloof while&H3 he was talking

<lb n=P251.36>to&H4 their niece, who&H61;, astonished and confused, scarcely

<lb n=P251.37>dared lift her eyes to&H4 his face&H0;, and knew not what answer&H0;

<lb n=P251.38>she returned to&H4 his civil enquiries after&H4 her family. Amazed<pb n=P252>

<lb n=P252.1>at the alteration in&H4 his manner since they last&H2 parted,

<lb n=P252.2>every sentence that&H61 he uttered was increasing her embarrassment;

<lb n=P252.3>and every idea of the impropriety of her being&H1;

<lb n=P252.4>found there, recurring to&H4 her mind&H0;, the few minutes in&H4;

<lb n=P252.5>which&H61 they continued together, were some of the most

<lb n=P252.6>uncomfortable of her life. Nor did he seem much more

<lb n=P252.7>at ease&H0;; when he spoke, his accent had none of its usual

<lb n=P252.8>sedateness; and he repeated his enquiries as to&H4 the time

<lb n=P252.9>of her having left Longbourn, and of her stay&H0 in&H4 Derbyshire,

<lb n=P252.10>so&H51 often, and in&H4 so&H51 hurried a way, as plainly spoke

<lb n=P252.11>the distraction of his thoughts.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P252.12>At length, every idea seemed to&H9 fail him; and, after&H4;

<lb n=P252.13>standing a few moments without saying a word, he suddenly

<lb n=P252.14>recollected himself, and took leave&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P252.15>The others then joined her, and expressed their admiration

<lb n=P252.16>of his figure; but <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> heard not a word, and,

<lb n=P252.17>wholly engrossed by&H4 her own&H2 feelings, followed them in&H4;

<lb n=P252.18>silence&H0;. She was overpowered by&H4 shame&H0 and vexation.</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>

<lb n=P252.19>Her coming there was the most unfortunate, the most

<lb n=P252.20>ill-judged thing in&H4 the world! How strange must it

<lb n=P252.21>appear to&H4 him! In&H4 what a disgraceful light&H0 might it not

<lb n=P252.22>strike so&H51 vain a man! It might seem as if she had purposely

<lb n=P252.23>thrown herself in&H4 his way again! Oh! why did she

<lb n=P252.24>come? or, why did he thus come a day before&H3 he was

<lb n=P252.25>expected? Had they been only ten minutes sooner, they

<lb n=P252.26>should have been beyond&H4 the reach&H0 of his discrimination,

<lb n=P252.27>for&H3 it was plain that&H3 he was that&H62 moment arrived, that&H62;

<lb n=P252.28>moment alighted from his horse or his carriage.</q><q who=PP0>She

<lb n=P252.29>blushed again and again over the perverseness of the

<lb n=P252.30>meeting.</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>And his behaviour, so&H51 strikingly altered, &dash;

<lb n=P252.31>what could it mean&H1;? That&H3 he should even&H5 speak to&H4 her

<lb n=P252.32>was amazing! &dash; but to&H9 speak with such civility, to&H9 enquire

<lb n=P252.33>after&H4 her family! Never in&H4 her life had she seen his

<lb n=P252.34>manners so&H51 little dignified, never had he spoken with such

<lb n=P252.35>gentleness as on&H4 this unexpected meeting. What a contrast

<lb n=P252.36>did it offer&H1 to&H4 his last&H2 address&H0 in&H4 Rosing's&sp;Park, when he

<lb n=P252.37>put his letter into her hand&H0;!</q><q who=PP0>She knew not what to&H9 think,

<lb n=P252.38>nor how to&H9 account&H1 for&H4 it.<pb n=P253></q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P253.1>They had now entered a beautiful walk&H0 by&H4 the side&H0 of

<lb n=P253.2>the water, and every step&H0 was bringing forward&H5 a nobler

<lb n=P253.3>fall&H0 of ground, or a finer reach&H0 of the woods to&H4 which&H61 they

<lb n=P253.4>were approaching; but it was some time before&H3 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P253.5>was sensible&H21 of any of it; and, though she answered

<lb n=P253.6>mechanically to&H4 the repeated appeals of her uncle and

<lb n=P253.7>aunt, and seemed to&H9 direct&H1 her eyes to&H4 such objects&H0 as

<lb n=P253.8>they pointed out&H5;, she distinguished no&H2 part&H0 of the scene.

<lb n=P253.9>Her thoughts were all fixed on&H4 that&H62 one spot of Pemberley&sp;House,

<lb n=P253.10>whichever it might be, where <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> then was.

<lb n=P253.11>She longed to&H9 know what at that&H62 moment was passing

<lb n=P253.12>in&H4 his mind&H0;; in&H4 what manner he thought&H1 of her, and

<lb n=P253.13>whether, in&H4 defiance of every&sp;thing, she was still&H5 dear&H21 to&H4;

<lb n=P253.14>him.</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>Perhaps he had been civil, only because he felt

<lb n=P253.15>himself at ease&H0;; yet there had been <hi r=Italic>that&H62;</hi> in&H4 his voice,

<lb n=P253.16>which&H61 was not like&H4 ease&H0;. Whether he had felt more of

<lb n=P253.17>pain&H0 or of pleasure in&H4 seeing her,</q><q who=PP0>she could not tell,</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>but he

<lb n=P253.18>certainly had not seen her with composure.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P253.19>At length, however, the remarks of her companions on&H4;

<lb n=P253.20>her absence of mind&H0 roused her, and she felt the necessity

<lb n=P253.21>of appearing more like&H4 herself.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P253.22>They entered the woods, and bidding adieu to&H4 the river

<lb n=P253.23>for&H4 a while&H0;, ascended some of the higher grounds; whence,

<lb n=P253.24>in&H4 spots where the opening of the trees gave the eye power

<lb n=P253.25>to&H9 wander, were many charming views of the valley, the

<lb n=P253.26>opposite hills, with the long range&H0 of woods overspreading

<lb n=P253.27>many, and occasionally part&H0 of the stream. <name who=PPN>Mr&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>

<lb n=P253.28>expressed a wish&H0 of going round&H4 the whole&H2 Park, but

<lb n=P253.29>feared it might be beyond&H4 a walk&H0;. With a triumphant

<lb n=P253.30>smile&H0;, they were told, that&H3 it was ten miles round&H5;. It

<lb n=P253.31>settled the matter; and they pursued the accustomed

<lb n=P253.32>circuit; which&H61 brought them again, after&H4 some time, in&H4;

<lb n=P253.33>a descent among hanging woods, to&H4 the edge of the water,

<lb n=P253.34>in&H4 one of its narrowest parts. They crossed it by&H4 a simple&H2;

<lb n=P253.35>bridge, in&H4 character with the general&H2 air of the scene;

<lb n=P253.36>it was a spot less adorned than any they had yet visited;

<lb n=P253.37>and the valley, here contracted into a glen, allowed room

<lb n=P253.38>only for&H4 the stream, and a narrow walk&H0 amidst the rough<pb n=P254>

<lb n=P254.1>coppice-wood which&H61 bordered it. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> longed to&H9;

<lb n=P254.2>explore its windings; but when they had crossed the

<lb n=P254.3>bridge, and perceived their distance&H0 from the house,

<lb n=P254.4><name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>, who&H61 was not a great walker, could go no&H2;

<lb n=P254.5>farther, and thought&H1 only of returning to&H4 the carriage as

<lb n=P254.6>quickly as possible. Her niece was, therefore, obliged to&H9;

<lb n=P254.7>submit, and they took their way towards the house on&H4;

<lb n=P254.8>the opposite side&H0 of the river, in&H4 the nearest direction;

<lb n=P254.9>but their progress was slow, for&H3 <name who=PPN>Mr&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>, though

<lb n=P254.10>seldom able to&H9 indulge the taste, was very fond of fishing,

<lb n=P254.11>and was so&H51 much engaged in&H4 watching the occasional

<lb n=P254.12>appearance of some trout in&H4 the water, and talking to&H4;

<lb n=P254.13>the man about&H4 them, that&H3 he advanced but little. Whilst

<lb n=P254.14>wandering on&H5 in&H4 this slow manner, they were again surprised,

<lb n=P254.15>and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>'s astonishment was quite equal&H2 to&H4;

<lb n=P254.16>what it had been at first, by&H4 the sight of <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> approaching

<lb n=P254.17>them, and at no&H2 great distance&H0;. The walk&H0;

<lb n=P254.18>being&H1 here less sheltered than on&H4 the other side&H0;, allowed

<lb n=P254.19>them to&H9 see him before&H3 they met. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, however

<lb n=P254.20>astonished, was at least more prepared for&H4 an interview

<lb n=P254.21>than before&H5;, and resolved to&H9 appear and to&H9 speak with

<lb n=P254.22>calmness, if he really intended to&H9 meet&H1 them. For&H4 a few

<lb n=P254.23>moments, indeed, she felt that&H3 he would probably strike

<lb n=P254.24>into some other path. This idea lasted while&H3 a turning

<lb n=P254.25>in&H4 the walk&H0 concealed him from their view&H0;; the turning

<lb n=P254.26>past&H1;, he was immediately before&H4 them. With a glance&H0;

<lb n=P254.27>she saw, that&H3 he had lost none of his recent civility; and,

<lb n=P254.28>to&H9 imitate his politeness, she began, as they met, to&H9 admire

<lb n=P254.29>the beauty of the place&H0;; but she had not got beyond&H4 the

<lb n=P254.30>words</q><q who=PPA>&dq;delightful,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>and</q><q who=PPA>&dq;charming,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>when some unlucky

<lb n=P254.31>recollections obtruded, and she fancied that&H3;</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>praise&H0;

<lb n=P254.32>of Pemberley from her, might be mischievously construed.</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P254.33>Her colour changed, and she said no&H2 more.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P254.34><name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name> was standing a little behind; and on&H4;

<lb n=P254.35>her pausing, he asked her,</q><q who=PPB type=indirect>if she would do him the honour&H0;

<lb n=P254.36>of introducing him to&H4 her friends.</q><q who=PP0>This was a stroke of

<lb n=P254.37>civility for&H4 which&H61 she was quite unprepared; and she

<lb n=P254.38>could hardly suppress a smile&H0;, at his being&H1 now seeking<pb n=P255>

<lb n=P255.1>the acquaintance of some of those very people, against

<lb n=P255.2>whom&H61 his pride had revolted, in&H4 his offer&H0 to&H4 herself.</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>&dq;What

<lb n=P255.3>will&H1 be his surprise&H0;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>thought&H1 she,</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>&dq;when he knows who&H61;

<lb n=P255.4>they are! He takes them now for&H4 people of fashion&H0;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P255.5>The introduction, however, was immediately made;

<lb n=P255.6>and as she named their relationship to&H4 herself, she stole

<lb n=P255.7>a sly look&H0 at him, to&H9 see how he bore&H11 it; and was not

<lb n=P255.8>without the expectation of his decamping as fast as he

<lb n=P255.9>could from such disgraceful companions. That&H3 he was

<lb n=P255.10><hi r=Italic>surprised</hi> by&H4 the connexion was evident; he sustained it

<lb n=P255.11>however with fortitude, and so&H51 far from going away,

<lb n=P255.12>turned back&H5 with them, and entered into conversation

<lb n=P255.13>with <name who=PPN>Mr&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> could not but be pleased,

<lb n=P255.14>could not but triumph&H1;.</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>It was consoling, that&H3 he should

<lb n=P255.15>know she had some relations for&H4 whom&H61 there was no&H2 need&H0;

<lb n=P255.16>to&H9 blush&H1;.</q><q who=PP0>She listened most attentively to&H4 all that&H61 passed

<lb n=P255.17>between them, and gloried in&H4 every expression, every

<lb n=P255.18>sentence of her uncle, which&H61 marked his intelligence, his

<lb n=P255.19>taste, or his good manners.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P255.20>The conversation soon turned upon&H4 fishing, and she

<lb n=P255.21>heard <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> invite him, with the greatest civility, to&H9;

<lb n=P255.22>fish there as often as he chose, while&H3 he continued in&H4 the

<lb n=P255.23>neighbourhood, offering at the same time to&H9 supply&H1 him

<lb n=P255.24>with fishing tackle, and pointing out&H5 those parts of the

<lb n=P255.25>stream where there was usually most sport&H0;. <name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>,

<lb n=P255.26>who&H61 was walking arm&H0 in&H4 arm&H0 with <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, gave her

<lb n=P255.27>a look&H0 expressive of her wonder&H0;. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> said nothing,

<lb n=P255.28>but it gratified her exceedingly;</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>the compliment&H0 must

<lb n=P255.29>be all for&H4 herself.</q><q who=PP0>Her astonishment, however, was

<lb n=P255.30>extreme&H2;; and continually was she repeating,</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>&dq;Why is

<lb n=P255.31>he so&H51 altered? From what can it proceed? It cannot

<lb n=P255.32>be for&H4 <hi r=Italic>me</hi>, it cannot be for&H4 <hi r=Italic>my</hi> sake that&H3 his manners are

<lb n=P255.33>thus softened. My reproofs at Hunsford could not work&H1;

<lb n=P255.34>such a change&H0 as this. It is impossible that&H3 he should

<lb n=P255.35>still&H5 love&H1 me.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P255.36>After&H4 walking some time in&H4 this way, the two ladies in&H4;

<lb n=P255.37>front&H0;, the two gentlemen behind, on&H4 resuming their places&H0;,

<lb n=P255.38>after&H4 descending to&H4 the brink of the river for&H4 the better<pb n=P256>

<lb n=P256.1>inspection of some curious water-plant, there chanced to&H9;

<lb n=P256.2>be a little alteration. It originated in&H4 <name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>, who&H61;,

<lb n=P256.3>fatigued by&H4 the exercise&H0 of the morning, found <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>'s

<lb n=P256.4>arm&H0 inadequate to&H4 her support&H0;, and consequently preferred

<lb n=P256.5>her husband's. <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> took her place&H0 by&H4 her niece, and

<lb n=P256.6>they walked on&H5 together. After&H4 a short silence&H0;, the lady

<lb n=P256.7>first spoke. She wished him to&H9 know that&H3 she had been

<lb n=P256.8>assured of his absence before&H3 she came to&H4 the place&H0;, and

<lb n=P256.9>accordingly began by&H4 observing, that&H3;</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>his arrival had been

<lb n=P256.10>very unexpected &dash;</q><q who=PPA>&dq;for&H3 your housekeeper,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>she added,</q><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P256.11>&dq;informed us that&H3 you would certainly not be here till

<lb n=P256.12>to-morrow; and indeed, before&H3 we left Bakewell, we understood

<lb n=P256.13>that&H3 you were not immediately expected in&H4 the

<lb n=P256.14>country.&dq;</q><q who=PP0>He acknowledged the truth of it all; and said

<lb n=P256.15>that&H3;</q><q who=PPB type=indirect>business with his steward had occasioned his coming

<lb n=P256.16>forward&H5 a few hours before&H4 the rest&H01 of the party with

<lb n=P256.17>whom&H61 he had been travelling.</q><q who=PPB>&dq;They will&H1 join me early

<lb n=P256.18>to-morrow,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>he continued,</q><q who=PPB>&dq;and among them are some

<lb n=P256.19>who&H61 will&H1 claim&H1 an acquaintance with you, &dash; <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>

<lb n=P256.20>and his sisters.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P256.21><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> answered only by&H4 a slight&H2 bow&H01;. Her thoughts

<lb n=P256.22>were instantly driven back&H5 to&H4 the time when <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>'s

<lb n=P256.23>name&H0 had been last&H2 mentioned between them; and if she

<lb n=P256.24>might judge&H1 from his complexion, <hi r=Italic>his</hi> mind&H0 was not very

<lb n=P256.25>differently engaged.</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P256.26>&dq;There is also one other person in&H4 the party,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>he continued

<lb n=P256.27>after&H4 a pause&H0;,</q><q who=PPB>&dq;who&H61 more particularly wishes&H1 to&H9;

<lb n=P256.28>be known to&H4 you, &dash; Will&H1 you allow me, or do I ask too&H51;

<lb n=P256.29>much, to&H9 introduce my sister to&H4 your acquaintance during

<lb n=P256.30>your stay&H0 at Lambton?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P256.31>The surprise&H0 of such an application was great indeed;

<lb n=P256.32>it was too&H51 great for&H4 her to&H9 know in&H4 what manner she

<lb n=P256.33>acceded to&H4 it. She immediately felt that&H3;</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>whatever desire&H0;

<lb n=P256.34><name who=PPZG>Miss&sp;Darcy</name> might have of being&H1 acquainted with her,

<lb n=P256.35>must be the work&H0 of her brother, and without looking

<lb n=P256.36>farther, it was satisfactory; it was gratifying to&H9 know that&H3;

<lb n=P256.37>his resentment had not made him think really ill of her.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P256.38>They now walked on&H5 in&H4 silence&H0;; each of them deep in&H4;<pb n=P257>

<lb n=P257.1>thought&H0;. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was not comfortable; that&H62 was

<lb n=P257.2>impossible; but she was flattered and pleased.</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>His wish&H0;

<lb n=P257.3>of introducing his sister to&H4 her, was a compliment&H0 of the

<lb n=P257.4>highest kind&H0;.</q><q who=PP0>They soon outstripped the others, and

<lb n=P257.5>when they had reached the carriage, <name who=PPN>Mr&point;</name> and <name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>

<lb n=P257.6>were half a quarter&H01 of a mile behind.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P257.7>He then asked her to&H9 walk&H1 into the house &dash; but she

<lb n=P257.8>declared herself not tired, and they stood together on&H4 the

<lb n=P257.9>lawn. At such a time, much might have been said, and

<lb n=P257.10>silence&H0 was very awkward. She wanted to&H9 talk&H1;, but

<lb n=P257.11>there seemed an embargo on&H4 every subject&H0;. At last&H0 she

<lb n=P257.12>recollected that&H3 she had been travelling, and they talked

<lb n=P257.13>of Matlock and Dove&sp;Dale with great perseverance. Yet

<lb n=P257.14>time and her aunt moved slowly &dash; and her patience and

<lb n=P257.15>her ideas were nearly worn out&H5 before&H3 the tete-a-tete was

<lb n=P257.16>over. On&H4 <name who=PPN>Mr&point;</name> and <name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>'s coming up&H5;, they were

<lb n=P257.17>all pressed to&H9 go into the house and take some refreshment;

<lb n=P257.18>but this was declined, and they parted on&H4 each

<lb n=P257.19>side&H0 with the utmost politeness. <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> handed the

<lb n=P257.20>ladies into the carriage, and when it drove off, <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P257.21>saw him walking slowly towards the house.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P257.22>The observations of her uncle and aunt now began; and

<lb n=P257.23>each of them pronounced him to&H9 be infinitely superior to&H4;

<lb n=P257.24>any&sp;thing they had expected.</q><q who=PPN>&dq;He is perfectly well&H5;

<lb n=P257.25>behaved, polite, and unassuming,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said her uncle.</q></p><p><q who=PPO>

<lb n=P257.26>&dq;There <hi r=Italic>is</hi> something a little stately in&H4 him to&H9 be sure,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P257.27>replied her aunt,</q><q who=PPO>&dq;but it is confined to&H4 his air, and is

<lb n=P257.28>not unbecoming. I can now say with the housekeeper,

<lb n=P257.29>that&H3 though some people may&H1 call&H1 him proud, <hi r=Italic>I</hi> have seen

<lb n=P257.30>nothing of it.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPN>

<lb n=P257.31>&dq;I was never more surprised than by&H4 his behaviour to&H4;

<lb n=P257.32>us. It was more than civil; it was really attentive; and

<lb n=P257.33>there was no&H2 necessity for&H4 such attention. His acquaintance

<lb n=P257.34>with <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was very trifling.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPO>

<lb n=P257.35>&dq;To&H9 be sure, <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said her aunt,</q><q who=PPO>&dq;he is not so&H51 handsome

<lb n=P257.36>as <name who=PPP>Wickham;</name> or rather he has not <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>'s

<lb n=P257.37>countenance, for&H3 his features are perfectly good. But how

<lb n=P257.38>came you to&H9 tell us that&H3 he was so&H51 disagreeable?&dq;<pb n=P258></q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P258.1><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> excused herself as well&H5 as she could; said

<lb n=P258.2>that&H3;</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>she had liked him better when they met in&H4 Kent than

<lb n=P258.3>before&H5;, and that&H3 she had never seen him so&H51 pleasant as

<lb n=P258.4>this morning.</q></p><p><q who=PPN>

<lb n=P258.5>&dq;But perhaps he may&H1 be a little whimsical in&H4 his

<lb n=P258.6>civilities,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied her uncle.</q><q who=PPN>&dq;Your great men often are;

<lb n=P258.7>and therefore I shall not take him at his word about&H4;

<lb n=P258.8>fishing, as he might change&H1 his mind&H0 another day, and

<lb n=P258.9>warn me off his grounds.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P258.10><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> felt that&H3 they had entirely mistaken his

<lb n=P258.11>character, but said nothing.</q></p><p><q who=PPO>

<lb n=P258.12>&dq;From what we have seen of him,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>continued <name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>,</q><q who=PPO>

<lb n=P258.13>&dq;I really should not have thought&H1 that&H3 he could

<lb n=P258.14>have behaved in&H4 so&H51 cruel a way by&H4 any&sp;body, as he has

<lb n=P258.15>done by&H4 poor <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>. He has not an ill-natured look&H0;.

<lb n=P258.16>On&H4 the contrary, there is something pleasing about&H4 his

<lb n=P258.17>mouth when he speaks. And there is something of dignity

<lb n=P258.18>in&H4 his countenance, that&H61 would not give one an unfavourable

<lb n=P258.19>idea of his heart. But to&H9 be sure, the good lady who&H61;

<lb n=P258.20>shewed us the house, did give him a most flaming character!

<lb n=P258.21>I could hardly help&H1 laughing aloud sometimes. But he

<lb n=P258.22>is a liberal master, I suppose, and <hi r=Italic>that&H62;</hi> in&H4 the eye of a servant

<lb n=P258.23>comprehends every virtue.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P258.24><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> here felt herself called on&H5 to&H9 say something

<lb n=P258.25>in&H4 vindication of his behaviour to&H4 <name who=PPP>Wickham;</name> and therefore

<lb n=P258.26>gave them to&H9 understand, in&H4 as guarded a manner

<lb n=P258.27>as she could, that&H3 by&H4 what she had heard from his relations

<lb n=P258.28>in&H4 Kent, his actions were capable of a very different

<lb n=P258.29>construction; and that&H3 his character was by&H4 no&H2 means&H0;

<lb n=P258.30>so&H51 faulty, nor <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>'s so&H51 amiable, as they had been

<lb n=P258.31>considered in&H4 Hertfordshire. In&H4 confirmation of this, she

<lb n=P258.32>related the particulars of all the pecuniary transactions

<lb n=P258.33>in&H4 which&H61 they had been connected, without actually

<lb n=P258.34>naming her authority, but stating it to&H9 be such as might

<lb n=P258.35>be relied on&H5;.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P258.36><name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name> was surprised and concerned; but as they

<lb n=P258.37>were now approaching the scene of her former pleasures,

<lb n=P258.38>every idea gave way to&H4 the charm&H0 of recollection; and<pb n=P259>

<lb n=P259.1>she was too&H51 much engaged in&H4 pointing out&H5 to&H4 her husband

<lb n=P259.2>all the interesting spots in&H4 its environs, to&H9 think of any&sp;thing

<lb n=P259.3>else. Fatigued as she had been by&H4 the morning's

<lb n=P259.4>walk&H0;, they had no&H2 sooner dined than she set&H1 off again in&H4;

<lb n=P259.5>quest of her former acquaintance, and the evening was

<lb n=P259.6>spent in&H4 the satisfactions of an intercourse renewed after&H4;

<lb n=P259.7>many years discontinuance.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P259.8>The occurrences of the day were too&H51 full of interest&H0 to&H9;

<lb n=P259.9>leave&H1 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> much attention for&H4 any of these new

<lb n=P259.10>friends; and she could do nothing but think, and think

<lb n=P259.11>with wonder&H0;, of <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>'s civility, and above&H4 all, of his

<lb n=P259.12>wishing her to&H9 be acquainted with his sister.</q></p></div2>

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<lb n=P260.1><q who=pp0><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> had settled it that&H3 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> would bring

<lb n=P260.2>his sister to&H9 visit&H1 her, the very day after&H4 her reaching

<lb n=P260.3>Pemberley; and was consequently resolved not to&H9 be out&H5;

<lb n=P260.4>of sight of the inn the whole&H0 of that&H62 morning. But her

<lb n=P260.5>conclusion was false; for&H3 on&H4 the very morning after&H4 their

<lb n=P260.6>own&H2 arrival at Lambton, these visitors came. They had

<lb n=P260.7>been walking about&H4 the place&H0 with some of their new

<lb n=P260.8>friends, and were just&H5 returned to&H4 the inn to&H9 dress&H1 themselves

<lb n=P260.9>for&H4 dining with the same family, when the sound&H0;

<lb n=P260.10>of a carriage drew them to&H4 a window, and they saw

<lb n=P260.11>a gentleman and lady in&H4 a curricle, driving up&H4 the street.

<lb n=P260.12><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> immediately recognising the livery, guessed

<lb n=P260.13>what it meant, and imparted no&H2 small degree of surprise&H0;

<lb n=P260.14>to&H4 her relations, by&H4 acquainting them with the honour&H0;

<lb n=P260.15>which&H61 she expected. Her uncle and aunt were all amazement;

<lb n=P260.16>and the embarrassment of her manner as she

<lb n=P260.17>spoke, joined to&H4 the circumstance itself, and many of the

<lb n=P260.18>circumstances of the preceding day, opened to&H4 them a new

<lb n=P260.19>idea on&H4 the business. Nothing had ever suggested it

<lb n=P260.20>before&H5;, but they now felt that&H3 there was no&H2 other way of

<lb n=P260.21>accounting for&H4 such attentions from such a quarter&H02;, than

<lb n=P260.22>by&H4 supposing a partiality for&H4 their niece. While&H3 these

<lb n=P260.23>newly-born notions were passing in&H4 their heads, the perturbation

<lb n=P260.24>of <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>'s feelings was every moment

<lb n=P260.25>increasing. She was quite amazed at her own&H2 discomposure;

<lb n=P260.26>but amongst other causes of disquiet, she dreaded

<lb n=P260.27>lest the partiality of the brother should have said too&H51;

<lb n=P260.28>much in&H4 her favour&H0;; and more than commonly anxious

<lb n=P260.29>to&H9 please, she naturally suspected that&H3 every power of

<lb n=P260.30>pleasing would fail her.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P260.31><q who=pp0>She retreated from the window, fearful of being&H1 seen;

<lb n=P260.32>and as she walked up&H4 and down&H4 the room, endeavouring<pb n=P261>

<lb n=P261.1>to&H9 compose herself, saw such looks&H0 of enquiring surprise&H0;

<lb n=P261.2>in&H4 her uncle and aunt, as made every&sp;thing worse.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P261.3><q who=pp0><name who=PPZG>Miss&sp;Darcy</name> and her brother appeared, and this formidable

<lb n=P261.4>introduction took place&H0;. With astonishment did

<lb n=P261.5><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> see, that&H3 her new acquaintance was at least

<lb n=P261.6>as much embarrassed as herself. Since her being&H1 at

<lb n=P261.7>Lambton, she had heard that&H3 <name who=PPZG>Miss&sp;Darcy</name> was exceedingly

<lb n=P261.8>proud; but the observation of a very few minutes convinced

<lb n=P261.9>her, that&H3 she was only exceedingly shy. She found

<lb n=P261.10>it difficult to&H9 obtain even&H5 a word from her beyond&H4 a monosyllable.

<lb n=P261.11></q></p><p>

<lb n=P261.12><q who=pp0><name who=PPZG>Miss&sp;Darcy</name> was tall, and on&H4 a larger scale than <name who=PPA>Elizabeth;</name>

<lb n=P261.13>and, though little more than sixteen, her figure

<lb n=P261.14>was formed, and her appearance womanly and graceful.

<lb n=P261.15>She was less handsome than her brother, but there was

<lb n=P261.16>sense and good&sp;humour in&H4 her face&H0;, and her manners were

<lb n=P261.17>perfectly unassuming and gentle. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, who&H61 had

<lb n=P261.18>expected to&H9 find in&H4 her as acute and unembarrassed an

<lb n=P261.19>observer as ever <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> had been, was much relieved

<lb n=P261.20>by&H4 discerning such different feelings.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P261.21><q who=pp0>They had not been long together, before&H3 <name who=PPB>Darcy</name> told her

<lb n=P261.22>that&H3 <name who=PPI>Bingley</name> was also coming to&H9 wait on&H4 her; and she

<lb n=P261.23>had barely time to&H9 express&H1 her satisfaction, and prepare

<lb n=P261.24>for&H4 such a visitor, when <name who=PPI>Bingley</name>'s quick&H2 step&H0 was heard

<lb n=P261.25>on&H4 the stairs, and in&H4 a moment he entered the room. All

<lb n=P261.26><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>'s anger&H0 against him had been long done away;

<lb n=P261.27>but, had she still&H5 felt any, it could hardly have stood its

<lb n=P261.28>ground against the unaffected cordiality with which&H61 he

<lb n=P261.29>expressed himself, on&H4 seeing her again. He enquired in&H4;

<lb n=P261.30>a friendly, though general&H2 way, after&H4 her family, and looked

<lb n=P261.31>and spoke with the same good-humoured ease&H0 that&H61 he had

<lb n=P261.32>ever done.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P261.33><q who=pp0>To&H4 <name who=PPN>Mr&point;</name> and <name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name> he was scarcely a less interesting

<lb n=P261.34>personage than to&H4 herself. They had long wished to&H9;

<lb n=P261.35>see him. The whole&H2 party before&H4 them, indeed, excited

<lb n=P261.36>a lively attention. The suspicions which&H61 had just&H5 arisen

<lb n=P261.37>of <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> and their niece, directed their observation

<lb n=P261.38>towards each with an earnest, though guarded, enquiry;<pb n=P262>

<lb n=P262.1>and they soon drew from those enquiries the full conviction

<lb n=P262.2>that&H3 one of them at least knew what it was to&H9 love&H1;. Of

<lb n=P262.3>the lady's sensations they remained a little in&H4 doubt&H0;;

<lb n=P262.4>but that&H3 the gentleman was overflowing with admiration

<lb n=P262.5>was evident enough.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P262.6><q who=pp0><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, on&H4 her side&H0;, had much to&H9 do. She wanted

<lb n=P262.7>to&H9 ascertain the feelings of each of her visitors, she wanted

<lb n=P262.8>to&H9 compose her own&H2;, and to&H9 make&H1 herself agreeable to&H4 all;

<lb n=P262.9>and in&H4 the latter object&H0;, where she feared most to&H9 fail,

<lb n=P262.10>she was most sure of success, for&H3 those to&H4 whom&H61 she

<lb n=P262.11>endeavoured to&H9 give pleasure were prepossessed in&H4 her

<lb n=P262.12>favour&H0;. <name who=PPI>Bingley</name> was ready, <name who=PPZG>Georgiana</name> was eager, and

<lb n=P262.13><name who=PPB>Darcy</name> determined, to&H9 be pleased.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P262.14><q who=pp0>In&H4 seeing <name who=PPI>Bingley</name>, her thoughts naturally flew to&H4 her

<lb n=P262.15>sister; and oh! how ardently did she long to&H9 know,

<lb n=P262.16>whether any of his were directed in&H4 a like&H2 manner.

<lb n=P262.17>Sometimes she could fancy&H1;, that&H3 he talked less than on&H4;

<lb n=P262.18>former occasions, and once or twice pleased herself with

<lb n=P262.19>the notion that&H3 as he looked at her, he was trying to&H9 trace

<lb n=P262.20>a resemblance. But, though this might be imaginary, she

<lb n=P262.21>could not be deceived as to&H4 his behaviour to&H4 <name who=PPZG>Miss&sp;Darcy</name>,

<lb n=P262.22>who&H61 had been set&H1 up&H5 as a rival of <name who=PPE>Jane</name>.</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>No&H2 look&H0 appeared

<lb n=P262.23>on&H4 either side&H0 that&H61 spoke particular regard&H0;. Nothing

<lb n=P262.24>occurred between them that&H61 could justify the hopes&H0 of

<lb n=P262.25>his sister.</q><q who=PP0>On&H4 this point&H0 she was soon satisfied; and two

<lb n=P262.26>or three little circumstances occurred ere they parted,

<lb n=P262.27>which&H61;, in&H4 her anxious interpretation, denoted a recollection

<lb n=P262.28>of <name who=PPE>Jane</name>, not untinctured by&H4 tenderness, and a wish&H0 of

<lb n=P262.29>saying more that&H61 might lead&H1 to&H4 the mention&H0 of her, had

<lb n=P262.30>he dared. He observed to&H4 her, at a moment when the

<lb n=P262.31>others were talking together, and in&H4 a tone which&H61 had

<lb n=P262.32>something of real regret&H0;, that&H3 it</q><q who=PPI>&dq;was a very long time

<lb n=P262.33>since he had had the pleasure of seeing her;&dq;</q><q who=PP0>and, before&H3;

<lb n=P262.34>she could reply&H1;, he added,</q><q who=PPI>&dq;It is above&H4 eight months.

<lb n=P262.35>We have not met since the 26th of November, when we

<lb n=P262.36>were all dancing together at Netherfield.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P262.37><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was pleased to&H9 find his memory so&H51 exact&H2;;

<lb n=P262.38>and he afterwards took occasion&H0 to&H9 ask her, when unattended<pb n=P263>

<lb n=P263.1>to&H4 by&H4 any of the rest&H01;,</q><q who=PPI type=indirect>whether <hi r=Italic>all</hi> her sisters

<lb n=P263.2>were at Longbourn.</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>There was not much in&H4 the question&H0;,

<lb n=P263.3>nor in&H4 the preceding remark&H0;, but there was a look&H0 and

<lb n=P263.4>a manner which&H61 gave them meaning.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P263.5>It was not often that&H3 she could turn&H1 her eyes on&H4 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>

<lb n=P263.6>himself; but, whenever she did catch&H1 a glimpse,

<lb n=P263.7>she saw an expression of general&H2 complaisance, and in&H4 all

<lb n=P263.8>that&H61 he said, she heard an accent so&H51 far removed from

<lb n=P263.9>hauteur or disdain&H0 of his companions, as convinced her

<lb n=P263.10>that&H3;</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>the improvement of manners which&H61 she had yesterday

<lb n=P263.11>witnessed, however temporary its existence might prove,

<lb n=P263.12>had at least outlived one day.</q><q who=PP0>When she saw him thus

<lb n=P263.13>seeking the acquaintance, and courting the good opinion

<lb n=P263.14>of people, with whom&H61 any intercourse a few months ago

<lb n=P263.15>would have been a disgrace&H0;; when she saw him thus civil,

<lb n=P263.16>not only to&H4 herself, but to&H4 the very relations whom&H61 he had

<lb n=P263.17>openly disdained, and recollected their last&H2 lively scene

<lb n=P263.18>in&H4 Hunsford&sp;Parsonage, the difference, the change&H0 was

<lb n=P263.19>so&H51 great, and struck so&H51 forcibly on&H4 her mind&H0;, that&H3 she

<lb n=P263.20>could hardly restrain her astonishment from being&H1 visible.</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>

<lb n=P263.21>Never, even&H5 in&H4 the company of his dear&H21 friends at Netherfield,

<lb n=P263.22>or his dignified relations at Rosings, had she seen

<lb n=P263.23>him so&H51 desirous to&H9 please, so&H51 free from self-consequence,

<lb n=P263.24>or unbending reserve&H0 as now, when no&H2 importance could

<lb n=P263.25>result&H1 from the success of his endeavours&H0;, and when even&H5;

<lb n=P263.26>the acquaintance of those to&H4 whom&H61 his attentions were

<lb n=P263.27>addressed, would draw down&H5 the ridicule&H01 and censure&H0 of

<lb n=P263.28>the ladies both of Netherfield and Rosings.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P263.29>Their visitors staid with them above&H4 half an hour, and

<lb n=P263.30>when they arose to&H9 depart, <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> called on&H4 his sister

<lb n=P263.31>to&H9 join him in&H4 expressing their wish&H0 of seeing <name who=PPN>Mr&point;</name> and

<lb n=P263.32><name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>, and <name who=PPA>Miss&sp;Bennet</name>, to&H4 dinner at Pemberley,

<lb n=P263.33>before&H3 they left the country. <name who=PPZG>Miss&sp;Darcy</name>, though with

<lb n=P263.34>a diffidence which&H61 marked her little in&H4 the habit of giving

<lb n=P263.35>invitations, readily obeyed. <name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name> looked at her

<lb n=P263.36>niece, desirous of knowing how <hi r=Italic>she</hi>, whom&H61 the invitation

<lb n=P263.37>most concerned, felt disposed as to&H4 its acceptance, but

<lb n=P263.38><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> had turned away her head&H0;. Presuming, however,<pb n=P264>

<lb n=P264.1>that&H3 this studied avoidance spoke rather a momentary

<lb n=P264.2>embarrassment, than any dislike&H0 of the proposal, and

<lb n=P264.3>seeing in&H4 her husband, who&H61 was fond of society, a perfect&H2;

<lb n=P264.4>willingness to&H9 accept it, she ventured to&H9 engage for&H4 her

<lb n=P264.5>attendance, and the day after&H4 the next was fixed on&H5;.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P264.6><name who=PPI>Bingley</name> expressed great pleasure in&H4 the certainty of

<lb n=P264.7>seeing <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> again, having still&H5 a great deal&H0 to&H9 say

<lb n=P264.8>to&H4 her, and many enquiries to&H9 make&H1 after&H4 all their Hertfordshire

<lb n=P264.9>friends. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, construing all this into a wish&H0;

<lb n=P264.10>of hearing her speak of her sister, was pleased; and on&H4;

<lb n=P264.11>this account&H0;, as well&H5 as some others, found herself, when

<lb n=P264.12>their visitors left them, capable of considering the last&H2;

<lb n=P264.13>half&sp;hour with some satisfaction, though while&H3 it was

<lb n=P264.14>passing, the enjoyment of it had been little. Eager to&H9;

<lb n=P264.15>be alone, and fearful of enquiries or hints from her uncle

<lb n=P264.16>and aunt, she staid with them only long enough to&H9 hear

<lb n=P264.17>their favourable opinion of <name who=PPI>Bingley</name>, and then hurried

<lb n=P264.18>away to&H9 dress&H1;.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P264.19>But she had no&H2 reason&H0 to&H9 fear&H1 <name who=PPN>Mr&point;</name> and <name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>'s

<lb n=P264.20>curiosity; it was not their wish&H0 to&H9 force&H1 her communication.</q><q who=PPY type=indirect>

<lb n=P264.21>It was evident that&H3 she was much better acquainted

<lb n=P264.22>with <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> than they had before&H5 any idea

<lb n=P264.23>of; it was evident that&H3 he was very much in&H4 love&H0 with

<lb n=P264.24>her.</q><q who=PP0>They saw much to&H9 interest&H1;, but nothing to&H9 justify

<lb n=P264.25>enquiry.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P264.26>Of <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> it was now a matter of anxiety to&H9 think

<lb n=P264.27>well&H5;; and, as far as their acquaintance reached, there was

<lb n=P264.28>no&H2 fault to&H9 find. They could not be untouched by&H4 his

<lb n=P264.29>politeness, and had they drawn his character from their

<lb n=P264.30>own&H2 feelings, and his servant's report&H0;, without any reference

<lb n=P264.31>to&H4 any other account&H0;, the circle in&H4 Hertfordshire to&H4;

<lb n=P264.32>which&H61 he was known, would not have recognised it for&H4;

<lb n=P264.33><name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>. There was now an interest&H0;, however, in&H4;

<lb n=P264.34>believing the housekeeper; and they soon became sensible&H21;,

<lb n=P264.35>that&H3 the authority of a servant who&H61 had known him since

<lb n=P264.36>he was four years old, and whose&H61 own&H2 manners indicated

<lb n=P264.37>respectability, was not to&H9 be hastily rejected. Neither

<lb n=P264.38>had any&sp;thing occurred in&H4 the intelligence of their Lambton<pb n=P265>

<lb n=P265.1>friends, that&H61 could materially lessen its weight. They had

<lb n=P265.2>nothing to&H9 accuse him of but pride; pride he probably

<lb n=P265.3>had, and if not, it would certainly be imputed by&H4 the

<lb n=P265.4>inhabitants of a small market-town, where the family

<lb n=P265.5>did not visit&H1;. It was acknowledged, however, that&H3 he

<lb n=P265.6>was a liberal man, and did much good among the poor.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P265.7>With respect&H0 to&H4 <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>, the travellers soon found that&H3;

<lb n=P265.8>he was not held there in&H4 much estimation; for&H3 though

<lb n=P265.9>the chief of his concerns&H0;, with the son of his patron, were

<lb n=P265.10>imperfectly understood, it was yet a well&H5 known fact that&H3;,

<lb n=P265.11>on&H4 his quitting Derbyshire, he had left many debts behind

<lb n=P265.12>him, which&H61 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> afterwards discharged.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P265.13>As for&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, her thoughts were at Pemberley this

<lb n=P265.14>evening more than the last&H0;; and the evening, though as

<lb n=P265.15>it passed it seemed long, was not long enough to&H9 determine

<lb n=P265.16>her feelings towards <hi r=Italic>one</hi> in&H4 that&H62 mansion; and she

<lb n=P265.17>lay&H12 awake&H2 two whole&H2 hours, endeavouring to&H9 make&H1 them

<lb n=P265.18>out&H5;.</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>She certainly did not hate him. No&H7;; hatred had

<lb n=P265.19>vanished long ago, and she had almost as long been

<lb n=P265.20>ashamed of ever feeling a dislike&H0 against him, that&H61 could

<lb n=P265.21>be so&H52 called. The respect&H0 created by&H4 the conviction of

<lb n=P265.22>his valuable qualities, though at first unwillingly admitted,

<lb n=P265.23>had for&H4 some time ceased to&H9 be repugnant to&H4 her feelings;

<lb n=P265.24>and it was now heightened into somewhat of a friendlier

<lb n=P265.25>nature, by&H4 the testimony so&H51 highly in&H4 his favour&H0;, and

<lb n=P265.26>bringing forward&H5 his disposition in&H4 so&H51 amiable a light&H0;,

<lb n=P265.27>which&H61 yesterday had produced. But above&H4 all, above&H4;

<lb n=P265.28>respect&H0 and esteem&H0;, there was a motive within her of

<lb n=P265.29>good&sp;will which&H61 could not be overlooked. It was gratitude. &dash;

<lb n=P265.30>Gratitude, not merely for&H4 having once loved her,

<lb n=P265.31>but for&H4 loving her still&H5 well&H5 enough, to&H9 forgive all the

<lb n=P265.32>petulance and acrimony of her manner in&H4 rejecting him,

<lb n=P265.33>and all the unjust accusations accompanying her rejection.

<lb n=P265.34>He who&H61;, she had been persuaded, would avoid her as his

<lb n=P265.35>greatest enemy, seemed, on&H4 this accidental meeting, most

<lb n=P265.36>eager to&H9 preserve the acquaintance, and without any indelicate

<lb n=P265.37>display&H0 of regard&H0;, or any peculiarity of manner,

<lb n=P265.38>where their two selves only were concerned, was soliciting<pb n=P266>

<lb n=P266.1>the good opinion of her friends, and bent on&H4 making her

<lb n=P266.2>known to&H4 his sister. Such a change&H0 in&H4 a man of so&H51 much

<lb n=P266.3>pride, excited not only astonishment but gratitude &dash; for&H3;

<lb n=P266.4>to&H4 love&H0;, ardent love&H0;, it must be attributed; and as such

<lb n=P266.5>its impression on&H4 her was of a sort to&H9 be encouraged, as

<lb n=P266.6>by&H4 no&H2 means&H0 unpleasing, though it could not be exactly

<lb n=P266.7>defined.</q><q who=PP0>She respected, she esteemed, she was grateful

<lb n=P266.8>to&H4 him, she felt a real interest&H0 in&H4 his welfare; and she

<lb n=P266.9>only wanted to&H9 know how far she wished that&H62 welfare to&H9;

<lb n=P266.10>depend upon&H4 herself, and how far it would be for&H4 the

<lb n=P266.11>happiness of both that&H3 she should employ the power,

<lb n=P266.12>which&H61 her fancy&H0 told her she still&H5 possessed, of bringing

<lb n=P266.13>on&H5 the renewal of his addresses.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P266.14>It had been settled in&H4 the evening, between the aunt

<lb n=P266.15>and niece, that&H3 such a striking civility as <name who=PPZG>Miss&sp;Darcy</name>'s,

<lb n=P266.16>in&H4 coming to&H4 them on&H4 the very day of her arrival at

<lb n=P266.17>Pemberley, for&H3 she had reached it only to&H4 a late breakfast&H0;,

<lb n=P266.18>ought to&H9 be imitated, though it could not be equalled,

<lb n=P266.19>by&H4 some exertion of politeness on&H4 their side&H0;; and, consequently,

<lb n=P266.20>that&H3 it would be highly expedient&H2 to&H9 wait on&H4;

<lb n=P266.21>her at Pemberley the following morning. They were,

<lb n=P266.22>therefore, to&H9 go. &dash; <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was pleased, though, when she

<lb n=P266.23>asked herself the reason&H0;, she had very little to&H9 say in&H4 reply&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P266.24><name who=PPN>Mr&point;&sp;Gardiner</name> left them soon after&H4 breakfast&H0;. The fishing

<lb n=P266.25>scheme&H0 had been renewed the day before&H5;, and a positive

<lb n=P266.26>engagement made of his meeting some of the gentlemen at

<lb n=P266.27>Pemberley by&H4 noon.</q></p></div2>

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<lb n=P267.1><q who=pp0>Convinced as <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> now was that&H3 <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name>'s

<lb n=P267.2>dislike&H0 of her had originated in&H4 jealousy, she could not

<lb n=P267.3>help&H1 feeling how very unwelcome her appearance at

<lb n=P267.4>Pemberley must be to&H4 her, and was curious to&H9 know with

<lb n=P267.5>how much civility on&H4 that&H62 lady's side&H0;, the acquaintance

<lb n=P267.6>would now be renewed.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P267.7><q who=pp0>On&H4 reaching the house, they were shewn through&H4 the

<lb n=P267.8>hall into the saloon, whose&H61 northern aspect rendered it

<lb n=P267.9>delightful for&H4 summer. Its windows opening to&H4 the ground

<lb n=P267.10>admitted a most refreshing view&H0 of the high woody hills

<lb n=P267.11>behind the house, and of the beautiful oaks and Spanish

<lb n=P267.12>chesnuts which&H61 were scattered over the intermediate lawn.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P267.13><q who=pp0>In&H4 this room they were received by&H4 <name who=PPZG>Miss&sp;Darcy</name>, who&H61;

<lb n=P267.14>was sitting there with <name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Hurst</name> and <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name>, and

<lb n=P267.15>the lady with whom&H61 she lived in&H4 London. <name who=PPZG>Georgiana</name>'s

<lb n=P267.16>reception of them was very civil; but attended with all

<lb n=P267.17>that&H62 embarrassment which&H61;, though proceeding from shyness

<lb n=P267.18>and the fear&H0 of doing wrong, would easily give to&H4;

<lb n=P267.19>those who&H61 felt themselves inferior, the belief of her being&H1;

<lb n=P267.20>proud and reserved. <name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name> and her niece, however,

<lb n=P267.21>did her justice, and pitied her.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P267.22><q who=pp0>By&H4 <name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Hurst</name> and <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name>, they were noticed only

<lb n=P267.23>by&H4 a curtsey; and on&H4 their being&H1 seated, a pause&H0;, awkward

<lb n=P267.24>as such pauses must always be, succeeded for&H4 a few

<lb n=P267.25>moments. It was first broken by&H4 <name who=PPZA>Mrs&point;&sp;Annesley</name>, a genteel,

<lb n=P267.26>agreeable-looking woman, whose&H61 endeavour&H0 to&H9 introduce

<lb n=P267.27>some kind&H0 of discourse, proved her to&H9 be more truly well&sp;bred

<lb n=P267.28>than either of the others; and between her and

<lb n=P267.29><name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>, with occasional help&H0 from <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, the

<lb n=P267.30>conversation was carried on&H5;. <name who=PPZG>Miss&sp;Darcy</name> looked as if she

<lb n=P267.31>wished for&H4 courage enough to&H9 join in&H4 it; and sometimes

<lb n=P267.32>did venture a short sentence, when there was least danger

<lb n=P267.33>of its being&H1 heard.<pb n=P268></q></p><p>

<lb n=P268.1><q who=pp0><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> soon saw that&H3 she was herself closely watched

<lb n=P268.2>by&H4 <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name>, and that&H3 she could not speak a word,

<lb n=P268.3>especially to&H4 <name who=PPZG>Miss&sp;Darcy</name>, without calling her attention.

<lb n=P268.4>This observation would not have prevented her from

<lb n=P268.5>trying to&H9 talk&H1 to&H4 the latter, had they not been seated at

<lb n=P268.6>an inconvenient distance&H0;; but she was not sorry to&H9 be

<lb n=P268.7>spared the necessity of saying much. Her own&H2 thoughts

<lb n=P268.8>were employing her. She expected every moment that&H3;

<lb n=P268.9>some of the gentlemen would enter the room. She wished,

<lb n=P268.10>she feared that&H3 the master of the house might be amongst

<lb n=P268.11>them; and whether she wished or feared it most, she could

<lb n=P268.12>scarcely determine. After&H4 sitting in&H4 this manner a quarter&H01;

<lb n=P268.13>of an hour, without hearing <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name>'s voice, <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P268.14>was roused by&H4 receiving from her a cold&H2 enquiry after&H4 the

<lb n=P268.15>health of her family. She answered with equal&H2 indifference

<lb n=P268.16>and brevity, and the other said no&H2 more.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P268.17><q who=pp0>The next variation which&H61 their visit&H0 afforded was produced

<lb n=P268.18>by&H4 the entrance of servants with cold&H2 meat, cake,

<lb n=P268.19>and a variety of all the finest fruits in&H4 season; but this

<lb n=P268.20>did not take place&H0 till after&H3 many a significant look&H0 and

<lb n=P268.21>smile&H0 from <name who=PPZA>Mrs&point;&sp;Annesley</name> to&H4 <name who=PPZG>Miss&sp;Darcy</name> had been given,

<lb n=P268.22>to&H9 remind her of her post. There was now employment

<lb n=P268.23>for&H4 the whole&H2 party; for&H3 though they could not all talk&H1;,

<lb n=P268.24>they could all eat; and the beautiful pyramids of grapes,

<lb n=P268.25>nectarines, and peaches, soon collected them round&H4 the

<lb n=P268.26>table.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P268.27><q who=pp0>While&H4 thus engaged, <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> had a fair opportunity

<lb n=P268.28>of deciding whether she most feared or wished for&H4 the

<lb n=P268.29>appearance of <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>, by&H4 the feelings which&H61 prevailed

<lb n=P268.30>on&H4 his entering the room; and then, though but a moment

<lb n=P268.31>before&H5 she had believed her wishes&H0 to&H9 predominate, she

<lb n=P268.32>began to&H9 regret&H1 that&H3 he came.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P268.33><q who=pp0>He had been some time with <name who=PPN>Mr&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>, who&H61;, with

<lb n=P268.34>two or three other gentlemen from the house, was engaged

<lb n=P268.35>by&H4 the river, and had left him only on&H4 learning that&H3 the

<lb n=P268.36>ladies of the family intended a visit&H0 to&H4 <name who=PPZG>Georgiana</name> that&H62;

<lb n=P268.37>morning. No&H2 sooner did he appear, than <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> wisely

<lb n=P268.38>resolved to&H9 be perfectly easy and unembarrassed; &dash;<pb n=P269>

<lb n=P269.1>a resolution the more necessary to&H9 be made, but perhaps

<lb n=P269.2>not the more easily kept, because she saw that&H3 the suspicions

<lb n=P269.3>of the whole&H2 party were awakened against them,

<lb n=P269.4>and that&H3 there was scarcely an eye which&H61 did not watch&H1;

<lb n=P269.5>his behaviour when he first came into the room. In&H4 no&H2;

<lb n=P269.6>countenance was attentive curiosity so&H51 strongly marked

<lb n=P269.7>as in&H4 <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name>'s, in&H4 spite&H8 of the smiles which&H61 overspread

<lb n=P269.8>her face&H0 whenever she spoke to&H4 one of its objects&H0;; for&H3;

<lb n=P269.9>jealousy had not yet made her desperate, and her attentions

<lb n=P269.10>to&H4 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> were by&H4 no&H2 means&H0 over. <name who=PPZG>Miss&sp;Darcy</name>,

<lb n=P269.11>on&H4 her brother's entrance, exerted herself much more to&H9;

<lb n=P269.12>talk&H1;; and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> saw that&H3 he was anxious for&H4 his

<lb n=P269.13>sister and herself to&H9 get acquainted, and forwarded, as

<lb n=P269.14>much as possible, every attempt&H0 at conversation on&H4 either

<lb n=P269.15>side&H0;. <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name> saw all this likewise; and, in&H4 the

<lb n=P269.16>imprudence of anger&H0;, took the first opportunity of saying,

<lb n=P269.17>with sneering civility,</q><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P269.18>&dq;Pray, <name who=PPA>Miss&sp;Eliza</name>, are not the &sp;&sp;&sp;&sp;&sp;shire militia removed

<lb n=P269.19>from Meryton? They must be a great loss to&H4 <hi r=Italic>your</hi>

<lb n=P269.20>family.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P269.21>In&H4 <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>'s presence she dared not mention&H1 <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>'s

<lb n=P269.22>name&H0;; but <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> instantly comprehended that&H3 he was

<lb n=P269.23>uppermost in&H4 her thoughts; and the various recollections

<lb n=P269.24>connected with him gave her a moment's distress&H0;; but,

<lb n=P269.25>exerting herself vigorously to&H9 repel the ill-natured attack&H0;,

<lb n=P269.26>she presently answered the question&H0 in&H4 a tolerably disengaged

<lb n=P269.27>tone. While&H3 she spoke, an involuntary glance&H0;

<lb n=P269.28>shewed her <name who=PPB>Darcy</name> with an heightened complexion, earnestly

<lb n=P269.29>looking at her, and his sister overcome with confusion,

<lb n=P269.30>and unable to&H9 lift up&H5 her eyes. Had <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name> known

<lb n=P269.31>what pain&H0 she was then giving her beloved friend, she

<lb n=P269.32>undoubtedly would have refrained from the hint&H0;; but she

<lb n=P269.33>had merely intended to&H9 discompose <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, by&H4 bringing

<lb n=P269.34>forward&H5 the idea of a man to&H4 whom&H61 she believed her

<lb n=P269.35>partial, to&H9 make&H1 her betray a sensibility which&H61 might

<lb n=P269.36>injure her in&H4 <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>'s opinion, and perhaps to&H9 remind the

<lb n=P269.37>latter of all the follies and absurdities, by&H4 which&H61 some part&H0;

<lb n=P269.38>of her family were connected with that&H62 corps. Not a<pb n=P270>

<lb n=P270.1>syllable had ever reached her of <name who=PPZG>Miss&sp;Darcy</name>'s meditated

<lb n=P270.2>elopement. To&H4 no&H2 creature had it been revealed, where

<lb n=P270.3>secresy was possible, except to&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth;</name> and from all

<lb n=P270.4><name who=PPI>Bingley</name>'s connections her brother was particularly anxious

<lb n=P270.5>to&H9 conceal it, from that&H62 very wish&H0 which&H61 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> had

<lb n=P270.6>long ago attributed to&H4 him, of their becoming hereafter

<lb n=P270.7>her own&H2;. He had certainly formed such a plan, and

<lb n=P270.8>without meaning that&H3 it should affect his endeavour&H0 to&H9;

<lb n=P270.9>separate&H1 him from <name who=PPE>Miss&sp;Bennet</name>, it is probable that&H3 it

<lb n=P270.10>might add something to&H4 his lively concern&H0 for&H4 the welfare

<lb n=P270.11>of his friend.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P270.12><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>'s collected behaviour, however, soon quieted

<lb n=P270.13>his emotion; and as <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name>, vexed and disappointed,

<lb n=P270.14>dared not approach&H1 nearer to&H4 <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>, <name who=PPZG>Georgiana</name> also

<lb n=P270.15>recovered in&H4 time, though not enough to&H9 be able to&H9 speak

<lb n=P270.16>any more. Her brother, whose&H61 eye she feared to&H9 meet&H1;,

<lb n=P270.17>scarcely recollected her interest&H0 in&H4 the affair, and the very

<lb n=P270.18>circumstance which&H61 had been designed to&H9 turn&H1 his thoughts

<lb n=P270.19>from <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, seemed to&H9 have fixed them on&H4 her more,

<lb n=P270.20>and more cheerfully.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P270.21>Their visit&H0 did not continue long after&H4 the question&H0;

<lb n=P270.22>and answer&H0 above-mentioned; and while&H3 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> was

<lb n=P270.23>attending them to&H4 their carriage, <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name> was venting

<lb n=P270.24>her feelings in&H4 criticisms on&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>'s person, behaviour,

<lb n=P270.25>and dress&H0;. But <name who=PPZG>Georgiana</name> would not join her. Her

<lb n=P270.26>brother's recommendation was enough to&H9 ensure her

<lb n=P270.27>favour&H0;: his judgment could not err, and he had spoken

<lb n=P270.28>in&H4 such terms of <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, as to&H9 leave&H1 <name who=PPZG>Georgiana</name> without

<lb n=P270.29>the power of finding her otherwise than lovely and amiable.

<lb n=P270.30>When <name who=PPB>Darcy</name> returned to&H4 the saloon, <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name> could

<lb n=P270.31>not help&H1 repeating to&H4 him some part&H0 of what she had been

<lb n=P270.32>saying to&H4 his sister.</q></p><p><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P270.33>&dq;How very ill <name who=PPA>Eliza&sp;Bennet</name> looks&H1 this morning, <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P270.34>she cried;</q><q who=PPJ>&dq;I never in&H4 my life saw any&sp;one so&H51;

<lb n=P270.35>much altered as she is since the winter. She is grown

<lb n=P270.36>so&H51 brown and coarse! <name who=PPV>Louisa</name> and I were agreeing that&H3;

<lb n=P270.37>we should not have known her again.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P270.38>However little <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> might have liked such an<pb n=P271>

<lb n=P271.1>address&H0;, he contented himself with coolly replying, that&H3;</q><q who=PPB type=indirect>

<lb n=P271.2>he perceived no&H2 other alteration than her being&H1 rather

<lb n=P271.3>tanned, &dash; no&H2 miraculous consequence of travelling in&H4 the

<lb n=P271.4>summer.</q></p><p><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P271.5>&dq;For&H4 my own&H2 part&H0;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>she rejoined,</q><q who=PPJ>&dq;I must confess that&H3;

<lb n=P271.6>I never could see any beauty in&H4 her. Her face&H0 is too&H51 thin;

<lb n=P271.7>her complexion has no&H2 brilliancy; and her features are

<lb n=P271.8>not at all handsome. Her nose wants&H1 character; there is

<lb n=P271.9>nothing marked in&H4 its lines. Her teeth are tolerable, but

<lb n=P271.10>not out&H5 of the common&H2 way; and as for&H4 her eyes, which&H61;

<lb n=P271.11>have sometimes been called so&H51 fine, I never could perceive

<lb n=P271.12>any&sp;thing extraordinary in&H4 them. They have a sharp,

<lb n=P271.13>shrewish look&H0;, which&H61 I do not like&H1 at all; and in&H4 her

<lb n=P271.14>air altogether, there is a self-sufficiency without fashion&H0;,

<lb n=P271.15>which&H61 is intolerable.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P271.16>Persuaded as <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name> was that&H3 <name who=PPB>Darcy</name> admired

<lb n=P271.17><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, this was not the best method of recommending

<lb n=P271.18>herself; but angry people are not always wise; and in&H4;

<lb n=P271.19>seeing him at last&H0 look&H1 somewhat nettled, she had all

<lb n=P271.20>the success she expected. He was resolutely silent however;

<lb n=P271.21>and, from a determination of making him speak,

<lb n=P271.22>she continued,</q></p><p><q who=PPJ>

<lb n=P271.23>&dq;I remember, when we first knew her in&H4 Hertfordshire,

<lb n=P271.24>how amazed we all were to&H9 find that&H3 she was a reputed

<lb n=P271.25>beauty; and I particularly recollect your saying one

<lb n=P271.26>night, after&H3 they had been dining at Netherfield,</q><q who=PPB type=indirect>&onq;<hi r=Italic>She</hi>

<lb n=P271.27>a beauty! &dash; I should as soon call&H1 her mother a wit.&cnq;</q><q who=PPJ>But

<lb n=P271.28>afterwards she seemed to&H9 improve on&H4 you, and I believe

<lb n=P271.29>you thought&H1 her rather pretty&H2 at one time.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P271.30>&dq;Yes,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>, who&H61 could contain himself no&H2;

<lb n=P271.31>longer,</q><q who=PPB>&dq;but <hi r=Italic>that&H62;</hi> was only when I first knew her, for&H3 it is

<lb n=P271.32>many months since I have considered her as one of the

<lb n=P271.33>handsomest women of my acquaintance.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P271.34>He then went away, and <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name> was left to&H4 all

<lb n=P271.35>the satisfaction of having forced him to&H9 say what gave

<lb n=P271.36>no&sp;one any pain&H0 but herself.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P271.37><name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name> and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> talked of all that&H61 had

<lb n=P271.38>occurred, during their visit&H0;, as they returned, except what<pb n=P272>

<lb n=P272.1>had particularly interested them both. The looks&H0 and

<lb n=P272.2>behaviour of every&sp;body they had seen were discussed,

<lb n=P272.3>except of the person who&H61 had mostly engaged their attention.

<lb n=P272.4>They talked of his sister, his friends, his house, his

<lb n=P272.5>fruit, of every&sp;thing but himself; yet <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was

<lb n=P272.6>longing to&H9 know what <name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name> thought&H1 of him,

<lb n=P272.7>and <name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name> would have been highly gratified by&H4;

<lb n=P272.8>her niece's beginning the subject&H0;.</q></p></div2>

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<lb n=P273.1><q who=pp0><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> had been a good deal&H0 disappointed in&H4 not

<lb n=P273.2>finding a letter from <name who=PPE>Jane</name>, on&H4 their first arrival at Lambton;

<lb n=P273.3>and this disappointment had been renewed on&H4 each of

<lb n=P273.4>the mornings that&H61 had now been spent there; but on&H4 the

<lb n=P273.5>third, her repining was over, and her sister justified by&H4;

<lb n=P273.6>the receipt of two letters from her at once, on&H4 one of which&H61;

<lb n=P273.7>was marked that&H3 it had been missent elsewhere. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P273.8>was not surprised at it, as <name who=PPE>Jane</name> had written the direction

<lb n=P273.9>remarkably ill.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P273.10><q who=pp0>They had just&H5 been preparing to&H9 walk&H1 as the letters

<lb n=P273.11>came in&H5;; and her uncle and aunt, leaving her to&H9 enjoy

<lb n=P273.12>them in&H4 quiet&H0;, set&H1 off by&H4 themselves. The one missent

<lb n=P273.13>must be first attended to&H4;; it had been written five days

<lb n=P273.14>ago. The beginning contained an account&H0 of all their

<lb n=P273.15>little parties and engagements, with such news as the

<lb n=P273.16>country afforded; but the latter half, which&H61 was dated

<lb n=P273.17>a day later, and written in&H4 evident agitation, gave more

<lb n=P273.18>important intelligence. It was to&H4 this effect&H0;:</q><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P273.19>&dq;Since writing the above&H5;, dearest <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>, something has

<lb n=P273.20>occurred of a most unexpected and serious&H2 nature; but

<lb n=P273.21>I am afraid of alarming you &dash; be assured that&H3 we are all

<lb n=P273.22>well&H5;. What I have to&H9 say relates to&H4 poor <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>. An

<lb n=P273.23>express&H0 came at twelve last&H2 night, just&H5 as we were all gone

<lb n=P273.24>to&H4 bed, from <name who=PPZL>Colonel&sp;Forster</name>, to&H9 inform us that&H3 she was

<lb n=P273.25>gone off to&H4 Scotland with one of his officers; to&H9 own&H1 the

<lb n=P273.26>truth, with <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>! &dash; Imagine our surprise&H0;. To&H4 <name who=PPG>Kitty</name>,

<lb n=P273.27>however, it does not seem so&H51 wholly unexpected. I am

<lb n=P273.28>very, very sorry. So&H51 imprudent a match&H0 on&H4 both sides! &dash;

<lb n=P273.29>But I am willing to&H9 hope&H1 the best, and that&H3 his character

<lb n=P273.30>has been misunderstood. Thoughtless and indiscreet I can

<lb n=P273.31>easily believe him, but this step&H0 (and let us rejoice over it)

<lb n=P273.32>marks nothing bad at heart. His choice&H0 is disinterested

<lb n=P273.33>at least, for&H3 he must know my father can give her nothing.<pb n=P274>

<lb n=P274.1>Our poor mother is sadly grieved. My father bears it

<lb n=P274.2>better. How thankful am I, that&H3 we never let them know

<lb n=P274.3>what has been said against him; we must forget it ourselves.

<lb n=P274.4>They were off Saturday night about&H4 twelve, as

<lb n=P274.5>is conjectured, but were not missed till yesterday morning

<lb n=P274.6>at eight. The express&H0 was sent off directly. My dear&H21;

<lb n=P274.7><name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>, they must have passed within ten miles of us.

<lb n=P274.8><name who=PPZL>Colonel&sp;Forster</name> gives us reason&H0 to&H9 expect him here

<lb n=P274.9>soon. <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> left a few lines for&H4 his wife, informing

<lb n=P274.10>her of their intention. I must conclude, for&H3 I cannot be

<lb n=P274.11>long from my poor mother. I am afraid you will&H1 not

<lb n=P274.12>be able to&H9 make&H1 it out&H5;, but I hardly know what I have

<lb n=P274.13>written.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P274.14>Without allowing herself time for&H4 consideration, and

<lb n=P274.15>scarcely knowing what she felt, <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> on&H4 finishing this

<lb n=P274.16>letter, instantly seized the other, and opening it with the

<lb n=P274.17>utmost impatience, read as follows: it had been written

<lb n=P274.18>a day later than the conclusion of the first.</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P274.19>&dq;By&H4 this time, my dearest sister, you have received

<lb n=P274.20>my hurried letter; I wish&H1 this may&H1 be more intelligible,

<lb n=P274.21>but though not confined for&H4 time, my head&H0 is so&H51 bewildered

<lb n=P274.22>that&H3 I cannot answer&H1 for&H4 being&H1 coherent. Dearest <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>,

<lb n=P274.23>I hardly know what I would write, but I have bad news

<lb n=P274.24>for&H4 you, and it cannot be delayed. Imprudent as a marriage

<lb n=P274.25>between <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name> and our poor <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> would be, we

<lb n=P274.26>are now anxious to&H9 be assured it has taken place&H0;, for&H3;

<lb n=P274.27>there is but too&H51 much reason&H0 to&H9 fear&H1 they are not gone to&H4;

<lb n=P274.28>Scotland. <name who=PPZL>Colonel&sp;Forster</name> came yesterday, having left

<lb n=P274.29>Brighton the day before&H5;, not many hours after&H4 the express&H0;.

<lb n=P274.30>Though <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>'s short letter to&H4 <name who=PPZM>Mrs&point;&sp;F&point;</name> gave them to&H9 understand

<lb n=P274.31>that&H3 they were going to&H4 Gretna&sp;Green, something

<lb n=P274.32>was dropped by&H4 <name who=PPW>Denny</name> expressing his belief that&H3 <name who=PPP>W&point;</name> never

<lb n=P274.33>intended to&H9 go there, or to&H9 marry <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> at all, which&H61 was

<lb n=P274.34>repeated to&H4 <name who=PPZL>Colonel&sp;F&point;</name> who&H61 instantly taking the alarm&H0;,

<lb n=P274.35>set&H1 off from B&point; intending to&H9 trace their route. He did

<lb n=P274.36>trace them easily to&H4 Clapham, but no&H2 farther; for&H3 on&H4;

<lb n=P274.37>entering that&H62 place&H0 they removed into a hackney-coach

<lb n=P274.38>and dismissed the chaise that&H61 brought them from Epsom.<pb n=P275>

<lb n=P275.1>All that&H61 is known after&H4 this is, that&H3 they were seen to&H9;

<lb n=P275.2>continue the London road. I know not what to&H9 think.

<lb n=P275.3>After&H4 making every possible enquiry on&H4 that&H62 side&H0 London,

<lb n=P275.4><name who=PPZL>Colonel&sp;F&point;</name> came on&H5 into Hertfordshire, anxiously renewing

<lb n=P275.5>them at all the turnpikes, and at the inns in&H4 Barnet and

<lb n=P275.6>Hatfield, but without any success, no&H2 such people had

<lb n=P275.7>been seen to&H9 pass&H1 through&H5;. With the kindest concern&H0 he

<lb n=P275.8>came on&H5 to&H4 Longbourn, and broke his apprehensions to&H4 us

<lb n=P275.9>in&H4 a manner most creditable to&H4 his heart. I am sincerely

<lb n=P275.10>grieved for&H4 him and <name who=PPZM>Mrs&point;&sp;F&point;</name> but no&sp;one can throw&H1 any

<lb n=P275.11>blame&H0 on&H4 them. Our distress&H0;, my dear&H21 <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>, is very great.

<lb n=P275.12>My father and mother believe the worst, but I cannot

<lb n=P275.13>think so&H51 ill of him. Many circumstances might make&H1 it

<lb n=P275.14>more eligible for&H4 them to&H9 be married privately in&H4 town than

<lb n=P275.15>to&H9 pursue their first plan; and even&H5 if <hi r=Italic>he</hi> could form&H1 such

<lb n=P275.16>a design&H0 against a young woman of <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>'s connections,

<lb n=P275.17>which&H61 is not likely, can I suppose her so&H51 lost to&H4 every&sp;thing?

<lb n=P275.18>&dash; Impossible. I grieve to&H9 find, however, that&H3;

<lb n=P275.19><name who=PPZL>Colonel&sp;F&point;</name> is not disposed to&H9 depend upon&H4 their marriage;

<lb n=P275.20>he shook his head&H0 when I expressed my hopes&H0;, and said

<lb n=P275.21>he feared <name who=PPP>W&point;</name> was not a man to&H9 be trusted. My poor

<lb n=P275.22>mother is really ill and keeps her room. Could she exert

<lb n=P275.23>herself it would be better, but this is not to&H9 be expected;

<lb n=P275.24>and as to&H4 my father, I never in&H4 my life saw him so&H51 affected.

<lb n=P275.25>Poor <name who=PPG>Kitty</name> has anger&H0 for&H4 having concealed their attachment;

<lb n=P275.26>but as it was a matter of confidence one cannot

<lb n=P275.27>wonder&H1;. I am truly glad, dearest <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>, that&H3 you have

<lb n=P275.28>been spared something of these distressing scenes; but

<lb n=P275.29>now as the first shock&H0 is over, shall I own&H1 that&H3 I long for&H4;

<lb n=P275.30>your return&H0;? I am not so&H51 selfish, however, as to&H9 press&H1;

<lb n=P275.31>for&H4 it, if inconvenient. Adieu. I take up&H5 my pen again

<lb n=P275.32>to&H9 do, what I have just&H5 told you I would not, but circumstances

<lb n=P275.33>are such, that&H3 I cannot help&H1 earnestly begging

<lb n=P275.34>you all to&H9 come here, as soon as possible. I know my dear&H21;

<lb n=P275.35>uncle and aunt so&H51 well&H5;, that&H3 I am not afraid of requesting

<lb n=P275.36>it, though I have still&H5 something more to&H9 ask of the former.

<lb n=P275.37>My father is going to&H4 London with <name who=PPZL>Colonel&sp;Forster</name> instantly,

<lb n=P275.38>to&H9 try to&H9 discover her. What he means&H1 to&H9 do,<pb n=P276>

<lb n=P276.1>I am sure I know not; but his excessive distress&H0 will&H1 not

<lb n=P276.2>allow him to&H9 pursue any measure&H0 in&H4 the best and safest

<lb n=P276.3>way, and <name who=PPZL>Colonel&sp;Forster</name> is obliged to&H9 be at Brighton

<lb n=P276.4>again to-morrow evening. In&H4 such an exigence my uncle's

<lb n=P276.5>advice and assistance would be every&sp;thing in&H4 the world;

<lb n=P276.6>he will&H1 immediately comprehend what I must feel, and

<lb n=P276.7>I rely upon&H4 his goodness.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P276.8>&dq;Oh! where, where is my uncle?&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,

<lb n=P276.9>darting from her seat as she finished the letter, in&H4 eagerness

<lb n=P276.10>to&H9 follow him, without losing a moment of the time so&H51;

<lb n=P276.11>precious; but as she reached the door, it was opened by&H4;

<lb n=P276.12>a servant, and <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> appeared. Her pale face&H0 and

<lb n=P276.13>impetuous manner made him start&H1;, and before&H3 he could

<lb n=P276.14>recover himself enough to&H9 speak, she, in&H4 whose&H61 mind&H0 every

<lb n=P276.15>idea was superseded by&H4 <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>'s situation, hastily exclaimed,</q><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P276.16>&dq;I beg your pardon&H0;, but I must leave&H1 you. I must find

<lb n=P276.17><name who=PPN>Mr&point;&sp;Gardiner</name> this moment, on&H4 business that&H61 cannot be

<lb n=P276.18>delayed; I have not an instant&H0 to&H9 lose.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P276.19>&dq;Good God! what is the matter?&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried he, with

<lb n=P276.20>more feeling than politeness; then recollecting himself,</q><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P276.21>&dq;I will&H1 not detain you a minute&H0;, but let me, or let the

<lb n=P276.22>servant, go after&H4 <name who=PPN>Mr&point;</name> and <name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>. You are not well&H5;

<lb n=P276.23>enough; &dash; you cannot go yourself.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P276.24><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> hesitated, but her knees trembled under her,

<lb n=P276.25>and she felt how little would be gained by&H4 her attempting

<lb n=P276.26>to&H9 pursue them. Calling back&H5 the servant, therefore, she

<lb n=P276.27>commissioned him, though in&H4 so&H51 breathless an accent as

<lb n=P276.28>made her almost unintelligible, to&H9 fetch his master and

<lb n=P276.29>mistress home, instantly.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P276.30>On&H4 his quitting the room, she sat down&H5;, unable to&H9;

<lb n=P276.31>support&H1 herself, and looking so&H51 miserably ill, that&H3 it was

<lb n=P276.32>impossible for&H4 <name who=PPB>Darcy</name> to&H9 leave&H1 her, or to&H9 refrain from

<lb n=P276.33>saying, in&H4 a tone of gentleness and commiseration,</q><q who=PPB>&dq;Let

<lb n=P276.34>me call&H1 your maid. Is there nothing you could take, to&H9;

<lb n=P276.35>give you present&H2 relief? &dash; A glass of wine; &dash; shall I get

<lb n=P276.36>you one? &dash; You are very ill.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P276.37>&dq;No&H7;, I thank you;&dq;</q><q who=PP0>she replied, endeavouring to&H9;

<lb n=P276.38>recover herself.</q><q who=PPA>&dq;There is nothing the matter with me.<pb n=P277>

<lb n=P277.1>I am quite well&H5;. I am only distressed by&H4 some dreadful

<lb n=P277.2>news which&H61 I have just&H5 received from Longbourn.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P277.3>She burst&H1 into tears as she alluded to&H4 it, and for&H4 a few

<lb n=P277.4>minutes could not speak another word. <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>, in&H4 wretched

<lb n=P277.5>suspense, could only say something indistinctly of his

<lb n=P277.6>concern&H0;, and observe her in&H4 compassionate silence&H0;. At

<lb n=P277.7>length, she spoke again.</q><q who=PPA>&dq;I have just&H5 had a letter from

<lb n=P277.8><name who=PPE>Jane</name>, with such dreadful news. It cannot be concealed

<lb n=P277.9>from any&sp;one. My youngest sister has left all her friends &dash;

<lb n=P277.10>has eloped; &dash; has thrown herself into the power of &dash; of

<lb n=P277.11><name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name>. They are gone off together from Brighton.

<lb n=P277.12><hi r=Italic>You</hi> know him too&H51 well&H5 to&H9 doubt&H1 the rest&H01;. She has no&H2;

<lb n=P277.13>money, no&H2 connections, nothing that&H61 can tempt him to&H4 &dash;

<lb n=P277.14>she is lost for&sp;ever.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P277.15><name who=PPB>Darcy</name> was fixed in&H4 astonishment.</q><q who=PPA>&dq;When I consider,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P277.16>she added, in&H4 a yet more agitated voice,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;that&H3 <hi r=Italic>I</hi> might

<lb n=P277.17>have prevented it! &dash; <hi r=Italic>I</hi> who&H61 knew what he was. Had I but

<lb n=P277.18>explained some part&H0 of it only &dash; some part&H0 of what I learnt,

<lb n=P277.19>to&H4 my own&H2 family! Had his character been known, this

<lb n=P277.20>could not have happened. But it is all, all too&H51 late

<lb n=P277.21>now.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P277.22>&dq;I am grieved, indeed,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried <name who=PPB>Darcy;</name></q><q who=PPB>&dq;grieved &dash;

<lb n=P277.23>shocked. But is it certain, absolutely certain?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P277.24>&dq;Oh yes! &dash; They left Brighton together on&H4 Sunday

<lb n=P277.25>night, and were traced almost to&H4 London, but not beyond&H5;;

<lb n=P277.26>they are certainly not gone to&H4 Scotland.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P277.27>&dq;And what has been done, what has been attempted,

<lb n=P277.28>to&H9 recover her?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P277.29>&dq;My father is gone to&H4 London, and <name who=PPE>Jane</name> has written

<lb n=P277.30>to&H9 beg my uncle's immediate assistance, and we shall be

<lb n=P277.31>off, I hope&H1;, in&H4 half an hour. But nothing can be done;

<lb n=P277.32>I know very well&H5 that&H3 nothing can be done. How is such

<lb n=P277.33>a man to&H9 be worked on&H5;? How are they even&H5 to&H9 be discovered?

<lb n=P277.34>I have not the smallest hope&H0;. It is every way

<lb n=P277.35>horrible!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P277.36><name who=PPB>Darcy</name> shook his head&H0 in&H4 silent acquiesence.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P277.37>&dq;When <hi r=Italic>my</hi> eyes were opened to&H4 his real character. &dash;

<lb n=P277.38>Oh! had I known what I ought, what I dared, to&H9 do!<pb n=P278>

<lb n=P278.1>But I knew not &dash; I was afraid of doing too&H51 much.

<lb n=P278.2>Wretched, wretched, mistake&H0;!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P278.3><name who=PPB>Darcy</name> made no&H2 answer&H0;. He seemed scarcely to&H9 hear

<lb n=P278.4>her, and was walking up&H4 and down&H4 the room in&H4 earnest

<lb n=P278.5>meditation; his brow contracted, his air gloomy. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P278.6>soon observed, and instantly understood it.</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>Her power

<lb n=P278.7>was sinking; every&sp;thing <hi r=Italic>must</hi> sink under such a proof

<lb n=P278.8>of family weakness, such an assurance of the deepest

<lb n=P278.9>disgrace&H0;. She could neither wonder&H1 nor condemn, but the

<lb n=P278.10>belief of his self-conquest brought nothing consolatory to&H4;

<lb n=P278.11>her bosom, afforded no&H2 palliation of her distress&H0;. It was,

<lb n=P278.12>on&H4 the contrary, exactly calculated to&H9 make&H1 her understand

<lb n=P278.13>her own&H2 wishes&H0;; and never had she so&H51 honestly felt that&H3;

<lb n=P278.14>she could have loved him, as now, when all love&H0 must

<lb n=P278.15>be vain.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P278.16>But self, though it would intrude, could not engross

<lb n=P278.17>her.</q><q who=PPA type=indirect><name who=PPH>Lydia</name> &dash; the humiliation, the misery, she was bringing

<lb n=P278.18>on&H4 them all, soon swallowed up&H5 every private&H2 care&H0;;</q><q who=PP0>and

<lb n=P278.19>covering her face&H0 with her handkerchief, <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was

<lb n=P278.20>soon lost to&H4 every&sp;thing else; and, after&H4 a pause&H0 of several

<lb n=P278.21>minutes, was only recalled to&H4 a sense of her situation by&H4;

<lb n=P278.22>the voice of her companion, who&H61;, in&H4 a manner, which&H61;

<lb n=P278.23>though it spoke compassion, spoke likewise restraint, said,</q><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P278.24>&dq;I am afraid you have been long desiring my absence,

<lb n=P278.25>nor have I any&sp;thing to&H9 plead in&H4 excuse&H0 of my stay&H0;, but

<lb n=P278.26>real, though unavailing, concern&H0;. Would to&H4 heaven that&H3;

<lb n=P278.27>any&sp;thing could be either said or done on&H4 my part&H0;, that&H61;

<lb n=P278.28>might offer&H1 consolation to&H4 such distress&H0;. &dash; But I will&H1 not

<lb n=P278.29>torment&H1 you with vain wishes&H0;, which&H61 may&H1 seem purposely

<lb n=P278.30>to&H9 ask for&H4 your thanks. This unfortunate affair will&H1;,

<lb n=P278.31>I fear&H1;, prevent my sister's having the pleasure of seeing

<lb n=P278.32>you at Pemberley to&sp;day.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P278.33>&dq;Oh, yes. Be so&H51 kind&H2 as to&H9 apologize for&H4 us to&H4 <name who=PPZG>Miss&sp;Darcy</name>.

<lb n=P278.34>Say that&H3 urgent business calls&H1 us home immediately.

<lb n=P278.35>Conceal the unhappy truth as long as it is possible.

<lb n=P278.36>&dash; I know it cannot be long.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P278.37>He readily assured her of his secrecy &dash; again expressed

<lb n=P278.38>his sorrow for&H4 her distress&H0;, wished it a happier conclusion<pb n=P279>

<lb n=P279.1>than there was at present&H01 reason&H0 to&H9 hope&H1;, and leaving

<lb n=P279.2>his compliments for&H4 her relations, with only one serious&H2;,

<lb n=P279.3>parting, look&H0;, went away.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P279.4>As he quitted the room, <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> felt how improbable

<lb n=P279.5>it was that&H3 they should ever see each other again on&H4 such

<lb n=P279.6>terms of cordiality as had marked their several meetings

<lb n=P279.7>in&H4 Derbyshire; and as she threw a retrospective glance&H0;

<lb n=P279.8>over the whole&H0 of their acquaintance, so&H51 full of contradictions

<lb n=P279.9>and varieties, sighed at the perverseness of those

<lb n=P279.10>feelings which&H61 would now have promoted its continuance,

<lb n=P279.11>and would formerly have rejoiced in&H4 its termination.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P279.12>If gratitude and esteem&H0 are good foundations of affection,

<lb n=P279.13><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>'s change&H0 of sentiment will&H1 be neither

<lb n=P279.14>improbable nor faulty. But if otherwise, if the regard&H0;

<lb n=P279.15>springing from such sources is unreasonable or unnatural,

<lb n=P279.16>in&H4 comparison of what is so&H51 often described as arising on&H4;

<lb n=P279.17>a first interview with its object&H0;, and even&H5 before&H3 two

<lb n=P279.18>words have been exchanged, nothing can be said in&H4 her

<lb n=P279.19>defence, except that&H3 she had given somewhat of a trial

<lb n=P279.20>to&H4 the latter method, in&H4 her partiality for&H4 <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>, and

<lb n=P279.21>that&H3 its ill-success might perhaps authorise her to&H9 seek

<lb n=P279.22>the other less interesting mode of attachment. Be that&H62 as

<lb n=P279.23>it may&H1;, she saw him go with regret&H0;; and in&H4 this early

<lb n=P279.24>example of what <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>'s infamy must produce, found

<lb n=P279.25>additional anguish as she reflected on&H4 that&H62 wretched

<lb n=P279.26>business. Never, since reading <name who=PPE>Jane</name>'s second&H2 letter, had

<lb n=P279.27>she entertained a hope&H0 of <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>'s meaning to&H9 marry

<lb n=P279.28>her.</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>No&sp;one but <name who=PPE>Jane</name>,</q><q who=PP0>she thought&H1;,</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>could flatter herself

<lb n=P279.29>with such an expectation.</q><q who=PP0>Surprise&H0 was the least of her

<lb n=P279.30>feelings on&H4 this development. While&H3 the contents of the

<lb n=P279.31>first letter remained on&H4 her mind&H0;, she was all surprise&H0 &dash;

<lb n=P279.32>all astonishment that&H3 <name who=PPP>Wickham</name> should marry a girl, whom&H61;

<lb n=P279.33>it was impossible he could marry for&H4 money; and how

<lb n=P279.34><name who=PPH>Lydia</name> could ever have attached him, had appeared incomprehensible.</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>

<lb n=P279.35>But now it was all too&H51 natural&H2;. For&H4 such

<lb n=P279.36>an attachment as this, she might have sufficient charms;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P279.37>and though she did not suppose <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> to&H9 be deliberately

<lb n=P279.38>engaging in&H4 an elopement, without the intention of marriage,<pb n=P280>

<lb n=P280.1>she had no&H2 difficulty in&H4 believing that&H3 neither her

<lb n=P280.2>virtue nor her understanding would preserve her from

<lb n=P280.3>falling an easy prey.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P280.4>She had never perceived, while&H3 the regiment was in&H4;

<lb n=P280.5>Hertfordshire, that&H3 <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> had any partiality for&H4 him, but

<lb n=P280.6>she was convinced that&H3;</q><q who=PPA type=indirect><name who=PPH>Lydia</name> had wanted only encouragement

<lb n=P280.7>to&H9 attach herself to&H4 any&sp;body. Sometimes one

<lb n=P280.8>officer, sometimes another had been her favourite&H0;, as their

<lb n=P280.9>attentions raised them in&H4 her opinion. Her affections had

<lb n=P280.10>been continually fluctuating, but never without an object&H0;.

<lb n=P280.11>The mischief of neglect&H0 and mistaken indulgence towards

<lb n=P280.12>such a girl. &dash;</q><q who=PP0>Oh! how acutely did she now feel it.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P280.13>She was wild to&H9 be at home &dash; to&H9 hear, to&H9 see, to&H9 be

<lb n=P280.14>upon&H4 the spot, to&H9 share&H1 with <name who=PPE>Jane</name> in&H4 the cares&H0 that&H61 must

<lb n=P280.15>now fall&H1 wholly upon&H4 her, in&H4 a family so&H51 deranged; a father

<lb n=P280.16>absent, a mother incapable of exertion, and requiring

<lb n=P280.17>constant attendance; and though almost persuaded that&H3;

<lb n=P280.18>nothing could be done for&H4 <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>, her uncle's interference

<lb n=P280.19>seemed of the utmost importance, and till he entered the

<lb n=P280.20>room, the misery of her impatience was severe. <name who=PPN>Mr&point;</name> and

<lb n=P280.21><name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name> had hurried back&H5 in&H4 alarm&H0;, supposing, by&H4;

<lb n=P280.22>the servant's account&H0;, that&H3 their niece was taken suddenly

<lb n=P280.23>ill; &dash; but satisfying them instantly on&H4 that&H62 head&H0;, she

<lb n=P280.24>eagerly communicated the cause of their summons,

<lb n=P280.25>reading the two letters aloud, and dwelling on&H4 the postscript

<lb n=P280.26>of the last&H0;, with trembling energy. &dash; Though <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>

<lb n=P280.27>had never been a favourite&H0 with them, <name who=PPN>Mr&point;</name> and <name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>

<lb n=P280.28>could not but be deeply affected. Not <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>

<lb n=P280.29>only, but all were concerned in&H4 it; and after&H4 the first

<lb n=P280.30>exclamations of surprise&H0 and horror, <name who=PPN>Mr&point;&sp;Gardiner</name> readily

<lb n=P280.31>promised every assistance in&H4 his power. &dash; <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,

<lb n=P280.32>though expecting no&H2 less, thanked him with tears of

<lb n=P280.33>gratitude; and all three being&H1 actuated by&H4 one spirit,

<lb n=P280.34>every&sp;thing relating to&H4 their journey was speedily settled.

<lb n=P280.35>They were to&H9 be off as soon as possible.</q><q who=PPO>&dq;But what is

<lb n=P280.36>to&H9 be done about&H4 Pemberley?&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried <name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>.</q><q who=PPO>

<lb n=P280.37>&dq;<name who=PPZU>John</name> told us <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> was here when you sent for&H4;

<lb n=P280.38>us; &dash; was it so&H52;?&dq;<pb n=P281></q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P281.1>&dq;Yes; and I told him we should not be able to&H9 keep

<lb n=P281.2>our engagement. <hi r=Italic>That&H62;</hi> is all settled.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPO>

<lb n=P281.3>&dq;That&H62 is all settled;&dq;</q><q who=PP0>repeated the other, as she ran

<lb n=P281.4>into her room to&H9 prepare.</q><q who=PPO>&dq;And are they upon&H4 such

<lb n=P281.5>terms as for&H4 her to&H9 disclose the real truth! Oh, that&H62;

<lb n=P281.6>I knew how it was!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P281.7>But wishes&H0 were vain; or at best could serve only to&H9;

<lb n=P281.8>amuse her in&H4 the hurry&H0 and confusion of the following

<lb n=P281.9>hour. Had <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> been at leisure to&H9 be idle, she

<lb n=P281.10>would have remained certain that&H3 all employment was

<lb n=P281.11>impossible to&H4 one so&H51 wretched as herself; but she had

<lb n=P281.12>her share&H0 of business as well&H5 as her aunt, and amongst

<lb n=P281.13>the rest&H01 there were notes to&H9 be written to&H4 all their friends

<lb n=P281.14>in&H4 Lambton, with false excuses for&H4 their sudden&H2 departure.

<lb n=P281.15>An hour, however, saw the whole&H0 completed; and <name who=PPN>Mr&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>

<lb n=P281.16>meanwhile having settled his account&H0 at the inn,

<lb n=P281.17>nothing remained to&H9 be done but to&H9 go; and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,

<lb n=P281.18>after&H4 all the misery of the morning, found herself, in&H4;

<lb n=P281.19>a shorter space of time than she could have supposed,

<lb n=P281.20>seated in&H4 the carriage, and on&H4 the road to&H4 Longbourn.</q></p></div2>

<div2 type=chap n=05><p><pb n=P282><q who=PPN>

<lb n=P282.1>&dq;I have been thinking it over again, <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said

<lb n=P282.2>her uncle, as they drove from the town;</q><q who=PPN>&dq;and really,

<lb n=P282.3>upon&H4 serious&H2 consideration, I am much more inclined

<lb n=P282.4>than I was to&H9 judge&H1 as your eldest sister does of the matter.

<lb n=P282.5>It appears to&H4 me so&H51 very unlikely, that&H3 any young man

<lb n=P282.6>should form&H1 such a design&H0 against a girl who&H61 is by&H4 no&H2;

<lb n=P282.7>means&H0 unprotected or friendless, and who&H61 was actually

<lb n=P282.8>staying in&H4 his colonel's family, that&H3 I am strongly inclined

<lb n=P282.9>to&H9 hope&H1 the best. Could he expect that&H3 her friends would

<lb n=P282.10>not step&H1 forward&H5;? Could he expect to&H9 be noticed again

<lb n=P282.11>by&H4 the regiment, after&H4 such an affront to&H4 <name who=PPZL>Colonel&sp;Forster</name>?

<lb n=P282.12>His temptation is not adequate to&H4 the risk&H0;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P282.13>&dq;Do you really think so&H52;?&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, brightening

<lb n=P282.14>up&H5 for&H4 a moment.</q></p><p><q who=PPO>

<lb n=P282.15>&dq;Upon&H4 my word,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>,</q><q who=PPO>&dq;I begin to&H9 be

<lb n=P282.16>of your uncle's opinion. It is really too&H51 great a violation

<lb n=P282.17>of decency, honour&H0;, and interest&H0;, for&H4 him to&H9 be guilty of

<lb n=P282.18>it. I cannot think so&H51 very ill of <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>. Can you,

<lb n=P282.19>yourself, <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>, so&H51 wholly give him up&H5;, as to&H9 believe him

<lb n=P282.20>capable of it?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P282.21>&dq;Not perhaps of neglecting his own&H2 interest&H0;. But of

<lb n=P282.22>every other neglect&H0 I can believe him capable. If, indeed,

<lb n=P282.23>it should be so&H52;! But I dare&H12 not hope&H1 it. Why should

<lb n=P282.24>they not go on&H5 to&H4 Scotland, if that&H62 had been the case?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPN>

<lb n=P282.25>&dq;In&H4 the first place&H0;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied <name who=PPN>Mr&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>,</q><q who=PPN>&dq;there is

<lb n=P282.26>no&H2 absolute proof that&H3 they are not gone to&H4 Scotland.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P282.27>&dq;Oh! but their removing from the chaise into an

<lb n=P282.28>hackney coach is such a presumption! And, besides, no&H2;

<lb n=P282.29>traces of them were to&H9 be found on&H4 the Barnet road.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPN>

<lb n=P282.30>&dq;Well&H7;, then &dash; supposing them to&H9 be in&H4 London. They

<lb n=P282.31>may&H1 be there, though for&H4 the purpose of concealment,

<lb n=P282.32>for&H4 no&H2 more exceptionable purpose. It is not likely that&H3;

<lb n=P282.33>money should be very abundant on&H4 either side&H0;; and it<pb n=P283>

<lb n=P283.1>might strike them that&H3 they could be more economically,

<lb n=P283.2>though less expeditiously, married in&H4 London, than in&H4;

<lb n=P283.3>Scotland.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P283.4>&dq;But why all this secrecy? Why any fear&H0 of detection?

<lb n=P283.5>Why must their marriage be private&H2;? Oh! no&H7;, no&H7;, this

<lb n=P283.6>is not likely. His most particular friend, you see by&H4;

<lb n=P283.7><name who=PPE>Jane</name>'s account&H0;, was persuaded of his never intending to&H9;

<lb n=P283.8>marry her. <name who=PPP>Wickham</name> will&H1 never marry a woman without

<lb n=P283.9>some money. He cannot afford it. And what claims has

<lb n=P283.10><name who=PPH>Lydia</name>, what attractions has she beyond&H4 youth, health, and

<lb n=P283.11>good&sp;humour, that&H61 could make&H1 him for&H4 her sake, forego

<lb n=P283.12>every chance&H0 of benefiting himself by&H4 marrying well&H5;? As

<lb n=P283.13>to&H4 what restraint the apprehension of disgrace&H0 in&H4 the corps

<lb n=P283.14>might throw&H1 on&H4 a dishonourable elopement with her, I am

<lb n=P283.15>not able to&H9 judge&H1;; for&H3 I know nothing of the effects that&H61;

<lb n=P283.16>such a step&H0 might produce. But as to&H4 your other objection,

<lb n=P283.17>I am afraid it will&H1 hardly hold&H1 good. <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> has no&H2;

<lb n=P283.18>brothers to&H9 step&H1 forward&H5;; and he might imagine, from

<lb n=P283.19>my father's behaviour, from his indolence and the little

<lb n=P283.20>attention he has ever seemed to&H9 give to&H4 what was going

<lb n=P283.21>forward&H5 in&H4 his family, that&H3 <hi r=Italic>he</hi> would do as little, and

<lb n=P283.22>think as little about&H4 it, as any father could do, in&H4 such

<lb n=P283.23>a matter.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPN>

<lb n=P283.24>&dq;But can you think that&H3 <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> is so&H51 lost to&H4 every&sp;thing

<lb n=P283.25>but love&H0 of him, as to&H9 consent&H1 to&H9 live with him on&H4 any

<lb n=P283.26>other terms than marriage?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P283.27>&dq;It does seem, and it is most shocking indeed,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied

<lb n=P283.28><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, with tears in&H4 her eyes,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;that&H3 a sister's sense

<lb n=P283.29>of decency and virtue in&H4 such a point&H0 should admit of

<lb n=P283.30>doubt&H0;. But, really, I know not what to&H9 say. Perhaps

<lb n=P283.31>I am not doing her justice. But she is very young; she

<lb n=P283.32>has never been taught to&H9 think on&H4 serious&H2 subjects; and

<lb n=P283.33>for&H4 the last&H2 half&sp;year, nay, for&H4 a twelvemonth, she has

<lb n=P283.34>been given up&H5 to&H4 nothing but amusement and vanity.

<lb n=P283.35>She has been allowed to&H9 dispose of her time in&H4 the most

<lb n=P283.36>idle and frivolous manner, and to&H9 adopt any opinions

<lb n=P283.37>that&H61 came in&H4 her way. Since the &blank;shire were first

<lb n=P283.38>quartered in&H4 Meryton, nothing but love&H0;, flirtation, and<pb n=P284>

<lb n=P284.1>officers, have been in&H4 her head&H0;. She has been doing

<lb n=P284.2>every&sp;thing in&H4 her power by&H4 thinking and talking on&H4 the

<lb n=P284.3>subject&H0;, to&H9 give greater &dash; what shall I call&H1 it? susceptibility

<lb n=P284.4>to&H4 her feelings; which&H61 are naturally lively enough.

<lb n=P284.5>And we all know that&H3 <name who=PPP>Wickham</name> has every charm&H0 of

<lb n=P284.6>person and address&H0 that&H61 can captivate a woman.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPO>

<lb n=P284.7>&dq;But you see that&H3 <name who=PPE>Jane</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said her aunt,</q><q who=PPO>&dq;does not

<lb n=P284.8>think so&H51 ill of <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>, as to&H9 believe him capable of the

<lb n=P284.9>attempt&H0;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P284.10>&dq;Of whom&H62 does <name who=PPE>Jane</name> ever think ill? And who&H62 is there,

<lb n=P284.11>whatever might be their former conduct&H0;, that&H61 she would

<lb n=P284.12>believe capable of such an attempt&H0;, till it were proved

<lb n=P284.13>against them? But <name who=PPE>Jane</name> knows, as well&H5 as I do, what

<lb n=P284.14><name who=PPP>Wickham</name> really is. We both know that&H3 he has been

<lb n=P284.15>profligate in&H4 every sense of the word. That&H3 he has neither

<lb n=P284.16>integrity nor honour&H0;. That&H3 he is as false and deceitful,

<lb n=P284.17>as he is insinuating.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPO>

<lb n=P284.18>&dq;And do you really know all this?&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried <name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>,

<lb n=P284.19>whose&H61 curiosity as to&H4 the mode of her intelligence

<lb n=P284.20>was all alive.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P284.21>&dq;I do, indeed,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, colouring.</q><q who=PPA>&dq;I told

<lb n=P284.22>you the other day, of his infamous behaviour to&H4 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy;</name>

<lb n=P284.23>and you, yourself, when last&H2 at Longbourn, heard in&H4 what

<lb n=P284.24>manner he spoke of the man, who&H61 had behaved with such

<lb n=P284.25>forbearance and liberality towards him. And there are

<lb n=P284.26>other circumstances which&H61 I am not at liberty &dash; which&H61 it

<lb n=P284.27>is not worth&sp;while to&H9 relate; but his lies&H0 about&H4 the whole&H2;

<lb n=P284.28>Pemberley family are endless. From what he said of

<lb n=P284.29><name who=PPZG>Miss&sp;Darcy</name>, I was thoroughly prepared to&H9 see a proud,

<lb n=P284.30>reserved, disagreeable girl. Yet he knew to&H4 the contrary

<lb n=P284.31>himself. He must know that&H3 she was as amiable and

<lb n=P284.32>unpretending as we have found her.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPO>

<lb n=P284.33>&dq;But does <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> know nothing of this? Can she be

<lb n=P284.34>ignorant of what you and <name who=PPE>Jane</name> seem so&H51 well&H5 to&H9 understand?&dq;

<lb n=P284.35></q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P284.36>&dq;Oh, yes! &dash; that&H62;, that&H62 is the worst of all. Till I was

<lb n=P284.37>in&H4 Kent, and saw so&H51 much both of <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> and his

<lb n=P284.38>relation, <name who=PPM>Colonel&sp;Fitzwilliam</name>, I was ignorant of the truth<pb n=P285>

<lb n=P285.1>myself. And when I returned home, the &blank;shire was

<lb n=P285.2>to&H9 leave&H1 Meryton in&H4 a week or fortnight's time. As that&H62;

<lb n=P285.3>was the case, neither <name who=PPE>Jane</name>, to&H4 whom&H61 I related the whole&H0;,

<lb n=P285.4>nor I, thought&H1 it necessary to&H9 make&H1 our knowledge public&H2;;

<lb n=P285.5>for&H3 of what use&H0 could it apparently be to&H4 any&sp;one, that&H3;

<lb n=P285.6>the good opinion which&H61 all the neighbourhood had of

<lb n=P285.7>him, should then be overthrown? And even&H5 when it was

<lb n=P285.8>settled that&H3 <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> should go with <name who=PPZM>Mrs&point;&sp;Forster</name>, the necessity

<lb n=P285.9>of opening her eyes to&H4 his character never occurred

<lb n=P285.10>to&H4 me. That&H3 <hi r=Italic>she</hi> could be in&H4 any danger from the deception

<lb n=P285.11>never entered my head&H0;. That&H3 such a consequence as <hi r=Italic>this</hi>

<lb n=P285.12>should ensue, you may&H1 easily believe was far enough from

<lb n=P285.13>my thoughts.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPO>

<lb n=P285.14>&dq;When they all removed to&H4 Brighton, therefore, you

<lb n=P285.15>had no&H2 reason&H0;, I suppose, to&H9 believe them fond of each

<lb n=P285.16>other.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P285.17>&dq;Not the slightest. I can remember no&H2 symptom of

<lb n=P285.18>affection on&H4 either side&H0;; and had any&sp;thing of the kind&H0;

<lb n=P285.19>been perceptible, you must be aware that&H3 ours is not a

<lb n=P285.20>family, on&H4 which&H61 it could be thrown away. When first

<lb n=P285.21>he entered the corps, she was ready enough to&H9 admire

<lb n=P285.22>him; but so&H52 we all were. Every girl in&H4;, or near&H4 Meryton,

<lb n=P285.23>was out&H5 of her senses about&H4 him for&H4 the first two months;

<lb n=P285.24>but he never distinguished <hi r=Italic>her</hi> by&H4 any particular attention,

<lb n=P285.25>and, consequently, after&H4 a moderate period of extravagant

<lb n=P285.26>and wild admiration, her fancy&H0 for&H4 him gave way, and others

<lb n=P285.27>of the regiment, who&H61 treated her with more distinction,

<lb n=P285.28>again became her favourites.&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P285.29>&dash;~</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P285.30>It may&H1 be easily believed, that&H3 however little of novelty

<lb n=P285.31>could be added to&H4 their fears, hopes&H0;, and conjectures&H0;, on&H4;

<lb n=P285.32>this interesting subject&H0;, by&H4 its repeated discussion, no&H2;

<lb n=P285.33>other could detain them from it long, during the whole&H0;

<lb n=P285.34>of the journey. From <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>'s thoughts it was never

<lb n=P285.35>absent. Fixed there by&H4 the keenest of all anguish, self&sp;reproach,

<lb n=P285.36>she could find no&H2 interval of ease&H0 or forgetfulness.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P285.37>They travelled as expeditiously as possible; and sleeping<pb n=P286>

<lb n=P286.1>one night on&H4 the road, reached Longbourn by&H4 dinner-time

<lb n=P286.2>the next day. It was a comfort&H0 to&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> to&H9 consider

<lb n=P286.3>that&H3 <name who=PPE>Jane</name> could not have been wearied by&H4 long expectations.

<lb n=P286.4></q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P286.5>The little <name who=PPO1>Gardiners</name>, attracted by&H4 the sight of a chaise,

<lb n=P286.6>were standing on&H4 the steps of the house, as they entered

<lb n=P286.7>the paddock; and when the carriage drove up&H5 to&H4 the door,

<lb n=P286.8>the joyful surprise&H0 that&H61 lighted up&H5 their faces, and displayed

<lb n=P286.9>itself over their whole&H2 bodies, in&H4 a variety of capers

<lb n=P286.10>and frisks, was the first pleasing earnest of their welcome&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P286.11><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> jumped out&H5;; and, after&H4 giving each of them

<lb n=P286.12>an hasty kiss&H0;, hurried into the vestibule, where <name who=PPE>Jane</name>, who&H61;

<lb n=P286.13>came running down&sp;stairs from her mother's apartment,

<lb n=P286.14>immediately met her.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P286.15><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, as she affectionately embraced her, whilst

<lb n=P286.16>tears filled the eyes of both, lost not a moment in&H4 asking

<lb n=P286.17>whether any&sp;thing had been heard of the fugitives.</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P286.18>&dq;Not yet,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied <name who=PPE>Jane</name>.</q><q who=PPE>&dq;But now that&H3 my dear&H21;

<lb n=P286.19>uncle is come, I hope&H1 every&sp;thing will&H1 be well&H5;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P286.20>&dq;Is my father in&H4 town?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P286.21>&dq;Yes, he went on&H4 Tuesday as I wrote you word.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P286.22>&dq;And have you heard from him often?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P286.23>&dq;We have heard only once. He wrote me a few lines

<lb n=P286.24>on&H4 Wednesday, to&H9 say that&H3 he had arrived in&H4 safety, and

<lb n=P286.25>to&H9 give me his directions, which&H61 I particularly begged him

<lb n=P286.26>to&H9 do. He merely added, that&H3 he should not write again,

<lb n=P286.27>till he had something of importance to&H9 mention&H1;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P286.28>&dq;And my mother &dash; How is she? How are you all?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P286.29>&dq;My mother is tolerably well&H5;, I trust&H1;; though her

<lb n=P286.30>spirits are greatly shaken. She is up&sp;stairs, and will&H1 have

<lb n=P286.31>great satisfaction in&H4 seeing you all. She does not yet

<lb n=P286.32>leave&H1 her dressing-room. <name who=PPF>Mary</name> and <name who=PPG>Kitty</name>, thank Heaven!

<lb n=P286.33>are quite well&H5;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P286.34>&dq;But you &dash; How are you?&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>.</q><q who=PPA>&dq;You

<lb n=P286.35>look&H1 pale. How much you must have gone through&H5;!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P286.36>Her sister, however, assured her, of her being&H1 perfectly

<lb n=P286.37>well&H5;; and their conversation, which&H61 had been passing

<lb n=P286.38>while&H3 <name who=PPN>Mr&point;</name> and <name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name> were engaged with their<pb n=P287>

<lb n=P287.1>children, was now put an end&H0 to&H5;, by&H4 the approach&H0 of the

<lb n=P287.2>whole&H2 party. <name who=PPE>Jane</name> ran to&H4 her uncle and aunt, and welcomed

<lb n=P287.3>and thanked them both, with alternate smiles and

<lb n=P287.4>tears.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P287.5>When they were all in&H4 the drawing&sp;room, the questions

<lb n=P287.6>which&H61 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> had already asked, were of course&H8;

<lb n=P287.7>repeated by&H4 the others, and they soon found that&H3 <name who=PPE>Jane</name>

<lb n=P287.8>had no&H2 intelligence to&H9 give. The sanguine hope&H0 of good,

<lb n=P287.9>however, which&H61 the benevolence of her heart suggested,

<lb n=P287.10>had not yet deserted her; she still&H5 expected that&H3 it would

<lb n=P287.11>all end&H1 well&H5;, and that&H3 every morning would bring some

<lb n=P287.12>letter, either from <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> or her father, to&H9 explain their

<lb n=P287.13>proceedings, and perhaps announce the marriage.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P287.14><name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>, to&H4 whose&H61 apartment they all repaired,

<lb n=P287.15>after&H4 a few minutes conversation together, received them

<lb n=P287.16>exactly as might be expected; with tears and lamentations

<lb n=P287.17>of regret&H0;, invectives against the villanous conduct&H0;

<lb n=P287.18>of <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>, and complaints of her own&H2 sufferings and

<lb n=P287.19>ill&sp;usage; blaming every&sp;body but the person to&H4 whose&H61;

<lb n=P287.20>ill&sp;judging indulgence the errors of her daughter must be

<lb n=P287.21>principally owing.</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P287.22>&dq;If I had been able,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said she,</q><q who=PPD>&dq;to&H9 carry my point&H0 of

<lb n=P287.23>going to&H4 Brighton, with all my family, <hi r=Italic>this</hi> would not

<lb n=P287.24>have happened; but poor dear&H21 <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> had nobody to&H9;

<lb n=P287.25>take care&H0 of her. Why did the <name who=PPZL>Forsters</name> ever let her go

<lb n=P287.26>out&H5 of their sight? I am sure there was some great

<lb n=P287.27>neglect&H0 or other on&H4 their side&H0;, for&H3 she is not the kind&H0 of

<lb n=P287.28>girl to&H9 do such a thing, if she had been well&H5 looked after&H5;.

<lb n=P287.29>I always thought&H1 they were very unfit to&H9 have the charge&H0;

<lb n=P287.30>of her; but I was over-ruled, as I always am. Poor

<lb n=P287.31>dear&H21 child! And now here's <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name> gone away, and

<lb n=P287.32>I know he will&H1 fight <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>, wherever he meets him,

<lb n=P287.33>and then he will&H1 be killed, and what is to&H9 become of us all?The <name who=PPK1>Collinses</name> will&H1 turn&H1 us out&H5;, before&H3 he is cold&H2 in&H4 his

<lb n=P287.34>grave&H0;; and if you are not kind&H2 to&H4 us, brother, I do not

<lb n=P287.35>know what we shall do.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P287.36>They all exclaimed against such terrific ideas; and

<lb n=P287.37><name who=PPN>Mr&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>, after&H4 general&H2 assurances of his affection for&H4;<pb n=P288>

<lb n=P288.1>her and all her family, told her that&H3;</q><q who=PPN type=indirect>he meant to&H9 be in&H4;

<lb n=P288.2>London the very next day, and would assist <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name>

<lb n=P288.3>in&H4 every endeavour&H0 for&H4 recovering <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>.</q></p><p><q who=PPN>

<lb n=P288.4>&dq;Do not give way to&H4 useless alarm&H0;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>added he,</q><q who=PPN>&dq;though

<lb n=P288.5>it is right&H21 to&H9 be prepared for&H4 the worst, there is no&H2 occasion&H0;

<lb n=P288.6>to&H9 look&H1 on&H4 it as certain. It is not quite a week since they

<lb n=P288.7>left Brighton. In&H4 a few days more, we may&H1 gain&H1 some

<lb n=P288.8>news of them, and till we know that&H3 they are not married,

<lb n=P288.9>and have no&H2 design&H0 of marrying, do not let us give the

<lb n=P288.10>matter over as lost. As soon as I get to&H4 town, I shall

<lb n=P288.11>go to&H4 my brother, and make&H1 him come home with me to&H4;

<lb n=P288.12>Gracechurch&sp;Street, and then we may&H1 consult together as

<lb n=P288.13>to&H4 what is to&H9 be done.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P288.14>&dq;Oh! my dear&H21 brother,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>,</q><q who=PPD>&dq;that&H62;

<lb n=P288.15>is exactly what I could most wish&H1 for&H4;. And now do,

<lb n=P288.16>when you get to&H4 town, find them out&H5;, wherever they may&H1;

<lb n=P288.17>be; and if they are not married already, <hi r=Italic>make&H1;</hi> them

<lb n=P288.18>marry. And as for&H4 wedding&sp;clothes, do not let them wait

<lb n=P288.19>for&H4 that&H62;, but tell <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> she shall have as much money

<lb n=P288.20>as she chuses, to&H9 buy them, after&H3 they are married. And,

<lb n=P288.21>above&H4 all things, keep <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name> from fighting. Tell

<lb n=P288.22>him what a dreadful state&H0 I am in&H4;, &dash; that&H3 I am frightened

<lb n=P288.23>out&H5 of my wits; and have such tremblings, such flutterings,

<lb n=P288.24>all over me, such spasms in&H4 my side&H0;, and pains in&H4;

<lb n=P288.25>my head&H0;, and such beatings at heart, that&H3 I can get no&H2;

<lb n=P288.26>rest&H02 by&H4 night nor by&H4 day. And tell my dear&H21 <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>, not

<lb n=P288.27>to&H9 give any directions about&H4 her clothes, till she has seen

<lb n=P288.28>me, for&H3 she does not know which&H61 are the best warehouses.

<lb n=P288.29>Oh, brother, how kind&H2 you are! I know you will&H1 contrive

<lb n=P288.30>it all.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P288.31>But <name who=PPN>Mr&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>, though he assured her again of his

<lb n=P288.32>earnest endeavours&H0 in&H4 the cause, could not avoid recommending

<lb n=P288.33>moderation to&H4 her, as well&H5 in&H4 her hopes&H0 as her

<lb n=P288.34>fears; and, after&H4 talking with her in&H4 this manner till

<lb n=P288.35>dinner was on&H4 table, they left her to&H9 vent all her feelings

<lb n=P288.36>on&H4 the housekeeper, who&H61 attended, in&H4 the absence of her

<lb n=P288.37>daughters.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P288.38>Though her brother and sister were persuaded that&H3;<pb n=P289>

<lb n=P289.1>there was no&H2 real occasion&H0 for&H4 such a seclusion from the

<lb n=P289.2>family, they did not attempt&H1 to&H9 oppose it, for&H3 they knew

<lb n=P289.3>that&H3 she had not prudence enough to&H9 hold&H1 her tongue

<lb n=P289.4>before&H4 the servants, while&H3 they waited at table, and

<lb n=P289.5>judged it better that&H3 <hi r=Italic>one</hi> only of the household, and the

<lb n=P289.6>one whom&H61 they could most trust&H1;, should comprehend all

<lb n=P289.7>her fears and solicitude on&H4 the subject&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P289.8>In&H4 the dining-room they were soon joined by&H4 <name who=PPF>Mary</name> and

<lb n=P289.9><name who=PPG>Kitty</name>, who&H61 had been too&H51 busily engaged in&H4 their separate&H2;

<lb n=P289.10>apartments, to&H9 make&H1 their appearance before&H5;. One came

<lb n=P289.11>from her books, and the other from her toilette. The

<lb n=P289.12>faces of both, however, were tolerably calm&H2;; and no&H2;

<lb n=P289.13>change&H0 was visible in&H4 either, except that&H3 the loss of her

<lb n=P289.14>favourite&H2 sister, or the anger&H0 which&H61 she had herself incurred

<lb n=P289.15>in&H4 the business, had given something more of fretfulness

<lb n=P289.16>than usual, to&H4 the accents of <name who=PPG>Kitty</name>. As for&H4 <name who=PPF>Mary</name>, she was

<lb n=P289.17>mistress enough of herself to&H9 whisper&H1 to&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> with

<lb n=P289.18>a countenance of grave&H2 reflection, soon after&H3 they were

<lb n=P289.19>seated at table,</q></p><p><q who=PPF>

<lb n=P289.20>&dq;This is a most unfortunate affair; and will&H1 probably

<lb n=P289.21>be much talked of. But we must stem the tide of malice,

<lb n=P289.22>and pour into the wounded bosoms of each other, the

<lb n=P289.23>balm of sisterly consolation.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P289.24>Then, perceiving in&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> no&H2 inclination of replying,

<lb n=P289.25>she added,</q><q who=PPF>&dq;Unhappy as the event must be for&H4 <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>,

<lb n=P289.26>we may&H1 draw from it this useful lesson; that&H3 loss of

<lb n=P289.27>virtue in&H4 a female&H0 is irretrievable &dash; that&H3 one false step&H0;

<lb n=P289.28>involves her in&H4 endless ruin&H0 &dash; that&H3 her reputation is no&H2;

<lb n=P289.29>less brittle than it is beautiful, &dash; and that&H3 she cannot be

<lb n=P289.30>too&H51 much guarded in&H4 her behaviour towards the undeserving

<lb n=P289.31>of the other sex.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P289.32><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> lifted up&H5 her eyes in&H4 amazement, but was too&H51;

<lb n=P289.33>much oppressed to&H9 make&H1 any reply&H0;. <name who=PPF>Mary</name>, however,

<lb n=P289.34>continued to&H9 console herself with such kind&H0 of moral

<lb n=P289.35>extractions from the evil before&H4 them.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P289.36>In&H4 the afternoon, the two elder <name who=PPE1>Miss&sp;Bennets</name> were able

<lb n=P289.37>to&H9 be for&H4 half an hour by&H4 themselves; and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P289.38>instantly availed herself of the opportunity of making many<pb n=P290>

<lb n=P290.1>enquiries, which&H61 <name who=PPE>Jane</name> was equally eager to&H9 satisfy. After&H4;

<lb n=P290.2>joining in&H4 general&H2 lamentations over the dreadful sequel

<lb n=P290.3>of this event, which&H61 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> considered as all but

<lb n=P290.4>certain, and <name who=PPE>Miss&sp;Bennet</name> could not assert to&H9 be wholly

<lb n=P290.5>impossible; the former continued the subject&H0;, by&H4 saying,</q><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P290.6>&dq;But tell me all and every&sp;thing about&H4 it, which&H61 I have

<lb n=P290.7>not already heard. Give me farther particulars. What

<lb n=P290.8>did <name who=PPZL>Colonel&sp;Forster</name> say? Had they no&H2 apprehension of

<lb n=P290.9>any&sp;thing before&H3 the elopement took place&H0;? They must

<lb n=P290.10>have seen them together for&sp;ever.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P290.11>&dq;<name who=PPZL>Colonel&sp;Forster</name> did own&H1 that&H3 he had often suspected

<lb n=P290.12>some partiality, especially on&H4 <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>'s side&H0;, but nothing

<lb n=P290.13>to&H9 give him any alarm&H0;. I am so&H51 grieved for&H4 him. His

<lb n=P290.14>behaviour was attentive and kind&H2 to&H4 the utmost. He <hi r=Italic>was</hi>

<lb n=P290.15>coming to&H4 us, in&H4 order to&H9 assure us of his concern&H0;, before&H3 he

<lb n=P290.16>had any idea of their not being&H1 gone to&H4 Scotland: when

<lb n=P290.17>that&H62 apprehension first got abroad, it hastened his journey.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P290.18>&dq;And was <name who=PPW>Denny</name> convinced that&H3 <name who=PPP>Wickham</name> would not

<lb n=P290.19>marry? Did he know of their intending to&H9 go off? Had

<lb n=P290.20><name who=PPZL>Colonel&sp;Forster</name> seen <name who=PPW>Denny</name> himself?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P290.21>&dq;Yes; but when questioned by&H4 <hi r=Italic>him</hi> <name who=PPW>Denny</name> denied

<lb n=P290.22>knowing any&sp;thing of their plan, and would not give his

<lb n=P290.23>real opinion about&H4 it. He did not repeat his persuasion

<lb n=P290.24>of their not marrying &dash; and from <hi r=Italic>that&H62;</hi>, I am inclined to&H9;

<lb n=P290.25>hope&H1;, he might have been misunderstood before&H5;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P290.26>&dq;And till <name who=PPZL>Colonel&sp;Forster</name> came himself, not one of you

<lb n=P290.27>entertained a doubt&H0;, I suppose, of their being&H1 really

<lb n=P290.28>married?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P290.29>&dq;How was it possible that&H3 such an idea should enter

<lb n=P290.30>our brains! I felt a little uneasy &dash; a little fearful of my

<lb n=P290.31>sister's happiness with him in&H4 marriage, because I knew

<lb n=P290.32>that&H3 his conduct&H0 had not been always quite right&H21;. My

<lb n=P290.33>father and mother knew nothing of that&H62;, they only felt

<lb n=P290.34>how imprudent a match&H0 it must be. <name who=PPG>Kitty</name> then owned,

<lb n=P290.35>with a very natural&H2 triumph&H0 on&H4 knowing more than the

<lb n=P290.36>rest&H01 of us, that&H3 in&H4 <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>'s last&H0 letter, she had prepared

<lb n=P290.37>her for&H4 such a step&H0;. She had known, it seems, of their

<lb n=P290.38>being&H1 in&H4 love&H0 with each other, many weeks.&dq;<pb n=P291></q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P291.1>&dq;But not before&H3 they went to&H4 Brighton?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P291.2>&dq;No&H7;, I believe not.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P291.3>&dq;And did <name who=PPZL>Colonel&sp;Forster</name> appear to&H9 think ill of <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>

<lb n=P291.4>himself? Does he know his real character?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P291.5>&dq;I must confess that&H3 he did not speak so&H51 well&H5 of <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>

<lb n=P291.6>as he formerly did. He believed him to&H9 be imprudent

<lb n=P291.7>and extravagant. And since this sad affair has taken

<lb n=P291.8>place&H0;, it is said, that&H3 he left Meryton greatly in&H4 debt; but

<lb n=P291.9>I hope&H1 this may&H1 be false.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P291.10>&dq;Oh, <name who=PPE>Jane</name>, had we been less secret&H2;, had we told what

<lb n=P291.11>we knew of him, this could not have happened!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P291.12>&dq;Perhaps it would have been better;&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied her

<lb n=P291.13>sister.</q><q who=PPE>&dq;But to&H9 expose the former faults of any person,

<lb n=P291.14>without knowing what their present&H2 feelings were, seemed

<lb n=P291.15>unjustifiable. We acted with the best intentions.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P291.16>&dq;Could <name who=PPZL>Colonel&sp;Forster</name> repeat the particulars of <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>'s

<lb n=P291.17>note&H0 to&H4 his wife?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P291.18>&dq;He brought it with him for&H4 us to&H9 see.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P291.19><name who=PPE>Jane</name> then took it from her pocket-book, and gave it

<lb n=P291.20>to&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>. These were the contents:

<lb n=P291.21></q><q who=PPH>

<lb n=P291.22>&dq;MY DEAR&H21 <name who=PPZM>HARRIET</name>,</q></p><p><q who=PPH>

<lb n=P291.23>&dq;You will&H1 laugh&H1 when you know where I am gone,

<lb n=P291.24>and I cannot help&H1 laughing myself at your surprise&H0 to-morrow

<lb n=P291.25>morning, as soon as I am missed. I am going to&H4;

<lb n=P291.26>Gretna&sp;Green, and if you cannot guess&H1 with who&H61;, I shall

<lb n=P291.27>think you a simpleton, for&H3 there is but one man in&H4 the

<lb n=P291.28>world I love&H1;, and he is an angel. I should never be happy

<lb n=P291.29>without him, so&H3 think it no&H2 harm&H0 to&H9 be off. You need&H1;

<lb n=P291.30>not send them word at Longbourn of my going, if you

<lb n=P291.31>do not like&H1 it, for&H3 it will&H1 make&H1 the surprise&H0 the greater,

<lb n=P291.32>when I write to&H4 them, and sign my name&H0 <name who=PPH>Lydia&sp;Wickham</name>.

<lb n=P291.33>What a good joke it will&H1 be! I can hardly write for&H4;

<lb n=P291.34>laughing. Pray make&H1 my excuses to&H4 <name who=PPZZI>Pratt</name>, for&H4 not keeping

<lb n=P291.35>my engagement, and dancing with him to&sp;night. Tell

<lb n=P291.36>him I hope&H1 he will&H1 excuse&H1 me when he knows all, and tell

<lb n=P291.37>him I will&H1 dance&H1 with him at the next ball&H02 we meet&H1;, with

<lb n=P291.38>great pleasure. I shall send for&H4 my clothes when I get<pb n=P292>

<lb n=P292.1>to&H4 Longbourn; but I wish&H1 you would tell <name who=PPZZL>Sally</name> to&H9 mend

<lb n=P292.2>a great slit in&H4 my worked muslin gown, before&H3 they are

<lb n=P292.3>packed up&H5;. Good&sp;bye. Give my love&H0 to&H4 <name who=PPZL>Colonel&sp;Forster</name>,

<lb n=P292.4>I hope&H1 you will&H1 drink to&H4 our good journey.

<lb n=P292.5>&dq;Your affectionate friend,

<lb n=P292.6>&dq;<name who=PPH>LYDIA&sp;BENNET</name>.&dq;

<lb n=P292.7></q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P292.8>&dq;Oh! thoughtless, thoughtless <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>!&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P292.9>when she had finished it.</q><q who=PPA>&dq;What a letter is this,

<lb n=P292.10>to&H9 be written at such a moment. But at least it shews,

<lb n=P292.11>that&H3 <hi r=Italic>she</hi> was serious&H2 in&H4 the object&H0 of her journey. Whatever

<lb n=P292.12>he might afterwards persuade her to&H4;, it was not on&H4 her

<lb n=P292.13>side&H0 a <hi r=Italic>scheme&H0;</hi> of infamy. My poor father! how he must

<lb n=P292.14>have felt it!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P292.15>&dq;I never saw any&sp;one so&H51 shocked. He could not speak

<lb n=P292.16>a word for&H4 full ten minutes. My mother was taken ill

<lb n=P292.17>immediately, and the whole&H2 house in&H4 such confusion!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P292.18>&dq;Oh! <name who=PPE>Jane</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;was there a servant

<lb n=P292.19>belonging to&H4 it, who&H61 did not know the whole&H2 story before&H4;

<lb n=P292.20>the end&H0 of the day?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P292.21>&dq;I do not know. &dash; I hope&H1 there was. &dash; But to&H9 be guarded

<lb n=P292.22>at such a time, is very difficult. My mother was in&H4;

<lb n=P292.23>hysterics, and though I endeavoured to&H9 give her every

<lb n=P292.24>assistance in&H4 my power, I am afraid I did not do so&H51 much

<lb n=P292.25>as I might have done! But the horror of what might

<lb n=P292.26>possibly happen, almost took from me my faculties.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P292.27>&dq;Your attendance upon&H4 her, has been too&H51 much for&H4;

<lb n=P292.28>you. You do not look&H1 well&H5;. Oh! that&H3 I had been with

<lb n=P292.29>you, you have had every care&H0 and anxiety upon&H4 yourself

<lb n=P292.30>alone.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P292.31>&dq;<name who=PPF>Mary</name> and <name who=PPG>Kitty</name> have been very kind&H2;, and would

<lb n=P292.32>have shared in&H4 every fatigue&H0;, I am sure, but I did not

<lb n=P292.33>think it right&H21 for&H4 either of them. <name who=PPG>Kitty</name> is slight&H2 and

<lb n=P292.34>delicate, and <name who=PPF>Mary</name> studies so&H51 much, that&H3 her hours of

<lb n=P292.35>repose should not be broken in&H5 on&H5;. My aunt <name who=PPV>Phillips</name>

<lb n=P292.36>came to&H4 Longbourn on&H4 Tuesday, after&H3 my father went

<lb n=P292.37>away; and was so&H51 good as to&H9 stay&H1 till Thursday with me.

<lb n=P292.38>She was of great use&H0 and comfort&H0 to&H4 us all, and <name who=PPV>lady&sp;Lucas</name><pb n=P293>

<lb n=P293.1>has been very kind&H2;; she walked here on&H4 Wednesday

<lb n=P293.2>morning to&H9 condole with us, and offered her services,

<lb n=P293.3>or any of her daughters, if they could be of use&H0 to&H4 us.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P293.4>&dq;She had better have stayed at home,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried <name who=PPA>Elizabeth;</name></q><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P293.5>&dq;perhaps she <hi r=Italic>meant</hi> well&H5;, but, under such a misfortune

<lb n=P293.6>as this, one cannot see too&H51 little of one's neighbours.

<lb n=P293.7>Assistance is impossible; condolence, insufferable. Let

<lb n=P293.8>them triumph&H1 over us at a distance&H0;, and be satisfied.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P293.9>She then proceeded to&H9 enquire into the measures which&H61;

<lb n=P293.10>her father had intended to&H9 pursue, while&H4 in&H4 town, for&H4;

<lb n=P293.11>the recovery of his daughter.</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P293.12>&dq;He meant, I believe,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied <name who=PPE>Jane</name>,</q><q who=PPE>&dq;to&H9 go to&H4 Epsom,

<lb n=P293.13>the place&H0 where they last&H2 changed horses, see the postilions,

<lb n=P293.14>and try if any&sp;thing could be made out&H5 from them. His

<lb n=P293.15>principal&H2 object&H0 must be, to&H9 discover the number of the

<lb n=P293.16>hackney&sp;coach which&H61 took them from Clapham. It had

<lb n=P293.17>come with a fare&H0 from London; and as he thought&H1 the

<lb n=P293.18>circumstance of a gentleman and lady's removing from

<lb n=P293.19>one carriage into another, might be remarked, he meant

<lb n=P293.20>to&H9 make&H1 enquiries at Clapham. If he could any&sp;how discover

<lb n=P293.21>at what house the coachman had before&H5 set&H1 down&H5;

<lb n=P293.22>his fare&H0;, he determined to&H9 make&H1 enquiries there, and hoped

<lb n=P293.23>it might not be impossible to&H9 find out&H5 the stand&H0 and number

<lb n=P293.24>of the coach. I do not know of any other designs that&H61;

<lb n=P293.25>he had formed: but he was in&H4 such a hurry&H0 to&H9 be gone,

<lb n=P293.26>and his spirits so&H51 greatly discomposed, that&H3 I had difficulty

<lb n=P293.27>in&H4 finding out&H5 even&H5 so&H51 much as this.&dq;</q></p></div2>

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<lb n=P294.1>The whole&H2 party were in&H4 hopes&H0 of a letter from <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name>

<lb n=P294.2>the next morning, but the post came in&H5 without

<lb n=P294.3>bringing a single line from him. His family knew him to&H9;

<lb n=P294.4>be on&H4 all common&H2 occasions, a most negligent and dilatory

<lb n=P294.5>correspondent, but at such a time, they had hoped for&H4;

<lb n=P294.6>exertion. They were forced to&H9 conclude, that&H3 he had no&H2;

<lb n=P294.7>pleasing intelligence to&H9 send, but even&H5 of <hi r=Italic>that&H62;</hi> they would

<lb n=P294.8>have been glad to&H9 be certain. <name who=PPN>Mr&point;&sp;Gardiner</name> had waited

<lb n=P294.9>only for&H4 the letters before&H3 he set&H1 off.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P294.10>When he was gone, they were certain at least of receiving

<lb n=P294.11>constant information of what was going on&H5;, and their

<lb n=P294.12>uncle promised, at parting, to&H9 prevail on&H4 <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name> to&H9;

<lb n=P294.13>return&H1 to&H4 Longbourn, as soon as he could, to&H4 the great

<lb n=P294.14>consolation of his sister, who&H61 considered it as the only

<lb n=P294.15>security for&H4 her husband's not being&H1 killed in&H4 a duel.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P294.16><name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name> and the children were to&H9 remain in&H4 Hertfordshire

<lb n=P294.17>a few days longer, as the former thought&H1 her

<lb n=P294.18>presence might be serviceable to&H4 her nieces. She shared

<lb n=P294.19>in&H4 their attendance on&H4 <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>, and was a great

<lb n=P294.20>comfort&H0 to&H4 them, in&H4 their hours of freedom. Their other

<lb n=P294.21>aunt also visited them frequently, and always, as she said,

<lb n=P294.22>with the design&H0 of cheering and heartening them up&H5;,

<lb n=P294.23>though as she never came without reporting some fresh

<lb n=P294.24>instance&H0 of <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>'s extravagance or irregularity, she

<lb n=P294.25>seldom went away without leaving them more dispirited

<lb n=P294.26>than she found them.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P294.27>All Meryton seemed striving to&H9 blacken the man, who&H61;,

<lb n=P294.28>but three months before&H5;, had been almost an angel of

<lb n=P294.29>light&H0;. He was declared to&H9 be in&H4 debt to&H4 every tradesman

<lb n=P294.30>in&H4 the place&H0;, and his intrigues, all honoured with the title

<lb n=P294.31>of seduction, had been extended into every tradesman's

<lb n=P294.32>family. Every&sp;body declared that&H3 he was the wickedest

<lb n=P294.33>young man in&H4 the world; and every&sp;body began to&H9 find<pb n=P295>

<lb n=P295.1>out&H5;, that&H3 they had always distrusted the appearance of

<lb n=P295.2>his goodness. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, though she did not credit&H1 above&H4;

<lb n=P295.3>half of what was said, believed enough to&H9 make&H1 her former

<lb n=P295.4>assurance of her sister's ruin&H0 still&H5 more certain; and even&H5;

<lb n=P295.5><name who=PPE>Jane</name>, who&H61 believed still&H5 less of it, became almost hopeless,

<lb n=P295.6>more especially as the time was now come, when if they

<lb n=P295.7>had gone to&H4 Scotland, which&H61 she had never before&H5 entirely

<lb n=P295.8>despaired of, they must in&H4 all probability have gained

<lb n=P295.9>some news of them.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P295.10><name who=PPN>Mr&point;&sp;Gardiner</name> left Longbourn on&H4 Sunday; on&H4 Tuesday,

<lb n=P295.11>his wife received a letter from him; it told them, that&H3;

<lb n=P295.12>on&H4 his arrival, he had immediately found out&H5 his brother,

<lb n=P295.13>and persuaded him to&H9 come to&H4 Gracechurch&sp;street. That&H3;

<lb n=P295.14><name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name> had been to&H4 Epsom and Clapham, before&H4 his

<lb n=P295.15>arrival, but without gaining any satisfactory information;

<lb n=P295.16>and that&H3 he was now determined to&H9 enquire at all the

<lb n=P295.17>principal&H2 hotels in&H4 town, as <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name> thought&H1 it possible

<lb n=P295.18>they might have gone to&H4 one of them, on&H4 their first coming

<lb n=P295.19>to&H4 London, before&H3 they procured lodgings. <name who=PPN>Mr&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>

<lb n=P295.20>himself did not expect any success from this measure&H0;,

<lb n=P295.21>but as his brother was eager in&H4 it, he meant to&H9 assist him

<lb n=P295.22>in&H4 pursuing it. He added, that&H3 <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name> seemed wholly

<lb n=P295.23>disinclined at present&H01;, to&H9 leave&H1 London, and promised to&H9;

<lb n=P295.24>write again very soon. There was also a postscript to&H4 this

<lb n=P295.25>effect&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PPN>

<lb n=P295.26>&dq;I have written to&H4 <name who=PPZL>Colonel&sp;Forster</name> to&H9 desire&H1 him to&H9;

<lb n=P295.27>find out&H5;, if possible, from some of the young man's intimates

<lb n=P295.28>in&H4 the regiment, whether <name who=PPP>Wickham</name> has any relations

<lb n=P295.29>or connections, who&H61 would be likely to&H9 know in&H4 what part&H0;

<lb n=P295.30>of the town he has now concealed himself. If there were

<lb n=P295.31>any&sp;one, that&H61 one could apply to&H4;, with a probability of

<lb n=P295.32>gaining such a clue as that&H62;, it might be of essential consequence.

<lb n=P295.33>At present&H01 we have nothing to&H9 guide&H1 us. <name who=PPZL>Colonel&sp;Forster</name>

<lb n=P295.34>will&H1;, I dare&H12 say, do every&sp;thing in&H4 his power to&H9;

<lb n=P295.35>satisfy us on&H4 this head&H0;. But, on&H4 second&H2 thoughts, perhaps

<lb n=P295.36><name who=PPA>Lizzy</name> could tell us, what relations he has now living,

<lb n=P295.37>better than any other person.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P295.38><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was at no&H2 loss to&H9 understand from whence<pb n=P296>

<lb n=P296.1>this deference for&H4 her authority proceeded; but it was

<lb n=P296.2>not in&H4 her power to&H9 give any information of so&H51 satisfactory

<lb n=P296.3>a nature, as the compliment&H0 deserved.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P296.4>She had never heard of his having had any relations,

<lb n=P296.5>except a father and mother, both of whom&H61 had been dead

<lb n=P296.6>many years. It was possible, however, that&H3 some of his

<lb n=P296.7>companions in&H4 the &blank;shire, might be able to&H9 give

<lb n=P296.8>more information; and, though she was not very sanguine

<lb n=P296.9>in&H4 expecting it, the application was a something to&H9 look&H1;

<lb n=P296.10>forward&H5 to&H4;.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P296.11>Every day at Longbourn was now a day of anxiety;

<lb n=P296.12>but the most anxious part&H0 of each was when the post

<lb n=P296.13>was expected. The arrival of letters was the first grand

<lb n=P296.14>object&H0 of every morning's impatience. Through&H4 letters,

<lb n=P296.15>whatever of good or bad was to&H9 be told, would be communicated,

<lb n=P296.16>and every succeeding day was expected to&H9;

<lb n=P296.17>bring some news of importance.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P296.18>But before&H3 they heard again from <name who=PPN>Mr&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>, a letter

<lb n=P296.19>arrived for&H4 their father, from a different quarter&H02;, from

<lb n=P296.20><name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins;</name> which&H61;, as <name who=PPE>Jane</name> had received directions to&H9;

<lb n=P296.21>open&H1 all that&H61 came for&H4 him in&H4 his absence, she accordingly

<lb n=P296.22>read; and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, who&H61 knew what curiosities his letters

<lb n=P296.23>always were, looked over her, and read it likewise. It was

<lb n=P296.24>as follows:

<lb n=P296.25></q><q who=PPK>

<lb n=P296.26>&dq;MY DEAR&H21 SIR,</q></p><p><q who=PPK>

<lb n=P296.27>&dq;I feel myself called upon&H5;, by&H4 our relationship, and

<lb n=P296.28>my situation in&H4 life, to&H9 condole with you on&H4 the grievous

<lb n=P296.29>affliction you are now suffering under, of which&H61 we were

<lb n=P296.30>yesterday informed by&H4 a letter from Hertfordshire. Be

<lb n=P296.31>assured, my dear&H21 Sir, that&H3 <name who=PPQ>Mrs&point;&sp;Collins</name> and myself sincerely

<lb n=P296.32>sympathise with you, and all your respectable family, in&H4;

<lb n=P296.33>your present&H2 distress&H0;, which&H61 must be of the bitterest kind&H0;,

<lb n=P296.34>because proceeding from a cause which&H61 no&H2 time can remove&H1;.

<lb n=P296.35>No&H2 arguments shall be wanting on&H4 my part&H0;, that&H61 can

<lb n=P296.36>alleviate so&H51 severe a misfortune; or that&H61 may&H1 comfort&H1;

<lb n=P296.37>you, under a circumstance that&H61 must be of all others most

<lb n=P296.38>afflicting to&H4 a parent's mind&H0;. The death of your daughter<pb n=P297>

<lb n=P297.1>would have been a blessing in&H4 comparison of this. And

<lb n=P297.2>it is the more to&H9 be lamented, because there is reason&H0 to&H9;

<lb n=P297.3>suppose, as my dear&H21 <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name> informs me, that&H3 this

<lb n=P297.4>licentiousness of behaviour in&H4 your daughter, has proceeded

<lb n=P297.5>from a faulty degree of indulgence, though, at the

<lb n=P297.6>same time, for&H4 the consolation of yourself and <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>,

<lb n=P297.7>I am inclined to&H9 think that&H3 her own&H2 disposition must be

<lb n=P297.8>naturally bad, or she could not be guilty of such an

<lb n=P297.9>enormity, at so&H51 early an age. Howsoever that&H62 may&H1 be,

<lb n=P297.10>you are grievously to&H9 be pitied, in&H4 which&H61 opinion I am not

<lb n=P297.11>only joined by&H4 <name who=PPQ>Mrs&point;&sp;Collins</name>, but likewise by&H4 <name who=PPL>lady&sp;Catherine</name>

<lb n=P297.12>and her daughter, to&H4 whom&H61 I have related the affair.

<lb n=P297.13>They agree with me in&H4 apprehending that&H3 this false step&H0;

<lb n=P297.14>in&H4 one daughter, will&H1 be injurious to&H4 the fortunes of all

<lb n=P297.15>the others, for&H3 who&H62;, as <name who=PPL>lady&sp;Catherine</name> herself condescendingly

<lb n=P297.16>says, will&H1 connect themselves with such a family.

<lb n=P297.17>And this consideration leads me moreover to&H9 reflect with

<lb n=P297.18>augmented satisfaction on&H4 a certain event of last&H2 November,

<lb n=P297.19>for&H3 had it been otherwise, I must have been involved

<lb n=P297.20>in&H4 all your sorrow and disgrace&H0;. Let me advise you then,

<lb n=P297.21>my dear&H21 Sir, to&H9 console yourself as much as possible, to&H9;

<lb n=P297.22>throw&H1 off your unworthy child from your affection for&sp;ever,

<lb n=P297.23>and leave&H1 her to&H9 reap the fruits of her own&H2 heinous

<lb n=P297.24>offence.

<lb n=P297.25>&dq;I am, dear&H21 Sir, &amp;c&point; &amp;c&point;&dq;

<lb n=P297.26></q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P297.27><name who=PPN>Mr&point;&sp;Gardiner</name> did not write again, till he had received

<lb n=P297.28>an answer&H0 from <name who=PPZL>Colonel&sp;Forster;</name> and then he had nothing

<lb n=P297.29>of a pleasant nature to&H9 send. It was not known that&H3;

<lb n=P297.30><name who=PPP>Wickham</name> had a single relation, with whom&H61 he kept up&H5;

<lb n=P297.31>any connection, and it was certain that&H3 he had no&H2 near&H2;

<lb n=P297.32>one living. His former acquaintance had been numerous;

<lb n=P297.33>but since he had been in&H4 the militia, it did not appear that&H3;

<lb n=P297.34>he was on&H4 terms of particular friendship with any of them.

<lb n=P297.35>There was no&sp;one therefore who&H61 could be pointed out&H5;, as

<lb n=P297.36>likely to&H9 give any news of him. And in&H4 the wretched state&H0;

<lb n=P297.37>of his own&H2 finances, there was a very powerful motive for&H4;

<lb n=P297.38>secrecy, in&H4 addition to&H4 his fear&H0 of discovery by&H4 <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>'s

<lb n=P297.39>relations, for&H3 it had just&H5 transpired that&H3 he had left gaming<pb n=P298>

<lb n=P298.1>debts behind him, to&H4 a very considerable amount. <name who=PPZL>Colonel&sp;Forster</name>

<lb n=P298.2>believed that&H3 more than a thousand pounds would

<lb n=P298.3>be necessary to&H9 clear&H1 his expences at Brighton. He owed

<lb n=P298.4>a good deal&H0 in&H4 the town, but his debts of honour&H0 were still&H5;

<lb n=P298.5>more formidable. <name who=PPN>Mr&point;&sp;Gardiner</name> did not attempt&H1 to&H9 conceal

<lb n=P298.6>these particulars from the Longbourn family; <name who=PPE>Jane</name> heard

<lb n=P298.7>them with horror.</q><q who=PPE>&dq;A gamester!&dq;</q><q who=PP0>she cried.</q><q who=PPE>&dq;This is

<lb n=P298.8>wholly unexpected. I had not an idea of it.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P298.9><name who=PPN>Mr&point;&sp;Gardiner</name> added in&H4 his letter, that&H3 they might expect

<lb n=P298.10>to&H9 see their father at home on&H4 the following day, which&H61 was

<lb n=P298.11>Saturday. Rendered spiritless by&H4 the ill-success of all

<lb n=P298.12>their endeavours&H0;, he had yielded to&H4 his brother-in-law's

<lb n=P298.13>intreaty that&H3 he would return&H1 to&H4 his family, and leave&H1 it

<lb n=P298.14>to&H4 him to&H9 do, whatever occasion&H0 might suggest to&H9 be

<lb n=P298.15>advisable for&H4 continuing their pursuit. When <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>

<lb n=P298.16>was told of this, she did not express&H1 so&H51 much satisfaction

<lb n=P298.17>as her children expected, considering what her anxiety

<lb n=P298.18>for&H4 his life had been before&H5;.</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P298.19>&dq;What, is he coming home, and without poor <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>!&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P298.20>she cried.</q><q who=PPD>&dq;Sure he will&H1 not leave&H1 London before&H3 he has

<lb n=P298.21>found them. Who&H62 is to&H9 fight <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>, and make&H1 him

<lb n=P298.22>marry her, if he comes away?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P298.23>As <name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name> began to&H9 wish&H1 to&H9 be at home, it was

<lb n=P298.24>settled that&H3 she and her children should go to&H4 London,

<lb n=P298.25>at the same time that&H61 <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name> came from it. The

<lb n=P298.26>coach, therefore, took them the first stage&H01 of their journey,

<lb n=P298.27>and brought its master back&H5 to&H4 Longbourn.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P298.28><name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name> went away in&H4 all the perplexity about&H4;

<lb n=P298.29><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> and her Derbyshire friend, that&H61 had attended

<lb n=P298.30>her from that&H62 part&H0 of the world. His name&H0 had never

<lb n=P298.31>been voluntarily mentioned before&H4 them by&H4 her niece;

<lb n=P298.32>and the kind&H0 of half-expectation which&H61 <name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name> had

<lb n=P298.33>formed, of their being&H1 followed by&H4 a letter from him,

<lb n=P298.34>had ended in&H4 nothing.</q><q who=PPO type=indirect><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> had received none since

<lb n=P298.35>her return&H0;, that&H61 could come from Pemberley.</q></p><p><q who=PPO type=indirect>

<lb n=P298.36>The present&H2 unhappy state&H0 of the family, rendered any

<lb n=P298.37>other excuse&H0 for&H4 the lowness of her spirits unnecessary;

<lb n=P298.38>nothing, therefore, could be fairly conjectured from <hi r=Italic>that&H62;</hi>,<pb n=P299></q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P299.1>though <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, who&H61 was by&H4 this time tolerably well&H5;

<lb n=P299.2>acquainted with her own&H2 feelings, was perfectly aware,

<lb n=P299.3>that&H3;,</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>had she known nothing of <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>, she could have

<lb n=P299.4>borne the dread&H0 of <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>'s infamy somewhat better. It

<lb n=P299.5>would have spared her,</q><q who=PP0>she thought&H1;,</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>one sleepless night

<lb n=P299.6>out&H5 of two.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P299.7>When <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name> arrived, he had all the appearance

<lb n=P299.8>of his usual philosophic composure. He said as little as

<lb n=P299.9>he had ever been in&H4 the habit of saying; made no&H2 mention&H0;

<lb n=P299.10>of the business that&H61 had taken him away, and it was

<lb n=P299.11>some time before&H3 his daughters had courage to&H9 speak of it.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P299.12>It was not till the afternoon, when he joined them at

<lb n=P299.13>tea, that&H3 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> ventured to&H9 introduce the subject&H0;;

<lb n=P299.14>and then, on&H4 her briefly expressing her sorrow for&H4 what

<lb n=P299.15>he must have endured, he replied,</q><q who=PPC>&dq;Say nothing of that&H62;.

<lb n=P299.16>Who&H62 should suffer but myself? It has been my own&H2;

<lb n=P299.17>doing, and I ought to&H9 feel it.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P299.18>&dq;You must not be too&H51 severe upon&H4 yourself,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied

<lb n=P299.19><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>.</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P299.20>&dq;You may&H1 well&H5 warn me against such an evil. Human

<lb n=P299.21>nature is so&H51 prone to&H9 fall&H1 into it! No&H7;, <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>, let me once

<lb n=P299.22>in&H4 my life feel how much I have been to&H9 blame&H1;. I am not

<lb n=P299.23>afraid of being&H1 overpowered by&H4 the impression. It will&H1;

<lb n=P299.24>pass&H1 away soon enough.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P299.25>&dq;Do you suppose them to&H9 be in&H4 London?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P299.26>&dq;Yes; where else can they be so&H51 well&H5 concealed?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPG>

<lb n=P299.27>&dq;And <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> used to&H9 want&H1 to&H9 go to&H4 London,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>added

<lb n=P299.28><name who=PPG>Kitty</name>.</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P299.29>&dq;She is happy, then,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said her father, drily;</q><q who=PPC>&dq;and

<lb n=P299.30>her residence there will&H1 probably be of some duration.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P299.31>Then, after&H4 a short silence&H0;, he continued,</q><q who=PPC>&dq;<name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>, I bear&H1;

<lb n=P299.32>you no&H2 ill-will for&H4 being&H1 justified in&H4 your advice to&H4 me

<lb n=P299.33>last&H2 May&H0;, which&H61;, considering the event, shews some

<lb n=P299.34>greatness of mind&H0;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P299.35>They were interrupted by&H4 <name who=PPE>Miss&sp;Bennet</name>, who&H61 came to&H9;

<lb n=P299.36>fetch her mother's tea.</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P299.37>&dq;This is a parade&H0;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried he,</q><q who=PPC>&dq;which&H61 does one good;

<lb n=P299.38>it gives such an elegance to&H4 misfortune! Another day<pb n=P300>

<lb n=P300.1>I will&H1 do the same; I will&H1 sit in&H4 my library, in&H4 my night&sp;cap

<lb n=P300.2>and powdering gown, and give as much trouble&H0 as I can, &dash;

<lb n=P300.3>or, perhaps, I may&H1 defer it, till <name who=PPG>Kitty</name> runs away.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPG>

<lb n=P300.4>&dq;I am not going to&H9 run&H1 away, Papa,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPG>Kitty</name>,

<lb n=P300.5>fretfully;</q><q who=PPG>&dq;if <hi r=Italic>I</hi> should ever go to&H4 Brighton, I would

<lb n=P300.6>behave better than <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P300.7>&dq;You go to&H4 Brighton! &dash; I would not trust&H1 you so&H51 near&H4;

<lb n=P300.8>it as East&sp;Bourne, for&H4 fifty pounds! No&H7;, <name who=PPG>Kitty</name>, I have

<lb n=P300.9>at last&H0 learnt to&H9 be cautious, and you will&H1 feel the effects

<lb n=P300.10>of it. No&H2 officer is ever to&H9 enter my house again, nor even&H5;

<lb n=P300.11>to&H9 pass&H1 through&H4 the village. Balls will&H1 be absolutely

<lb n=P300.12>prohibited, unless you stand&H1 up&H5 with one of your sisters.

<lb n=P300.13>And you are never to&H9 stir out&H5 of doors, till you can prove,

<lb n=P300.14>that&H3 you have spent ten minutes of every day in&H4 a rational

<lb n=P300.15>manner.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P300.16><name who=PPG>Kitty</name>, who&H61 took all these threats in&H4 a serious&H2 light&H0;,

<lb n=P300.17>began to&H9 cry&H1;.</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P300.18>&dq;Well&H7;, well&H7;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said he,</q><q who=PPC>&dq;do not make&H1 yourself unhappy.

<lb n=P300.19>If you are a good girl for&H4 the next ten years, I will&H1 take

<lb n=P300.20>you to&H4 a review at the end&H0 of them.&dq;</q></p></div2>

<div2 type=chap n=07><p><pb n=P301><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P301.1>Two days after&H4 <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name>'s return&H0;, as <name who=PPE>Jane</name> and

<lb n=P301.2><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> were walking together in&H4 the shrubbery behind

<lb n=P301.3>the house, they saw the housekeeper coming towards

<lb n=P301.4>them, and, concluding that&H3 she came to&H9 call&H1 them to&H4 their

<lb n=P301.5>mother, went forward&H5 to&H9 meet&H1 her; but, instead of the

<lb n=P301.6>expected summons, when they approached her, she said

<lb n=P301.7>to&H4 <name who=PPE>Miss&sp;Bennet</name>,</q><q who=PPV>&dq;I beg your pardon&H0;, madam, for&H4 interrupting

<lb n=P301.8>you, but I was in&H4 hopes&H0 you might have got some

<lb n=P301.9>good news from town, so&H3 I took the liberty of coming

<lb n=P301.10>to&H9 ask.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P301.11>&dq;What do you mean&H1;, <name who=PPV>Hill</name>? We have heard nothing

<lb n=P301.12>from town.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPV>

<lb n=P301.13>&dq;Dear&H21 madam,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried <name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Hill</name>, in&H4 great astonishment,</q><q who=PPV>

<lb n=P301.14>&dq;dont you know there is an express&H0 come for&H4 master

<lb n=P301.15>from <name who=PPN>Mr&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>? He has been here this half&sp;hour, and

<lb n=P301.16>master has had a letter.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P301.17>Away ran the girls, too&H51 eager to&H9 get in&H5 to&H9 have time for&H4;

<lb n=P301.18>speech. They ran through&H4 the vestibule into the breakfast&sp;room;

<lb n=P301.19>from thence to&H4 the library; &dash; their father was in&H4;

<lb n=P301.20>neither; and they were on&H4 the point&H0 of seeking him up&sp;stairs

<lb n=P301.21>with their mother, when they were met by&H4 the butler,

<lb n=P301.22>who&H61 said,</q></p><p><q who=PPW>

<lb n=P301.23>&dq;If you are looking for&H4 my master, ma'am, he is walking

<lb n=P301.24>towards the little copse.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P301.25>Upon&H4 this information, they instantly passed through&H4;

<lb n=P301.26>the hall once more, and ran across&H4 the lawn after&H4 their

<lb n=P301.27>father, who&H61 was deliberately pursuing his way towards

<lb n=P301.28>a small wood on&H4 one side&H0 of the paddock.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P301.29><name who=PPE>Jane</name>, who&H61 was not so&H51 light&H2;, nor so&H51 much in&H4 the habit of

<lb n=P301.30>running as <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, soon lagged behind, while&H3 her sister,

<lb n=P301.31>panting for&H4 breath, came up&H5 with him, and eagerly cried out&H5;,</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P301.32>&dq;Oh, Papa, what news? what news? have you heard

<lb n=P301.33>from my uncle?&dq;<pb n=P302></q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P302.1>&dq;Yes, I have had a letter from him by&H4 express&H0;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P302.2>&dq;Well&H7;, and what news does it bring? good or bad?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P302.3>&dq;What is there of good to&H9 be expected?&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said he,

<lb n=P302.4>taking the letter from his pocket;</q><q who=PPC>&dq;but perhaps you

<lb n=P302.5>would like&H1 to&H9 read it.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P302.6><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> impatiently caught it from his hand&H0;. <name who=PPE>Jane</name>

<lb n=P302.7>now came up&H5;.</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P302.8>&dq;Read it aloud,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said their father,</q><q who=PPC>&dq;for&H3 I hardly know

<lb n=P302.9>myself what it is about&H4;.&dq;

<lb n=P302.10></q><q who=PPN>

<lb n=P302.11>&dq;Gracechurch-street, Monday,

<lb n=P302.12>August&sp;2.

<lb n=P302.13>&dq;MY DEAR&H21 BROTHER,</q></p><p><q who=PPN>

<lb n=P302.14>&dq;At last&H0 I am able to&H9 send you some tidings of my

<lb n=P302.15>niece, and such as, upon&H4 the whole&H0;, I hope&H1 will&H1 give you

<lb n=P302.16>satisfaction. Soon after&H3 you left me on&H4 Saturday, I was

<lb n=P302.17>fortunate enough to&H9 find out&H5 in&H4 what part&H0 of London they

<lb n=P302.18>were. The particulars, I reserve&H1 till we meet&H1;. It is enough

<lb n=P302.19>to&H9 know they are discovered, I have seen them both &dash;&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P302.20>&dq;Then it is, as I always hoped,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried <name who=PPE>Jane;</name></q><q who=PPE>&dq;they

<lb n=P302.21>are married!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P302.22><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> read on&H5;;</q><q who=PPN>&dq;I have seen them both. They

<lb n=P302.23>are not married, nor can I find there was any intention

<lb n=P302.24>of being&H1 so&H52;; but if you are willing to&H9 perform the engagements

<lb n=P302.25>which&H61 I have ventured to&H9 make&H1 on&H4 your side&H0;, I hope&H1;

<lb n=P302.26>it will&H1 not be long before&H3 they are. All that&H61 is required

<lb n=P302.27>of you is, to&H9 assure to&H4 your daughter, by&H4 settlement, her

<lb n=P302.28>equal&H2 share&H0 of the five thousand pounds, secured among

<lb n=P302.29>your children after&H4 the decease of yourself and my sister;

<lb n=P302.30>and, moreover, to&H9 enter into an engagement of allowing

<lb n=P302.31>her, during your life, one hundred pounds per&sp;annum.

<lb n=P302.32>These are conditions, which&H61;, considering every&sp;thing, I had

<lb n=P302.33>no&H2 hesitation in&H4 complying with, as far as I thought&H1;

<lb n=P302.34>myself privileged, for&H4 you. I shall send this by&H4 express&H0;,

<lb n=P302.35>that&H3 no&H2 time may&H1 be lost in&H4 bringing me your answer&H0;.

<lb n=P302.36>You will&H1 easily comprehend, from these particulars, that&H3;

<lb n=P302.37><name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name>'s circumstances are not so&H51 hopeless as they

<lb n=P302.38>are generally believed to&H9 be. The world has been deceived<pb n=P303>

<lb n=P303.1>in&H4 that&H62 respect&H0;; and I am happy to&H9 say, there will&H1 be

<lb n=P303.2>some little money, even&H5 when all his debts are discharged,

<lb n=P303.3>to&H9 settle on&H4 my niece, in&H4 addition to&H4 her own&H2 fortune.

<lb n=P303.4>If, as I conclude will&H1 be the case, you send me full powers

<lb n=P303.5>to&H9 act&H1 in&H4 your name&H0;, throughout the whole&H0 of this business,

<lb n=P303.6>I will&H1 immediately give directions to&H4 <name who=PPZQ>Haggerston</name> for&H4 preparing

<lb n=P303.7>a proper settlement. There will&H1 not be the smallest

<lb n=P303.8>occasion&H0 for&H4 your coming to&H4 town again; therefore, stay&H1;

<lb n=P303.9>quietly at Longbourn, and depend on&H4 my diligence and care&H0;.

<lb n=P303.10>Send back&H5 your answer&H0 as soon as you can, and be careful

<lb n=P303.11>to&H9 write explicitly. We have judged it best, that&H3 my niece

<lb n=P303.12>should be married from this house, of which&H61 I hope&H1 you

<lb n=P303.13>will&H1 approve. She comes to&H4 us to-day. I shall write again

<lb n=P303.14>as soon as any&sp;thing more is determined on&H5;. Your's, &amp;c&point;

<lb n=P303.15>&dq;<name who=PPN>EDW&point;&sp;GARDINER</name>.&dq;

<lb n=P303.16></q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P303.17>&dq;Is it possible!&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, when she had

<lb n=P303.18>finished.</q><q who=PPA>&dq;Can it be possible that&H3 he will&H1 marry her?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P303.19>&dq;<name who=PPP>Wickham</name> is not so&H51 undeserving, then, as we have

<lb n=P303.20>thought&H1 him;&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said her sister.</q><q who=PPE>&dq;My dear&H21 father, I congratulate

<lb n=P303.21>you.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P303.22>&dq;And have you answered the letter?&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>.</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P303.23>&dq;No&H7;; but it must be done soon.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P303.24>Most earnestly did she then intreat him to&H9 lose no&H2 more

<lb n=P303.25>time before&H3 he wrote.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P303.26>&dq;Oh! my dear&H21 father,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>she cried,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;come back&H5;, and

<lb n=P303.27>write immediately. Consider how important every

<lb n=P303.28>moment is, in&H4 such a case.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P303.29>&dq;Let me write for&H4 you,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPE>Jane</name>,</q><q who=PPE>&dq;if you dislike&H1 the

<lb n=P303.30>trouble&H0 yourself.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P303.31>&dq;I dislike&H1 it very much,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>he replied;</q><q who=PPC>&dq;but it must

<lb n=P303.32>be done.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P303.33>And so&H52 saying, he turned back&H5 with them, and walked

<lb n=P303.34>towards the house.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P303.35>&dq;And may&H1 I ask?&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;but the terms,

<lb n=P303.36>I suppose, must be complied with.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P303.37>&dq;Complied with! I am only ashamed of his asking so&H51;

<lb n=P303.38>little.&dq;<pb n=P304></q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P304.1>&dq;And they <hi r=Italic>must</hi> marry! Yet he is <hi r=Italic>such</hi> a man!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P304.2>&dq;Yes, yes, they must marry. There is nothing else to&H9;

<lb n=P304.3>be done. But there are two things that&H61 I want&H1 very much

<lb n=P304.4>to&H9 know: &dash; one is, how much money your uncle has laid

<lb n=P304.5>down&H5;, to&H9 bring it about&H5;; and the other, how I am ever

<lb n=P304.6>to&H9 pay&H1 him.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P304.7>&dq;Money! my uncle!&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried <name who=PPE>Jane</name>,</q><q who=PPE>&dq;what do you

<lb n=P304.8>mean&H1;, Sir?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P304.9>&dq;I mean&H1;, that&H3 no&H2 man in&H4 his senses, would marry <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>

<lb n=P304.10>on&H4 so&H51 slight&H2 a temptation as one hundred a-year during

<lb n=P304.11>my life, and fifty after&H3 I am gone.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P304.12>&dq;That&H62 is very true,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPA>Elizabeth;</name></q><q who=PPA>&dq;though it had

<lb n=P304.13>not occurred to&H4 me before&H5;. His debts to&H9 be discharged,

<lb n=P304.14>and something still&H5 to&H9 remain! Oh! it must be my

<lb n=P304.15>uncle's doings! Generous, good man, I am afraid he has

<lb n=P304.16>distressed himself. A small sum could not do all this.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P304.17>&dq;No&H7;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said her father,</q><q who=PPC>&dq;<name who=PPP>Wickham</name>'s a fool, if he

<lb n=P304.18>takes her with a farthing less than ten thousand pounds.

<lb n=P304.19>I should be sorry to&H9 think so&H51 ill of him, in&H4 the very beginning

<lb n=P304.20>of our relationship.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P304.21>&dq;Ten thousand pounds! Heaven forbid! How is half

<lb n=P304.22>such a sum to&H9 be repaid?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P304.23><name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name> made no&H2 answer&H0;, and each of them, deep

<lb n=P304.24>in&H4 thought&H0;, continued silent till they reached the house.

<lb n=P304.25>Their father then went to&H4 the library to&H9 write, and the

<lb n=P304.26>girls walked into the breakfast-room.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P304.27>&dq;And they are really to&H9 be married!&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,

<lb n=P304.28>as soon as they were by&H4 themselves.</q><q who=PPA>&dq;How strange this

<lb n=P304.29>is! And for&H4 <hi r=Italic>this</hi> we are to&H9 be thankful. That&H3 they should

<lb n=P304.30>marry, small as is their chance&H0 of happiness, and wretched

<lb n=P304.31>as is his character, we are forced to&H9 rejoice! Oh, <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P304.32>&dq;I comfort&H1 myself with thinking,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied <name who=PPE>Jane</name>,</q><q who=PPE>&dq;that&H3;

<lb n=P304.33>he certainly would not marry <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>, if he had not a real

<lb n=P304.34>regard&H0 for&H4 her. Though our kind&H2 uncle has done something

<lb n=P304.35>towards clearing him, I cannot believe that&H3 ten thousand

<lb n=P304.36>pounds, or any&sp;thing like&H4 it, has been advanced. He has

<lb n=P304.37>children of his own&H2;, and may&H1 have more. How could he

<lb n=P304.38>spare&H1 half ten thousand pounds?&dq;<pb n=P305></q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P305.1>&dq;If we are ever able to&H9 learn what <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>'s debts

<lb n=P305.2>have been,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;and how much is settled on&H4 his

<lb n=P305.3>side&H0 on&H4 our sister, we shall exactly know what <name who=PPN>Mr&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>

<lb n=P305.4>has done for&H4 them, because <name who=PPP>Wickham</name> has not sixpence

<lb n=P305.5>of his own&H2;. The kindness of my uncle and aunt can never

<lb n=P305.6>be requited. Their taking her home, and affording her

<lb n=P305.7>their personal protection and countenance, is such a

<lb n=P305.8>sacrifice&H0 to&H4 her advantage, as years of gratitude cannot

<lb n=P305.9>enough acknowledge. By&H4 this time she is actually with

<lb n=P305.10>them! If such goodness does not make&H1 her miserable

<lb n=P305.11>now, she will&H1 never deserve to&H9 be happy! What a meeting

<lb n=P305.12>for&H4 her, when she first sees my aunt!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P305.13>&dq;We must endeavour&H1 to&H9 forget all that&H61 has passed on&H4;

<lb n=P305.14>either side&H0;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPE>Jane</name>:</q><q who=PPE>&dq;I hope&H1 and trust&H1 they will&H1 yet

<lb n=P305.15>be happy. His consenting to&H9 marry her is a proof, I will&H1;

<lb n=P305.16>believe, that&H3 he is come to&H4 a right&H21 way of thinking. Their

<lb n=P305.17>mutual affection will&H1 steady them; and I flatter myself

<lb n=P305.18>they will&H1 settle so&H51 quietly, and live in&H4 so&H51 rational a manner,

<lb n=P305.19>as may&H1 in&H4 time make&H1 their past&H2 imprudence forgotten.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P305.20>&dq;Their conduct&H0 has been such,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;as

<lb n=P305.21>neither you, nor I, nor any&sp;body, can ever forget. It is

<lb n=P305.22>useless to&H9 talk&H1 of it.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P305.23>It now occurred to&H4 the girls that&H3 their mother was in&H4;

<lb n=P305.24>all likelihood perfectly ignorant of what had happened.

<lb n=P305.25>They went to&H4 the library, therefore, and asked their father,

<lb n=P305.26>whether he would not wish&H1 them to&H9 make&H1 it known to&H4;

<lb n=P305.27>her. He was writing, and, without raising his head&H0;, coolly

<lb n=P305.28>replied,</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P305.29>&dq;Just&H5 as you please.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P305.30>&dq;May&H1 we take my uncle's letter to&H9 read to&H4 her?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P305.31>&dq;Take whatever you like&H1;, and get away.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P305.32><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> took the letter from his writing&sp;table, and

<lb n=P305.33>they went up&sp;stairs together. <name who=PPF>Mary</name> and <name who=PPG>Kitty</name> were both

<lb n=P305.34>with <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>: one communication would, therefore,

<lb n=P305.35>do for&H4 all. After&H4 a slight&H2 preparation for&H4 good news, the

<lb n=P305.36>letter was read aloud. <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> could hardly contain

<lb n=P305.37>herself. As soon as <name who=PPE>Jane</name> had read <name who=PPN>Mr&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>'s hope&H0;

<lb n=P305.38>of <name who=PPG>Lydia</name>'s being&H1 soon married, her joy burst&H1 forth, and<pb n=P306>

<lb n=P306.1>every following sentence added to&H4 its exuberance. She

<lb n=P306.2>was now in&H4 an irritation as violent from delight&H0;, as she

<lb n=P306.3>had ever been fidgetty from alarm&H0 and vexation. To&H9 know

<lb n=P306.4>that&H3 her daughter would be married was enough. She

<lb n=P306.5>was disturbed by&H4 no&H2 fear&H0 for&H4 her felicity, nor humbled

<lb n=P306.6>by&H4 any remembrance of her misconduct.</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P306.7>&dq;My dear&H21;, dear&H21 <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>!&dq;</q><q who=PP0>she cried:</q><q who=PPD>&dq;This is delightful

<lb n=P306.8>indeed! &dash; She will&H1 be married! &dash; I shall see her again! &dash;

<lb n=P306.9>She will&H1 be married at sixteen! &dash; My good, kind&H2 brother! &dash;

<lb n=P306.10>I knew how it would be &dash; I knew he would manage every&sp;thing.

<lb n=P306.11>How I long to&H9 see her! and to&H9 see dear&H21 <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>

<lb n=P306.12>too&H52;! But the clothes, the wedding&sp;clothes! I will&H1 write

<lb n=P306.13>to&H4 my sister <name who=PPO>Gardiner</name> about&H4 them directly. <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>, my

<lb n=P306.14>dear&H21;, run&H1 down&H5 to&H4 your father, and ask him how much

<lb n=P306.15>he will&H1 give her. Stay&H1;, stay&H1;, I will&H1 go myself. Ring&H1 the

<lb n=P306.16>bell, <name who=PPG>Kitty</name>, for&H4 <name who=PPV>Hill</name>. I will&H1 put on&H5 my things in&H4 a moment.

<lb n=P306.17>My dear&H21;, dear&H21 <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>! &dash; How merry we shall be together

<lb n=P306.18>when we meet&H1;!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P306.19>Her eldest daughter endeavoured to&H9 give some relief to&H4;

<lb n=P306.20>the violence of these transports, by&H4 leading her thoughts

<lb n=P306.21>to&H4 the obligations which&H61 <name who=PPN>Mr&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>'s behaviour laid

<lb n=P306.22>them all under.</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P306.23>&dq;For&H3 we must attribute this happy conclusion,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>she

<lb n=P306.24>added,</q><q who=PPE>&dq;in&H4 a great measure&H0;, to&H4 his kindness. We are

<lb n=P306.25>persuaded that&H3 he has pledged himself to&H9 assist <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name>

<lb n=P306.26>with money.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P306.27>&dq;Well&H7;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried her mother,</q><q who=PPD>&dq;it is all very right&H21;; who&H62;

<lb n=P306.28>should do it but her own&H2 uncle? If he had not had

<lb n=P306.29>a family of his own&H2;, I and my children must have had all

<lb n=P306.30>his money you know, and it is the first time we have ever

<lb n=P306.31>had any&sp;thing from him, except a few presents&H0;. Well&H7;!

<lb n=P306.32>I am so&H51 happy. In&H4 a short time, I shall have a daughter

<lb n=P306.33>married. <name who=PPH>Mrs&point;&sp;Wickham</name>! How well&H5 it sounds&H1;. And she

<lb n=P306.34>was only sixteen last&H2 June. My dear&H21 <name who=PPE>Jane</name>, I am in&H4 such

<lb n=P306.35>a flutter, that&H3 I am sure I can't write; so&H3 I will&H1 dictate&H1;,

<lb n=P306.36>and you write for&H4 me. We will&H1 settle with your father

<lb n=P306.37>about&H4 the money afterwards; but the things should be

<lb n=P306.38>ordered immediately.&dq;<pb n=P307></q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P307.1>She was then proceeding to&H4 all the particulars of calico,

<lb n=P307.2>muslin, and cambric, and would shortly have dictated

<lb n=P307.3>some very plentiful orders&H01;, had not <name who=PPE>Jane</name>, though with

<lb n=P307.4>some difficulty, persuaded her to&H9 wait, till her father was

<lb n=P307.5>at leisure to&H9 be consulted. One day's delay&H0 she observed,

<lb n=P307.6>would be of small importance; and her mother was too&H51;

<lb n=P307.7>happy, to&H9 be quite so&H51 obstinate as usual. Other schemes

<lb n=P307.8>too&H52 came into her head&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P307.9>&dq;I will&H1 go to&H4 Meryton,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said she,</q><q who=PPD>&dq;as soon as I am

<lb n=P307.10>dressed, and tell the good, good news to&H4 my sister <name who=PPV>Phillips</name>.

<lb n=P307.11>And as I come back&H5;, I can call&H1 on&H4 <name who=PPV>Lady&sp;Lucas</name> and <name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Long</name>.

<lb n=P307.12><name who=PPG>Kitty</name>, run&H1 down&H5 and order the carriage. An

<lb n=P307.13>airing would do me a great deal&H0 of good, I am sure. Girls,

<lb n=P307.14>can I do any&sp;thing for&H4 you in&H4 Meryton? Oh! here comes

<lb n=P307.15><name who=PPV>Hill</name>. My dear&H21 <name who=PPV>Hill</name>, have you heard the good news? <name who=PPH>Miss&sp;Lydia</name>

<lb n=P307.16>is going to&H9 be married; and you shall all have a

<lb n=P307.17>bowl of punch, to&H9 make&H1 merry at her wedding.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P307.18><name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Hill</name> began instantly to&H9 express&H1 her joy. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P307.19>received her congratulations amongst the rest&H01;, and then,

<lb n=P307.20>sick of this folly, took refuge in&H4 her own&H2 room, that&H3 she

<lb n=P307.21>might think with freedom.</q></p><p><q who=PPA type=indirect>

<lb n=P307.22>Poor <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>'s situation must, at best, be bad enough;

<lb n=P307.23>but that&H3 it was no&H2 worse, she had need&H0 to&H9 be thankful.</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P307.24>She felt it so&H52;; and though, in&H4 looking forward&H5;, neither

<lb n=P307.25>rational happiness nor worldly prosperity, could be justly

<lb n=P307.26>expected for&H4 her sister; in&H4 looking back&H5 to&H4 what they

<lb n=P307.27>had feared, only two hours ago, she felt all the advantages

<lb n=P307.28>of what they had gained.</q></p></div2>

<div2 type=chap n=08><p><pb n=P308>

<lb n=P308.1><q who=pp0><name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name> had very often wished, before&H4 this period

<lb n=P308.2>of his life, that&H3;, instead of spending his whole&H2 income, he

<lb n=P308.3>had laid by&H4 an annual sum, for&H4 the better provision of

<lb n=P308.4>his children, and of his wife, if she survived him. He now

<lb n=P308.5>wished it more than ever.</q><q who=PPC type=indirect>Had he done his duty in&H4 that&H62;

<lb n=P308.6>respect&H0;, <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> need&H1 not have been indebted to&H4 her uncle,

<lb n=P308.7>for&H4 whatever of honour&H0 or credit&H0 could now be purchased

<lb n=P308.8>for&H4 her. The satisfaction of prevailing on&H4 one of the most

<lb n=P308.9>worthless young men in&H4 Great&sp;Britain to&H9 be her husband,

<lb n=P308.10>might then have rested in&H4 its proper place&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P308.11>He was seriously concerned, that&H3 a cause of so&H51 little

<lb n=P308.12>advantage to&H4 any&sp;one, should be forwarded at the sole

<lb n=P308.13>expence of his brother-in-law, and he was determined,

<lb n=P308.14>if possible, to&H9 find out&H5 the extent of his assistance, and to&H9;

<lb n=P308.15>discharge the obligation as soon as he could.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P308.16>When first <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name> had married, economy was held

<lb n=P308.17>to&H9 be perfectly useless; for&H3;, of course&H8;, they were to&H9 have

<lb n=P308.18>a son. This son was to&H9 join in&H4 cutting off the entail, as

<lb n=P308.19>soon as he should be of age, and the widow and younger

<lb n=P308.20>children would by&H4 that&H62 means&H0 be provided for&H5;. Five

<lb n=P308.21>daughters successively entered the world, but yet the son

<lb n=P308.22>was to&H9 come; and <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>, for&H4 many years after&H4;

<lb n=P308.23><name who=PPH>Lydia</name>'s birth&H01;, had been certain that&H3 he would. This event

<lb n=P308.24>had at last&H0 been despaired of, but it was then too&H51 late to&H9;

<lb n=P308.25>be saving. <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> had no&H2 turn&H0 for&H4 economy, and her

<lb n=P308.26>husband's love&H0 of independence had alone prevented their

<lb n=P308.27>exceeding their income.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P308.28>Five thousand pounds was settled by&H4 marriage articles

<lb n=P308.29>on&H4 <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> and the children. But in&H4 what proportions

<lb n=P308.30>it should be divided amongst the latter, depended

<lb n=P308.31>on&H4 the will&H0 of the parents. This was one point&H0;, with

<lb n=P308.32>regard&H0 to&H4 <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> at least, which&H61 was now to&H9 be settled,

<lb n=P308.33>and <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name> could have no&H2 hesitation in&H4 acceding to&H4;<pb n=P309>

<lb n=P309.1>the proposal before&H4 him. In&H4 terms of grateful acknowledgment

<lb n=P309.2>for&H4 the kindness of his brother, though expressed

<lb n=P309.3>most concisely, he then delivered on&H4 paper his perfect&H2;

<lb n=P309.4>approbation of all that&H61 was done, and his willingness to&H9;

<lb n=P309.5>fulfil the engagements that&H61 had been made for&H4 him. He

<lb n=P309.6>had never before&H5 supposed that&H3;, could <name who=PPP>Wickham</name> be prevailed

<lb n=P309.7>on&H5 to&H9 marry his daughter, it would be done with

<lb n=P309.8>so&H51 little inconvenience to&H4 himself, as by&H4 the present&H2;

<lb n=P309.9>arrangement. He would scarcely be ten pounds a-year

<lb n=P309.10>the loser, by&H4 the hundred that&H61 was to&H9 be paid them;

<lb n=P309.11>for&H3;, what with her board and pocket allowance, and the

<lb n=P309.12>continual presents&H0 in&H4 money, which&H61 passed to&H4 her, through&H4;

<lb n=P309.13>her mother's hands, <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>'s expences had been very little

<lb n=P309.14>within that&H62 sum.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P309.15>That&H3 it would be done with such trifling exertion on&H4;

<lb n=P309.16>his side&H0;, too&H52;, was another very welcome&H2 surprise&H0;; for&H3 his

<lb n=P309.17>chief wish&H0 at present&H01;, was to&H9 have as little trouble&H0 in&H4 the

<lb n=P309.18>business as possible. When the first transports of rage

<lb n=P309.19>which&H61 had produced his activity in&H4 seeking her were over,

<lb n=P309.20>he naturally returned to&H4 all his former indolence. His

<lb n=P309.21>letter was soon dispatched; for&H3 though dilatory in&H4 undertaking

<lb n=P309.22>business, he was quick&H2 in&H4 its execution. He begged

<lb n=P309.23>to&H9 know farther particulars of what he was indebted to&H4;

<lb n=P309.24>his brother; but was too&H51 angry with <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>, to&H9 send any

<lb n=P309.25>message to&H4 her.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P309.26>The good news quickly spread through&H4 the house; and

<lb n=P309.27>with proportionate speed through&H4 the neighbourhood. It

<lb n=P309.28>was borne in&H4 the latter with decent philosophy. To&H9 be

<lb n=P309.29>sure it would have been more for&H4 the advantage of conversation,

<lb n=P309.30>had <name who=PPH>Miss&sp;Lydia&sp;Bennet</name> come upon&H4 the town;

<lb n=P309.31>or, as the happiest alternative, been secluded from the

<lb n=P309.32>world, in&H4 some distant farm house. But there was much

<lb n=P309.33>to&H9 be talked of, in&H4 marrying her; and the good-natured

<lb n=P309.34>wishes&H0 of her well-doing, which&H61 had proceeded before&H5;,

<lb n=P309.35>from all the spiteful old ladies in&H4 Meryton, lost but

<lb n=P309.36>little of their spirit in&H4 this change&H0 of circumstances,

<lb n=P309.37>because with such an husband, her misery was considered

<lb n=P309.38>certain.<pb n=P310></q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P310.1>It was a fortnight since <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> had been down&sp;stairs,

<lb n=P310.2>but on&H4 this happy day, she again took her seat at

<lb n=P310.3>the head&H0 of her table, and in&H4 spirits oppressively high.

<lb n=P310.4>No&H2 sentiment of shame&H0 gave a damp&H0 to&H4 her triumph&H0;.

<lb n=P310.5>The marriage of a daughter, which&H61 had been the first

<lb n=P310.6>object&H0 of her wishes&H0;, since <name who=PPE>Jane</name> was sixteen, was now on&H4;

<lb n=P310.7>the point&H0 of accomplishment, and her thoughts and her

<lb n=P310.8>words ran wholly on&H4 those attendants of elegant nuptials,

<lb n=P310.9>fine muslins, new carriages, and servants. She was busily

<lb n=P310.10>searching through&H4 the neighbourhood for&H4 a proper situation

<lb n=P310.11>for&H4 her daughter, and, without knowing or considering

<lb n=P310.12>what their income might be, rejected many as deficient

<lb n=P310.13>in&H4 size and importance.</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P310.14>&dq;Haye-Park might do,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said she,</q><q who=PPD>&dq;if the <name who=PPZO>Gouldings</name>

<lb n=P310.15>would quit it, or the great house at Stoke, if the drawing-room

<lb n=P310.16>were larger; but Ashworth is too&H51 far off! I could

<lb n=P310.17>not bear&H1 to&H9 have her ten miles from me; and as for&H4 Purvis&sp;Lodge,

<lb n=P310.18>the attics are dreadful.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P310.19>Her husband allowed her to&H9 talk&H1 on&H5 without interruption,

<lb n=P310.20>while&H3 the servants remained. But when they had

<lb n=P310.21>withdrawn, he said to&H4 her,</q><q who=PPC>&dq;<name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>, before&H3 you take

<lb n=P310.22>any, or all of these houses, for&H4 your son and daughter,

<lb n=P310.23>let us come to&H4 a right&H21 understanding. Into <hi r=Italic>one</hi> house in&H4;

<lb n=P310.24>this neighbourhood, they shall never have admittance.

<lb n=P310.25>I will&H1 not encourage the impudence of either, by&H4 receiving

<lb n=P310.26>them at Longbourn.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P310.27>A long dispute followed this declaration; but <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name>

<lb n=P310.28>was firm: it soon led to&H4 another; and <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>

<lb n=P310.29>found, with amazement and horror, that&H3 her

<lb n=P310.30>husband would not advance&H1 a guinea to&H9 buy clothes for&H4;

<lb n=P310.31>his daughter. He protested that&H3 she should receive from

<lb n=P310.32>him no&H2 mark&H0 of affection whatever, on&H4 the occasion&H0;.

<lb n=P310.33><name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> could hardly comprehend it. That&H3 his anger&H0;

<lb n=P310.34>could be carried to&H4 such a point&H0 of inconceivable resentment,

<lb n=P310.35>as to&H9 refuse his daughter a privilege, without which&H61;

<lb n=P310.36>her marriage would scarcely seem valid, exceeded all that&H61;

<lb n=P310.37>she could believe possible. She was more alive to&H4 the

<lb n=P310.38>disgrace&H0;, which&H61 the want&H0 of new clothes must reflect on&H4;<pb n=P311>

<lb n=P311.1>her daughter's nuptials, than to&H4 any sense of shame&H0 at

<lb n=P311.2>her eloping and living with <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>, a fortnight before&H3;

<lb n=P311.3>they took place&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P311.4><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was now most heartily sorry that&H3 she had,

<lb n=P311.5>from the distress&H0 of the moment, been led to&H9 make&H1 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>

<lb n=P311.6>acquainted with their fears for&H4 her sister; for&H3;

<lb n=P311.7>since her marriage would so&H51 shortly give the proper

<lb n=P311.8>termination to&H4 the elopement, they might hope&H1 to&H9 conceal

<lb n=P311.9>its unfavourable beginning, from all those who&H61 were not

<lb n=P311.10>immediately on&H4 the spot.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P311.11>She had no&H2 fear&H0 of its spreading farther, through&H4 his

<lb n=P311.12>means&H0;. There were few people on&H4 whose&H61 secrecy she

<lb n=P311.13>would have more confidently depended; but at the same

<lb n=P311.14>time, there was no&sp;one, whose&H61 knowledge of a sister's

<lb n=P311.15>frailty would have mortified her so&H51 much. Not, however,

<lb n=P311.16>from any fear&H0 of disadvantage from it, individually to&H4;

<lb n=P311.17>herself; for&H3 at any rate&H0;, there seemed a gulf impassable

<lb n=P311.18>between them. Had <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>'s marriage been concluded on&H4;

<lb n=P311.19>the most honourable terms, it was not to&H9 be supposed

<lb n=P311.20>that&H3 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> would connect himself with a family,

<lb n=P311.21>where to&H4 every other objection would now be added, an

<lb n=P311.22>alliance and relationship of the nearest kind&H0 with the

<lb n=P311.23>man whom&H61 he so&H51 justly scorned.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P311.24>From such a connection she could not wonder&H1 that&H3 he

<lb n=P311.25>should shrink. The wish&H0 of procuring her regard&H0;, which&H61;

<lb n=P311.26>she had assured herself of his feeling in&H4 Derbyshire, could

<lb n=P311.27>not in&H4 rational expectation survive such a blow as this.

<lb n=P311.28>She was humbled, she was grieved; she repented, though

<lb n=P311.29>she hardly knew of what. She became jealous of his

<lb n=P311.30>esteem&H0;, when she could no&H2 longer hope&H1 to&H9 be benefited

<lb n=P311.31>by&H4 it. She wanted to&H9 hear of him, when there seemed

<lb n=P311.32>the least chance&H0 of gaining intelligence. She was convinced

<lb n=P311.33>that&H3 she could have been happy with him; when it was

<lb n=P311.34>no&H2 longer likely they should meet&H1;.</q></p><p><q who=PPA type=indirect>

<lb n=P311.35>What a triumph&H0 for&H4 him,</q><q who=PP0>as she often thought&H1;,</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>could

<lb n=P311.36>he know that&H3 the proposals which&H61 she had proudly spurned

<lb n=P311.37>only four months ago, would now have been gladly and

<lb n=P311.38>gratefully received! He was as generous,</q><q who=PP0>she doubted not,<pb n=P312></q><q who=PPA type=indirect>

<lb n=P312.1>as the most generous of his sex. But while&H3 he was mortal,

<lb n=P312.2>there must be a triumph&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P312.3>She began now to&H9 comprehend that&H3;</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>he was exactly the

<lb n=P312.4>man, who&H61;, in&H4 disposition and talents, would most suit&H1 her.

<lb n=P312.5>His understanding and temper, though unlike her own&H2;,

<lb n=P312.6>would have answered all her wishes&H0;. It was an union that&H61;

<lb n=P312.7>must have been to&H4 the advantage of both; by&H4 her ease&H0;

<lb n=P312.8>and liveliness, his mind&H0 might have been softened, his

<lb n=P312.9>manners improved, and from his judgment, information,

<lb n=P312.10>and knowledge of the world, she must have received

<lb n=P312.11>benefit of greater importance.</q></p><p><q who=PPA type=indirect>

<lb n=P312.12>But no&H2 such happy marriage could now teach the

<lb n=P312.13>admiring multitude what connubial felicity really was.

<lb n=P312.14>An union of a different tendency, and precluding the possibility

<lb n=P312.15>of the other, was soon to&H9 be formed in&H4 their family.</q></p><p><q who=PPA type=indirect>

<lb n=P312.16>How <name who=PPP>Wickham</name> and <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> were to&H9 be supported in&H4;

<lb n=P312.17>tolerable independence, she could not imagine. But how

<lb n=P312.18>little of permanent happiness could belong to&H4 a couple

<lb n=P312.19>who&H61 were only brought together because their passions

<lb n=P312.20>were stronger than their virtue, she could easily conjecture&H1;.</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P312.21>&dash;~</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P312.22><name who=PPN>Mr&point;&sp;Gardiner</name> soon wrote again to&H4 his brother. To&H4;

<lb n=P312.23><name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name>'s acknowledgments he briefly replied, with

<lb n=P312.24>assurances of his eagerness to&H9 promote the welfare of any

<lb n=P312.25>of his family; and concluded with intreaties that&H3 the

<lb n=P312.26>subject&H0 might never be mentioned to&H4 him again. The

<lb n=P312.27>principal&H2 purport of his letter was to&H9 inform them, that&H3;

<lb n=P312.28><name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name> had resolved on&H4 quitting the Militia.</q></p><p><q who=PPN>

<lb n=P312.29>&dq;It was greatly my wish&H0 that&H3 he should do so&H52;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>he

<lb n=P312.30>added,</q><q who=PPN>&dq;as soon as his marriage was fixed on&H5;. And

<lb n=P312.31>I think you will&H1 agree with me, in&H4 considering a removal

<lb n=P312.32>from that&H62 corps as highly advisable, both on&H4 his account&H0;

<lb n=P312.33>and my niece's. It is <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name>'s intention to&H9 go into

<lb n=P312.34>the regulars; and, among his former friends, there are

<lb n=P312.35>still&H5 some who&H61 are able and willing to&H9 assist him in&H4 the

<lb n=P312.36>army. He has the promise&H0 of an ensigncy in&H4 <name who=PPZN>General&blank;</name>'s

<lb n=P312.37>regiment, now quartered in&H4 the North. It is an<pb n=P313>

<lb n=P313.1>advantage to&H9 have it so&H51 far from this part&H0 of the kingdom.

<lb n=P313.2>He promises&H1 fairly, and I hope&H1 among different people,

<lb n=P313.3>where they may&H1 each have a character to&H9 preserve, they

<lb n=P313.4>will&H1 both be more prudent. I have written to&H4 <name who=PPZL>Colonel&sp;Forster</name>,

<lb n=P313.5>to&H9 inform him of our present&H2 arrangements, and

<lb n=P313.6>to&H9 request&H1 that&H3 he will&H1 satisfy the various creditors of

<lb n=P313.7><name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name> in&H4 and near&H4 Brighton, with assurances of

<lb n=P313.8>speedy payment, for&H4 which&H61 I have pledged myself. And

<lb n=P313.9>will&H1 you give yourself the trouble&H0 of carrying similar

<lb n=P313.10>assurances to&H4 his creditors in&H4 Meryton, of whom&H61 I shall

<lb n=P313.11>subjoin a list, according to&H4 his information. He has

<lb n=P313.12>given in&H5 all his debts; I hope&H1 at least he has not deceived

<lb n=P313.13>us. <name who=PPZQ>Haggerston</name> has our directions, and all will&H1 be completed

<lb n=P313.14>in&H4 a week. They will&H1 then join his regiment, unless

<lb n=P313.15>they are first invited to&H4 Longbourn; and I understand

<lb n=P313.16>from <name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>, that&H3 my niece is very desirous of

<lb n=P313.17>seeing you all, before&H3 she leaves&H1 the South. She is well&H5;,

<lb n=P313.18>and begs to&H9 be dutifully remembered to&H4 you and her

<lb n=P313.19>mother. &dash; Your's, &amp;c&point;

<lb n=P313.20>&dq;<name who=PPN>E&point;&sp;GARDINER</name>.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P313.22><name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name> and his daughters saw all the advantages

<lb n=P313.23>of <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>'s removal from the &blank;shire, as clearly as

<lb n=P313.24><name who=PPN>Mr&point;&sp;Gardiner</name> could do. But <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>, was not so&H51 well&H5;

<lb n=P313.25>pleased with it.</q><q who=PPD type=indirect><name who=PPH>Lydia</name>'s being&H1 settled in&H4 the North, just&H5;

<lb n=P313.26>when she had expected most pleasure and pride in&H4 her

<lb n=P313.27>company,</q><q who=PP0>for&H3 she had by&H4 no&H2 means&H0 given up&H5 her plan of

<lb n=P313.28>their residing in&H4 Hertfordshire,</q><q who=PPD type=indirect>was a severe disappointment;

<lb n=P313.29>and besides, it was such a pity&H0 that&H3 <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> should

<lb n=P313.30>be taken from a regiment where she was acquainted with

<lb n=P313.31>every&sp;body, and had so&H51 many favourites.</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P313.32>&dq;She is so&H51 fond of <name who=PPZM>Mrs&point;&sp;Forster</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said she,</q><q who=PPD>&dq;it will&H1 be

<lb n=P313.33>quite shocking to&H9 send her away! And there are several

<lb n=P313.34>of the young men, too&H52;, that&H61 she likes very much. The

<lb n=P313.35>officers may&H1 not be so&H51 pleasant in&H4 <name who=PPZN>General&blank;</name>'s

<lb n=P313.36>regiment.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P313.37>His daughter's request&H0;, for&H3 such it might be considered,

<lb n=P313.38>of being&H1 admitted into her family again, before&H3 she set&H1;<pb n=P314>

<lb n=P314.1>off for&H4 the North, received at first an absolute negative.

<lb n=P314.2>But <name who=PPE>Jane</name> and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, who&H61 agreed in&H4 wishing, for&H4 the

<lb n=P314.3>sake of their sister's feelings and consequence, that&H3 she

<lb n=P314.4>should be noticed on&H4 her marriage by&H4 her parents, urged

<lb n=P314.5>him so&H51 earnestly, yet so&H51 rationally and so&H51 mildly, to&H9 receive

<lb n=P314.6>her and her husband at Longbourn, as soon as they were

<lb n=P314.7>married, that&H3 he was prevailed on&H5 to&H9 think as they thought&H1;,

<lb n=P314.8>and act&H1 as they wished. And their mother had the satisfaction

<lb n=P314.9>of knowing, that&H3 she should be able to&H9 shew&H1 her

<lb n=P314.10>married daughter in&H4 the neighbourhood, before&H3 she was

<lb n=P314.11>banished to&H4 the North. When <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name> wrote again

<lb n=P314.12>to&H4 his brother, therefore, he sent his permission for&H4 them

<lb n=P314.13>to&H9 come; and it was settled, that&H3 as soon as the ceremony

<lb n=P314.14>was over, they should proceed to&H4 Longbourn. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P314.15>was surprised, however, that&H3 <name who=PPP>Wickham</name> should consent&H1 to&H4;

<lb n=P314.16>such a scheme&H0;, and, had she consulted only her own&H2 inclination,

<lb n=P314.17>any meeting with him would have been the last&H2;

<lb n=P314.18>object&H0 of her wishes&H0;.</q></p></div2>

<div2 type=chap n=09><p><pb n=P315>

<lb n=P315.1><q who=pp0>Their sister's wedding day arrived; and <name who=PPE>Jane</name> and

<lb n=P315.2><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> felt for&H4 her probably more than she felt for&H4;

<lb n=P315.3>herself. The carriage was sent to&H9 meet&H1 them at &blank;,

<lb n=P315.4>and they were to&H9 return&H1 in&H4 it, by&H4 dinner-time. Their

<lb n=P315.5>arrival was dreaded by&H4 the elder <name who=PPE1>Miss&sp;Bennets;</name> and <name who=PPE>Jane</name>

<lb n=P315.6>more especially, who&H61 gave <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> the feelings which&H61 would

<lb n=P315.7>have attended herself, had <hi r=Italic>she</hi> been the culprit, was

<lb n=P315.8>wretched in&H4 the thought&H0 of what her sister must endure.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P315.9><q who=pp0>They came. The family were assembled in&H4 the breakfast&sp;room,

<lb n=P315.10>to&H9 receive them. Smiles decked the face&H0 of

<lb n=P315.11><name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>, as the carriage drove up&H5 to&H4 the door; her

<lb n=P315.12>husband looked impenetrably grave&H2;; her daughters,

<lb n=P315.13>alarmed, anxious, uneasy.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P315.14><q who=pp0><name who=PPH>Lydia</name>'s voice was heard in&H4 the vestibule; the door was

<lb n=P315.15>thrown open&H2;, and she ran into the room. Her mother

<lb n=P315.16>stepped forwards, embraced her, and welcomed her with

<lb n=P315.17>rapture; gave her hand&H0 with an affectionate smile&H0 to&H4;

<lb n=P315.18><name who=PPP>Wickham</name>, who&H61 followed his lady, and wished them both

<lb n=P315.19>joy, with an alacrity which&H61 shewed no&H2 doubt&H0 of their

<lb n=P315.20>happiness.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P315.21><q who=pp0>Their reception from <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name>, to&H4 whom&H61 they then

<lb n=P315.22>turned, was not quite so&H51 cordial&H2;. His countenance rather

<lb n=P315.23>gained in&H4 austerity; and he scarcely opened his lips.

<lb n=P315.24>The easy assurance of the young couple, indeed, was

<lb n=P315.25>enough to&H9 provoke him. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was disgusted, and

<lb n=P315.26>even&H5 <name who=PPE>Miss&sp;Bennet</name> was shocked. <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> was <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> still&H5;;

<lb n=P315.27>untamed, unabashed, wild, noisy, and fearless. She turned

<lb n=P315.28>from sister to&H4 sister, demanding their congratulations, and

<lb n=P315.29>when at length they all sat down&H5;, looked eagerly round&H4;

<lb n=P315.30>the room, took notice&H0 of some little alteration in&H4 it, and

<lb n=P315.31>observed, with a laugh&H0;,</q><q who=PPH type=indirect>that&H3 it was a great while&H0 since

<lb n=P315.32>she had been there.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P315.33><name who=PPP>Wickham</name> was not at all more distressed than herself,<pb n=P316>

<lb n=P316.1>but his manners were always so&H51 pleasing, that&H3 had his

<lb n=P316.2>character and his marriage been exactly what they ought,

<lb n=P316.3>his smiles and his easy address&H0;, while&H3 he claimed their

<lb n=P316.4>relationship, would have delighted them all. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P316.5>had not before&H5 believed him quite equal&H2 to&H4 such assurance;

<lb n=P316.6>but she sat down&H5;, resolving within herself, to&H9 draw no&H2;

<lb n=P316.7>limits in&H4 future to&H4 the impudence of an impudent man.

<lb n=P316.8><hi r=Italic>She</hi> blushed, and <name who=PPE>Jane</name> blushed; but the cheeks of the

<lb n=P316.9>two who&H61 caused their confusion, suffered no&H2 variation of

<lb n=P316.10>colour.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P316.11>There was no&H2 want&H0 of discourse. The bride and her

<lb n=P316.12>mother could neither of them talk&H1 fast enough; and

<lb n=P316.13><name who=PPP>Wickham</name>, who&H61 happened to&H9 sit near&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, began

<lb n=P316.14>enquiring after&H4 his acquaintance in&H4 that&H62 neighbourhood,

<lb n=P316.15>with a good&sp;humoured ease&H0;, which&H61 she felt very unable

<lb n=P316.16>to&H9 equal&H1 in&H4 replies&H0;. They seemed each of them to&H9 have

<lb n=P316.17>the happiest memories in&H4 the world. Nothing of the past&H0;

<lb n=P316.18>was recollected with pain&H0;; and <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> led voluntarily to&H4;

<lb n=P316.19>subjects, which&H61 her sisters would not have alluded to&H4 for&H4;

<lb n=P316.20>the world.</q></p><p><q who=PPH>

<lb n=P316.21>&dq;Only think of its being&H1 three months,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>she cried,</q><q who=PPH>

<lb n=P316.22>&dq;since I went away; it seems but a fortnight I declare;

<lb n=P316.23>and yet there have been things enough happened in&H4 the

<lb n=P316.24>time. Good gracious! when I went away, I am sure

<lb n=P316.25>I had no&H2 more idea of being&H1 married till I came back&H5;

<lb n=P316.26>again! though I thought&H1 it would be very good fun if

<lb n=P316.27>I was.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P316.28>Her father lifted up&H5 his eyes. <name who=PPE>Jane</name> was distressed.

<lb n=P316.29><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> looked expressively at <name who=PPH>Lydia;</name> but she, who&H61;

<lb n=P316.30>never heard nor saw any&sp;thing of which&H61 she chose to&H9 be

<lb n=P316.31>insensible, gaily continued,</q><q who=PPH>&dq;Oh! mamma, do the people

<lb n=P316.32>here&sp;abouts know I am married to-day? I was afraid

<lb n=P316.33>they might not; and we overtook <name who=PPZO>William&sp;Goulding</name> in&H4;

<lb n=P316.34>his curricle, so&H3 I was determined he should know it, and

<lb n=P316.35>so&H3 I let down&H5 the side&H2 glass next to&H4 him, and took off my

<lb n=P316.36>glove, and let my hand&H0 just&H5 rest&H1 upon&H4 the window frame,

<lb n=P316.37>so&H3 that&H3 he might see the ring&H0;, and then I bowed and

<lb n=P316.38>smiled like&H4 any&sp;thing.&dq;<pb n=P317></q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P317.1><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> could bear&H1 it no&H2 longer. She got up&H5;, and ran

<lb n=P317.2>out&H5 of the room; and returned no&H2 more, till she heard

<lb n=P317.3>them passing through&H4 the hall to&H4 the dining&sp;parlour.

<lb n=P317.4>She then joined them soon enough to&H9 see <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>, with

<lb n=P317.5>anxious parade&H0;, walk&H1 up&H5 to&H4 her mother's right&H22 hand&H0;, and

<lb n=P317.6>hear her say to&H4 her eldest sister,</q><q who=PPH>&dq;Ah! <name who=PPE>Jane</name>, I take

<lb n=P317.7>your place&H0 now, and you must go lower&H2;, because I am a

<lb n=P317.8>married woman.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P317.9>It was not to&H9 be supposed that&H3 time would give <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>

<lb n=P317.10>that&H62 embarrassment, from which&H61 she had been so&H51 wholly

<lb n=P317.11>free at first. Her ease&H0 and good spirits increased. She

<lb n=P317.12>longed to&H9 see <name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Phillips</name>, the <name who=PPR1>Lucasses</name>, and all their

<lb n=P317.13>other neighbours, and to&H9 hear herself called &dq;<name who=PPH>Mrs&point;&sp;Wickham</name>,&dq;

<lb n=P317.14>by&H4 each of them; and in&H4 the mean&sp;time, she went

<lb n=P317.15>after&H4 dinner to&H9 shew&H1 her ring&H0 and boast&H1 of being&H1 married,

<lb n=P317.16>to&H4 <name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Hill</name> and the two housemaids.</q></p><p><q who=PPH>

<lb n=P317.17>&dq;Well&H7;, mamma,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said she, when they were all returned

<lb n=P317.18>to&H4 the breakfast&sp;room,</q><q who=PPH>&dq;and what do you think of my

<lb n=P317.19>husband? Is not he a charming man? I am sure my

<lb n=P317.20>sisters must all envy&H1 me. I only hope&H1 they may&H1 have

<lb n=P317.21>half my good luck. They must all go to&H4 Brighton. That&H62;

<lb n=P317.22>is the place&H0 to&H9 get husbands. What a pity&H0 it is, mamma,

<lb n=P317.23>we did not all go.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P317.24>&dq;Very true; and if I had my will&H0;, we should. But

<lb n=P317.25>my dear&H21 <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>, I don't at all like&H1 your going such a way

<lb n=P317.26>off. Must it be so&H52;?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPH>

<lb n=P317.27>&dq;Oh, lord&H7;! yes; &dash; there is nothing in&H4 that&H62;. I shall

<lb n=P317.28>like&H1 it of all things. You and papa, and my sisters, must

<lb n=P317.29>come down&H5 and see us. We shall be at Newcastle all the

<lb n=P317.30>winter, and I dare&H12 say there will&H1 be some balls, and I will&H1;

<lb n=P317.31>take care&H0 to&H9 get good partners for&H4 them all.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P317.32>&dq;I should like&H1 it beyond&H4 any&sp;thing!&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said her mother.</q></p><p><q who=PPH>

<lb n=P317.33>&dq;And then when you go away, you may&H1 leave&H1 one

<lb n=P317.34>or two of my sisters behind you; and I dare&H12 say I shall

<lb n=P317.35>get husbands for&H4 them before&H3 the winter is over.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P317.36>&dq;I thank you for&H4 my share&H0 of the favour&H0;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPA>Elizabeth;</name></q><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P317.37>&dq;but I do not particularly like&H1 your way of getting

<lb n=P317.38>husbands.&dq;<pb n=P318></q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P318.1>Their visitors were not to&H9 remain above&H4 ten days with

<lb n=P318.2>them. <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name> had received his commission before&H3;

<lb n=P318.3>he left London, and he was to&H9 join his regiment at the end&H0;

<lb n=P318.4>of a fortnight.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P318.5>No&sp;one but <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>, regretted that&H3 their stay&H0;

<lb n=P318.6>would be so&H51 short; and she made the most of the time,

<lb n=P318.7>by&H4 visiting about&H5 with her daughter, and having very

<lb n=P318.8>frequent parties at home. These parties were acceptable

<lb n=P318.9>to&H4 all; to&H9 avoid a family circle was even&H5 more desirable

<lb n=P318.10>to&H4 such as did think, than such as did not.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P318.11><name who=PPP>Wickham</name>'s affection for&H4 <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>, was just&H5 what <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P318.12>had expected to&H9 find it; not equal&H2 to&H4 <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>'s for&H4 him.

<lb n=P318.13>She had scarcely needed her present&H2 observation to&H9 be

<lb n=P318.14>satisfied, from the reason&H0 of things, that&H3 their elopement

<lb n=P318.15>had been brought on&H5 by&H4 the strength of her love&H0;, rather

<lb n=P318.16>than by&H4 his; and she would have wondered why, without

<lb n=P318.17>violently caring for&H4 her, he chose to&H9 elope with her at

<lb n=P318.18>all, had she not felt certain that&H3 his flight was rendered

<lb n=P318.19>necessary by&H4 distress&H0 of circumstances; and if that&H62 were

<lb n=P318.20>the case, he was not the young man to&H9 resist an opportunity

<lb n=P318.21>of having a companion.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P318.22><name who=PPH>Lydia</name> was exceedingly fond of him. He was her dear&H21;

<lb n=P318.23><name who=PPP>Wickham</name> on&H4 every occasion&H0;; no&sp;one was to&H9 be put in&H4;

<lb n=P318.24>competition with him. He did everything best in&H4 the

<lb n=P318.25>world; and she was sure he would kill more birds on&H4 the

<lb n=P318.26>first of September, than any&sp;body else in&H4 the country.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P318.27>One morning, soon after&H4 their arrival, as she was sitting

<lb n=P318.28>with her two elder sisters, she said to&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,</q></p><p><q who=PPH>

<lb n=P318.29>&dq;<name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>, I never gave <hi r=Italic>you</hi> an account&H0 of my wedding,

<lb n=P318.30>I believe. You were not by&H5;, when I told mamma, and the

<lb n=P318.31>others, all about&H4 it. Are not you curious to&H9 hear how it

<lb n=P318.32>was managed?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P318.33>&dq;No&H7 really,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied <name who=PPA>Elizabeth;</name></q><q who=PPA>&dq;I think there cannot

<lb n=P318.34>be too&H51 little said on&H4 the subject&H0;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPH>

<lb n=P318.35>&dq;La! You are so&H51 strange! But I must tell you how

<lb n=P318.36>it went off. We were married, you know, at St&point;&sp;Clement's,

<lb n=P318.37>because <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>'s lodgings were in&H4 that&H62 parish. And

<lb n=P318.38>it was settled that&H3 we should all be there by&H4 eleven o'clock.<pb n=P319>

<lb n=P319.1>My uncle and aunt and I were to&H9 go together; and the

<lb n=P319.2>others were to&H9 meet&H1 us at the church. Well&H7;, Monday

<lb n=P319.3>morning came, and I was in&H4 such a fuss! I was so&H51 afraid

<lb n=P319.4>you know that&H3 something would happen to&H9 put it off, and

<lb n=P319.5>then I should have gone quite distracted. And there was

<lb n=P319.6>my aunt, all the time I was dressing, preaching and

<lb n=P319.7>talking away just&H5 as if she was reading a sermon. However,

<lb n=P319.8>I did not hear above&H4 one word in&H4 ten, for&H3 I was

<lb n=P319.9>thinking, you may&H1 suppose, of my dear&H21 <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>. I longed

<lb n=P319.10>to&H9 know whether he would be married in&H4 his blue coat.</q></p><p><q who=PPH>

<lb n=P319.11>&dq;Well&H7;, and so&H3 we breakfasted at ten as usual; I

<lb n=P319.12>thought&H1 it would never be over; for&H3;, by&sp;the&sp;bye, you are

<lb n=P319.13>to&H9 understand, that&H3 my uncle and aunt were horrid

<lb n=P319.14>unpleasant all the time I was with them. If you'll believe

<lb n=P319.15>me, I did not once put my foot out&H5 of doors, though I was

<lb n=P319.16>there a fortnight. Not one party, or scheme&H0;, or any&sp;thing.

<lb n=P319.17>To&H9 be sure London was rather thin, but however the

<lb n=P319.18>little Theatre was open&H2;. Well&H7;, and so&H3 just&H5 as the carriage

<lb n=P319.19>came to&H4 the door, my uncle was called away upon&H4 business

<lb n=P319.20>to&H4 that&H62 horrid man <name who=PPZZN>Mr&point;&sp;Stone</name>. And then, you know,

<lb n=P319.21>when once they get together, there is no&H2 end&H0 of it. Well&H7;,

<lb n=P319.22>I was so&H51 frightened I did not know what to&H9 do, for&H3 my

<lb n=P319.23>uncle was to&H9 give me away; and if we were beyond&H4 the

<lb n=P319.24>hour, we could not be married all day. But, luckily, he

<lb n=P319.25>came back&H5 again in&H4 ten minutes time, and then we all

<lb n=P319.26>set&H1 out&H5;. However, I recollected afterwards, that&H3 if he

<lb n=P319.27><hi r=Italic>had</hi> been prevented going, the wedding need&H1 not be put

<lb n=P319.28>off, for&H3 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> might have done as well&H5;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P319.29>&dq;<name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>!&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P319.39>repeated <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, in&H4 utter&H2 amazement.</q></p><p><q who=PPH>

<lb n=P319.30>&dq;Oh, yes! &dash; he was to&H9 come there with <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>, you

<lb n=P319.31>know. But gracious me! I quite forgot! I ought not to&H9;

<lb n=P319.32>have said a word about&H4 it. I promised them so&H51 faithfully!

<lb n=P319.33>What will&H1 <name who=PPP>Wickham</name> say? It was to&H9 be such a secret&H0;!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P319.34>&dq;If it was to&H9 be secret&H2;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPE>Jane</name>,</q><q who=PPE>&dq;say not another

<lb n=P319.35>word on&H4 the subject&H0;. You may&H1 depend upon&H4 my seeking

<lb n=P319.36>no&H2 further.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P319.37>&dq;Oh! certainly,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, though burning with

<lb n=P319.38>curiosity;</q><q who=PPA>&dq;we will&H1 ask you no&H2 questions.&dq;<pb n=P320></q></p><p><q who=PPH>

<lb n=P320.1>&dq;Thank you,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>,</q><q who=PPH>&dq;for&H3 if you did, I should

<lb n=P320.2>certainly tell you all, and then <name who=PPP>Wickham</name> would be

<lb n=P320.3>angry.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P320.4>On&H4 such encouragement to&H9 ask, <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was forced

<lb n=P320.5>to&H9 put it out&H5 of her power, by&H4 running away.</q></p><p><q who=PPA type=indirect>

<lb n=P320.6>But to&H9 live in&H4 ignorance on&H4 such a point&H0 was impossible;

<lb n=P320.7>or at least it was impossible not to&H9 try for&H4 information.

<lb n=P320.8><name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> had been at her sister's wedding. It was

<lb n=P320.9>exactly a scene, and exactly among people, where he had

<lb n=P320.10>apparently least to&H9 do, and least temptation to&H9 go.</q><q who=PP0>Conjectures&H0;

<lb n=P320.11>as to&H4 the meaning of it, rapid and wild, hurried

<lb n=P320.12>into her brain; but she was satisfied with none. Those

<lb n=P320.13>that&H61 best pleased her, as placing his conduct&H0 in&H4 the noblest

<lb n=P320.14>light&H0;, seemed most improbable. She could not bear&H1 such

<lb n=P320.15>suspense; and hastily seizing a sheet of paper, wrote

<lb n=P320.16>a short letter to&H4 her aunt, to&H9 request&H1 an explanation of

<lb n=P320.17>what <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> had dropt, if it were compatible with the

<lb n=P320.18>secrecy which&H61 had been intended.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P320.19>&dq;You may&H1 readily comprehend,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>she added,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;what my

<lb n=P320.20>curiosity must be to&H9 know how a person so&H51 unconnected with

<lb n=P320.21>any of us, and (comparatively speaking) a stranger&H0 to&H4 our

<lb n=P320.22>family, should have been amongst you at such a time.

<lb n=P320.23>Pray write instantly, and let me understand it &dash; unless it

<lb n=P320.24>is, for&H4 very cogent reasons, to&H9 remain in&H4 the secrecy which&H61;

<lb n=P320.25><name who=PPH>Lydia</name> seems to&H9 think necessary; and then I must endeavour&H1;

<lb n=P320.26>to&H9 be satisfied with ignorance.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA type=indirect>

<lb n=P320.27>&dq;Not that&H62 I <hi r=Italic>shall</hi> though,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>she added to&H4 herself, as

<lb n=P320.28>she finished the letter;</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>&dq;and my dear&H21 aunt, if you do

<lb n=P320.29>not tell me in&H4 an honourable manner, I shall certainly

<lb n=P320.30>be reduced to&H4 tricks and stratagems to&H9 find it out&H5;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P320.31><name who=PPE>Jane</name>'s delicate sense of honour&H0 would not allow her to&H9;

<lb n=P320.32>speak to&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> privately of what <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> had let fall&H1;;

<lb n=P320.33><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was glad of it; &dash; till it appeared whether her

<lb n=P320.34>inquiries would receive any satisfaction, she had rather

<lb n=P320.35>be without a confidante.</q></p></div2>

<div2 type=chap n=10><p><pb n=P321>

<lb n=P321.1><q who=pp0><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> had the satisfaction of receiving an answer&H0;

<lb n=P321.2>to&H4 her letter, as soon as she possibly could. She was no&H2;

<lb n=P321.3>sooner in&H4 possession of it, than hurrying into the little

<lb n=P321.4>copse, where she was least likely to&H9 be interrupted, she

<lb n=P321.5>sat down&H5 on&H4 one of the benches, and prepared to&H9 be happy;

<lb n=P321.6>for&H3 the length of the letter convinced her that&H3 it did not

<lb n=P321.7>contain a denial.

<lb n=P321.8></q><q who=PPO>

<lb n=P321.9>&dq;Gracechurch-street, Sept&point;&sp;6.

<lb n=P321.10>&dq;MY DEAR&H21 NIECE,</q></p><p><q who=PPO>

<lb n=P321.11>&dq;I have just&H5 received your letter, and shall devote this

<lb n=P321.12>whole&H2 morning to&H4 answering it, as I foresee that&H3 a <hi r=Italic>little</hi>

<lb n=P321.13>writing will&H1 not comprise what I have to&H9 tell you. I must

<lb n=P321.14>confess myself surprised by&H4 your application; I did not

<lb n=P321.15>expect it from <hi r=Italic>you</hi>. Don't think me angry, however, for&H3 I

<lb n=P321.16>only mean&H1 to&H9 let you know, that&H3 I had not imagined such

<lb n=P321.17>enquiries to&H9 be necessary on&H4 <hi r=Italic>your</hi> side&H0;. If you do not

<lb n=P321.18>choose to&H9 understand me, forgive my impertinence. Your

<lb n=P321.19>uncle is as much surprised as I am &dash; and nothing but the

<lb n=P321.20>belief of your being&H1 a party concerned, would have allowed

<lb n=P321.21>him to&H9 act&H1 as he has done. But if you are really innocent

<lb n=P321.22>and ignorant, I must be more explicit. On&H4 the very day

<lb n=P321.23>of my coming home from Longbourn, your uncle had a

<lb n=P321.24>most unexpected visitor. <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> called, and was shut

<lb n=P321.25>up&H5 with him several hours. It was all over before&H3 I arrived;

<lb n=P321.26>so&H3 my curiosity was not so&H51 dreadfully racked as <hi r=Italic>your's</hi>

<lb n=P321.27>seems to&H9 have been. He came to&H9 tell <name who=PPN>Mr&point;&sp;Gardiner</name> that&H3;

<lb n=P321.28>he had found out&H5 where your sister and <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name> were,

<lb n=P321.29>and that&H3 he had seen and talked with them both, <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>

<lb n=P321.30>repeatedly, <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> once. From what I can collect, he left

<lb n=P321.31>Derbyshire only one day after&H4 ourselves, and came to&H4;

<lb n=P321.32>town with the resolution of hunting for&H4 them. The motive

<lb n=P321.33>professed, was his conviction of its being&H1 owing to&H4 himself

<lb n=P321.34>that&H3 <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>'s worthlessness had not been so&H51 well&H5 known,<pb n=P322>

<lb n=P322.1>as to&H9 make&H1 it impossible for&H4 any young woman of character,

<lb n=P322.2>to&H9 love&H1 or confide in&H4 him. He generously imputed the

<lb n=P322.3>whole&H0 to&H4 his mistaken pride, and confessed that&H3 he

<lb n=P322.4>had before&H5 thought&H1 it beneath him, to&H9 lay&H11 his private&H2;

<lb n=P322.5>actions open&H2 to&H4 the world. His character was to&H9 speak

<lb n=P322.6>for&H4 itself. He called it, therefore, his duty to&H9 step&H1;

<lb n=P322.7>forward&H5;, and endeavour&H1 to&H9 remedy an evil, which&H61 had

<lb n=P322.8>been brought on&H5 by&H4 himself. If he <hi r=Italic>had</hi> <hi r=Italic>another</hi> motive,

<lb n=P322.9>I am sure it would never disgrace&H1 him. He had

<lb n=P322.10>been some days in&H4 town, before&H3 he was able to&H9 discover

<lb n=P322.11>them; but he had something to&H9 direct&H1 his search&H0;, which&H61;

<lb n=P322.12>was more than <hi r=Italic>we</hi> had; and the consciousness of this,

<lb n=P322.13>was another reason&H0 for&H4 his resolving to&H9 follow us. There

<lb n=P322.14>is a lady, it seems, a <name who=PPZZR>Mrs&point;&sp;Younge</name>, who&H61 was some

<lb n=P322.15>time ago governess to&H4 <name who=PPZG>Miss&sp;Darcy</name>, and was dismissed

<lb n=P322.16>from her charge&H0 on&H4 some cause of disapprobation, though

<lb n=P322.17>he did not say what. She then took a large house in&H4;

<lb n=P322.18>Edward-street, and has since maintained herself by&H4 letting

<lb n=P322.19>lodgings. This <name who=PPZZR>Mrs&point;&sp;Younge</name> was, he knew, intimately

<lb n=P322.20>acquainted with <name who=PPP>Wickham;</name> and he went to&H4 her for&H4 intelligence

<lb n=P322.21>of him, as soon as he got to&H4 town. But it was

<lb n=P322.22>two or three days before&H3 he could get from her what he

<lb n=P322.23>wanted. She would not betray her trust&H0;, I suppose,

<lb n=P322.24>without bribery and corruption, for&H3 she really did know

<lb n=P322.25>where her friend was to&H9 be found. <name who=PPP>Wickham</name> indeed had

<lb n=P322.26>gone to&H4 her, on&H4 their first arrival in&H4 London, and had she

<lb n=P322.27>been able to&H9 receive them into her house, they would

<lb n=P322.28>have taken up&H5 their abode with her. At length, however,

<lb n=P322.29>our kind&H2 friend procured the wished-for direction. They

<lb n=P322.30>were in&H4 &blank;street. He saw <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>, and afterwards

<lb n=P322.31>insisted on&H4 seeing <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>. His first object&H0 with her, he

<lb n=P322.32>acknowledged, had been to&H9 persuade her to&H9 quit her

<lb n=P322.33>present&H2 disgraceful situation, and return&H1 to&H4 her friends as

<lb n=P322.34>soon as they could be prevailed on&H5 to&H9 receive her, offering

<lb n=P322.35>his assistance, as far as it would go. But he found <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>

<lb n=P322.36>absolutely resolved on&H4 remaining where she was. She

<lb n=P322.37>cared for&H4 none of her friends, she wanted no&H2 help&H0 of his,

<lb n=P322.38>she would not hear of leaving <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>. She was sure<pb n=P323>

<lb n=P323.1>they should be married some&sp;time or other, and it did

<lb n=P323.2>not much signify when. Since such were her feelings,

<lb n=P323.3>it only remained, he thought&H1;, to&H9 secure&H1 and expedite

<lb n=P323.4>a marriage, which&H61;, in&H4 his very first conversation with

<lb n=P323.5><name who=PPP>Wickham</name>, he easily learnt, had never been <hi r=Italic>his</hi> design&H0;.

<lb n=P323.6>He confessed himself obliged to&H9 leave&H1 the regiment, on&H4;

<lb n=P323.7>account&H0 of some debts of honour&H0;, which&H61 were very pressing;

<lb n=P323.8>and scrupled not to&H9 lay&H11 all the ill-consequences of <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>'s

<lb n=P323.9>flight, on&H4 her own&H2 folly alone. He meant to&H9 resign his

<lb n=P323.10>commission immediately; and as to&H4 his future situation,

<lb n=P323.11>he could conjecture&H1 very little about&H4 it. He must go

<lb n=P323.12>somewhere, but he did not know where, and he knew he

<lb n=P323.13>should have nothing to&H9 live on&H4;. <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> asked him

<lb n=P323.14>why he had not married your sister at once. Though

<lb n=P323.15><name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name> was not imagined to&H9 be very rich, he would

<lb n=P323.16>have been able to&H9 do something for&H4 him, and his situation

<lb n=P323.17>must have been benefited by&H4 marriage. But he found,

<lb n=P323.18>in&H4 reply&H0 to&H4 this question&H0;, that&H3 <name who=PPP>Wickham</name> still&H5 cherished

<lb n=P323.19>the hope&H0 of more effectually making his fortune by&H4 marriage,

<lb n=P323.20>in&H4 some other country. Under such circumstances,

<lb n=P323.21>however, he was not likely to&H9 be proof against the temptation

<lb n=P323.22>of immediate relief. They met several times, for&H3;

<lb n=P323.23>there was much to&H9 be discussed. <name who=PPP>Wickham</name> of course&H8;

<lb n=P323.24>wanted more than he could get; but at length was

<lb n=P323.25>reduced to&H9 be reasonable. Every&sp;thing being&H1 settled

<lb n=P323.26>between <hi r=Italic>them</hi>, <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>'s next step&H0 was to&H9 make&H1 your

<lb n=P323.27>uncle acquainted with it, and he first called in&H4 Gracechurch-street

<lb n=P323.28>the evening before&H3 I came home. But <name who=PPN>Mr&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>

<lb n=P323.29>could not be seen, and <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> found, on&H4 further enquiry,

<lb n=P323.30>that&H3 your father was still&H5 with him, but would quit town<pb n=P232>

<lb n=P232.31>the next morning. He did not judge&H1 your father to&H9 be<pb n=P323>

<lb n=P323.32>a person whom&H61 he could so&H51 properly consult as your uncle,

<lb n=P323.33>and therefore readily postponed seeing him, till after&H4 the

<lb n=P323.34>departure of the former. He did not leave&H1 his name&H0;, and

<lb n=P323.35>till the next day, it was only known that&H3 a gentleman had

<lb n=P323.36>called on&H4 business. On&H4 Saturday he came again. Your

<lb n=P323.37>father was gone, your uncle at home, and, as I said before&H5;,

<lb n=P323.38>they had a great deal&H0 of talk&H0 together. They met again on&H4;<pb n=P324>

<lb n=P324.1>Sunday, and then <hi r=Italic>I</hi> saw him too&H52;. It was not all settled

<lb n=P324.2>before&H4 Monday: as soon as it was, the express&H0 was sent

<lb n=P324.3>off to&H4 Longbourn. But our visitor was very obstinate.

<lb n=P324.4>I fancy&H1;, <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>, that&H3 obstinacy is the real defect of his

<lb n=P324.5>character after&H4 all. He has been accused of many faults

<lb n=P324.6>at different times; but <hi r=Italic>this</hi> is the true one. Nothing was

<lb n=P324.7>to&H9 be done that&H61 he did not do himself; though I am

<lb n=P324.8>sure (and I do not speak it to&H9 be thanked, therefore say

<lb n=P324.9>nothing about&H4 it,) your uncle would most readily have

<lb n=P324.10>settled the whole&H0;. They battled it together for&H4 a long

<lb n=P324.11>time, which&H61 was more than either the gentleman or lady

<lb n=P324.12>concerned in&H4 it deserved. But at last&H0 your uncle was

<lb n=P324.13>forced to&H9 yield, and instead of being&H1 allowed to&H9 be of use&H0;

<lb n=P324.14>to&H4 his niece, was forced to&H9 put up&H5 with only having the

<lb n=P324.15>probable credit&H0 of it, which&H61 went sorely against the grain;

<lb n=P324.16>and I really believe your letter this morning gave him

<lb n=P324.17>great pleasure, because it required an explanation that&H61;

<lb n=P324.18>would rob him of his borrowed feathers, and give the

<lb n=P324.19>praise&H0 where it was due&H2;. But, <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>, this must go no&H2;

<lb n=P324.20>farther than yourself, or <name who=PPE>Jane</name> at most. You know pretty&H5;

<lb n=P324.21>well&H5;, I suppose, what has been done for&H4 the young people.

<lb n=P324.22>His debts are to&H9 be paid, amounting, I believe, to&H4 considerably

<lb n=P324.23>more than a thousand pounds, another thousand in&H4;

<lb n=P324.24>addition to&H4 her own&H2 settled upon&H4 <hi r=Italic>her</hi>, and his commission

<lb n=P324.25>purchased. The reason&H0 why all this was to&H9 be done by&H4;

<lb n=P324.26>him alone, was such as I have given above&H5;. It was owing

<lb n=P324.27>to&H4 him, to&H4 his reserve&H0;, and want&H0 of proper consideration,

<lb n=P324.28>that&H3 <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>'s character had been so&H51 misunderstood,

<lb n=P324.29>and consequently that&H3 he had been received and noticed

<lb n=P324.30>as he was. Perhaps there was some truth in&H4 <hi r=Italic>this</hi>; though

<lb n=P324.31>I doubt&H1 whether <hi r=Italic>his</hi> reserve&H0;, or <hi r=Italic>anybody's</hi> reserve&H0;, can be

<lb n=P324.32>answerable for&H4 the event. But in&H4 spite&H8 of all this fine

<lb n=P324.33>talking, my dear&H21 <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>, you may&H1 rest&H1 perfectly assured,

<lb n=P324.34>that&H3 your uncle would never have yielded, if we had not

<lb n=P324.35>given him credit&H0 for&H4 <hi r=Italic>another</hi> <hi r=Italic>interest&H0;</hi> in&H4 the affair. When

<lb n=P324.36>all this was resolved on&H5;, he returned again to&H4 his friends,

<lb n=P324.37>who&H61 were still&H5 staying at Pemberley; but it was agreed

<lb n=P324.38>that&H3 he should be in&H4 London once more when the wedding<pb n=P325>

<lb n=P325.1>took place&H0;, and all money matters were then to&H9 receive

<lb n=P325.2>the last&H2 finish&H0;. I believe I have now told you every&sp;thing.

<lb n=P325.3>It is a relation which&H61 you tell me is to&H9 give you

<lb n=P325.4>great surprise&H0;; I hope&H1 at least it will&H1 not afford you any

<lb n=P325.5>displeasure. <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> came to&H4 us; and <name who=PPP>Wickham</name> had

<lb n=P325.6>constant admission to&H4 the house. <hi r=Italic>He</hi> was exactly what

<lb n=P325.7>he had been, when I knew him in&H4 Hertfordshire; but

<lb n=P325.8>I would not tell you how little I was satisfied with <hi r=Italic>her</hi>

<lb n=P325.9>behaviour while&H3 she staid with us, if I had not perceived,

<lb n=P325.10>by&H4 <name who=PPE>Jane</name>'s letter last&H2 Wednesday, that&H3 her conduct&H0 on&H4;

<lb n=P325.11>coming home was exactly of a piece with it, and therefore

<lb n=P325.12>what I now tell you, can give you no&H2 fresh pain&H0;. I talked

<lb n=P325.13>to&H4 her repeatedly in&H4 the most serious&H2 manner, representing to&H4;

<lb n=P325.14>her all the wickedness of what she had done, and all the

<lb n=P325.15>unhappiness she had brought on&H4 her family. If she heard

<lb n=P325.16>me, it was by&H4 good luck, for&H3 I am sure she did not listen.

<lb n=P325.17>I was sometimes quite provoked, but then I recollected

<lb n=P325.18>my dear&H21 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> and <name who=PPE>Jane</name>, and for&H4 their sakes had

<lb n=P325.19>patience with her. <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> was punctual in&H4 his return&H0;,

<lb n=P325.20>and as <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> informed you, attended the wedding. He

<lb n=P325.21>dined with us the next day, and was to&H9 leave&H1 town again

<lb n=P325.22>on&H4 Wednesday or Thursday. Will&H1 you be very angry with

<lb n=P325.23>me, my dear&H21 <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>, if I take this opportunity of saying

<lb n=P325.24>(what I was never bold enough to&H9 say before&H5;) how much

<lb n=P325.25>I like&H1 him. His behaviour to&H4 us has, in&H4 every respect&H0;, been

<lb n=P325.26>as pleasing as when we were in&H4 Derbyshire. His understanding

<lb n=P325.27>and opinions all please me; he wants&H1 nothing

<lb n=P325.28>but a little more liveliness, and <hi r=Italic>that&H62;</hi>, if he marry <hi r=Italic>prudently</hi>,

<lb n=P325.29>his wife may&H1 teach him. I thought&H1 him very sly; &dash; he

<lb n=P325.30>hardly ever mentioned your name&H0;. But slyness seems the

<lb n=P325.31>fashion&H0;. Pray forgive me, if I have been very presuming,

<lb n=P325.32>or at least do not punish me so&H51 far, as to&H9 exclude me from

<lb n=P325.33>P&point; I shall never be quite happy till I have been all round&H4;

<lb n=P325.34>the park. A low phaeton, with a nice little pair&H0 of ponies,

<lb n=P325.35>would be the very thing. But I must write no&H2 more.

<lb n=P325.36>The children have been wanting me this half hour. Your's,

<lb n=P325.37>very sincerely,

<lb n=P325.38>&dq;<name who=PPO>M&point;&sp;GARDINER</name>.&dq;<pb n=P326></q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P326.1>The contents of this letter threw <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> into a flutter

<lb n=P326.2>of spirits, in&H4 which&H61 it was difficult to&H9 determine whether

<lb n=P326.3>pleasure or pain&H0 bore&H11 the greatest share&H0;. The vague and

<lb n=P326.4>unsettled suspicions which&H61 uncertainty had produced of

<lb n=P326.5>what <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> might have been doing to&H9 forward&H1 her

<lb n=P326.6>sister's match&H0;, which&H61 she had feared to&H9 encourage, as an

<lb n=P326.7>exertion of goodness too&H51 great to&H9 be probable, and at the

<lb n=P326.8>same time dreaded to&H9 be just&H2;, from the pain&H0 of obligation,

<lb n=P326.9>were proved beyond&H4 their greatest extent to&H9 be true!</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>

<lb n=P326.10>He had followed them purposely to&H4 town, he had taken

<lb n=P326.11>on&H4 himself all the trouble&H0 and mortification attendant on&H4;

<lb n=P326.12>such a research; in&H4 which&H61 supplication had been necessary

<lb n=P326.13>to&H4 a woman whom&H61 he must abominate and despise, and

<lb n=P326.14>where he was reduced to&H9 meet&H1;, frequently meet&H1;, reason&H1;

<lb n=P326.15>with, persuade, and finally bribe, the man whom&H61 he always

<lb n=P326.16>most wished to&H9 avoid, and whose&H61 very name&H0 it was punishment

<lb n=P326.17>to&H4 him to&H9 pronounce. He had done all this for&H4;

<lb n=P326.18>a girl whom&H61 he could neither regard&H1 nor esteem&H1;.</q><q who=PP0>Her

<lb n=P326.19>heart did whisper&H1;, that&H3 he had done it for&H4 her. But it

<lb n=P326.20>was a hope&H0 shortly checked by&H4 other considerations, and

<lb n=P326.21>she soon felt that&H3 even&H5 her vanity was insufficient, when

<lb n=P326.22>required to&H9 depend on&H4 his affection for&H4 her, for&H4 a woman

<lb n=P326.23>who&H61 had already refused him, as able to&H9 overcome a sentiment

<lb n=P326.24>so&H51 natural&H2 as abhorrence against relationship with

<lb n=P326.25><name who=PPP>Wickham</name>.</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>Brother-in-law of <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>! Every kind&H0 of

<lb n=P326.26>pride must revolt from the connection. He had to&H9 be sure

<lb n=P326.27>done much. She was ashamed to&H9 think how much. But

<lb n=P326.28>he had given a reason&H0 for&H4 his interference, which&H61 asked

<lb n=P326.29>no&H2 extraordinary stretch of belief. It was reasonable that&H3;

<lb n=P326.30>he should feel he had been wrong; he had liberality, and

<lb n=P326.31>he had the means&H0 of exercising it; and though she would

<lb n=P326.32>not place&H1 herself as his principal&H2 inducement, she could,

<lb n=P326.33>perhaps, believe, that&H3 remaining partiality for&H4 her, might

<lb n=P326.34>assist his endeavours&H0 in&H4 a cause where her peace of mind&H0;

<lb n=P326.35>must be materially concerned. It was painful, exceedingly

<lb n=P326.36>painful, to&H9 know that&H3 they were under obligations

<lb n=P326.37>to&H4 a person who&H61 could never receive a return&H0;. They owed

<lb n=P326.38>the restoration of <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>, her character, every&sp;thing to&H4;<pb n=P327>

<lb n=P327.1>him.</q><q who=PP0>Oh! how heartily did she grieve over every ungracious

<lb n=P327.2>sensation&H01 she had ever encouraged, every saucy

<lb n=P327.3>speech she had ever directed towards him. For&H4 herself

<lb n=P327.4>she was humbled; but she was proud of him. Proud that&H3;

<lb n=P327.5>in&H4 a cause of compassion and honour&H0;, he had been able

<lb n=P327.6>to&H9 get the better of himself. She read over her aunt's

<lb n=P327.7>commendation of him again and again. It was hardly

<lb n=P327.8>enough; but it pleased her. She was even&H5 sensible&H21 of

<lb n=P327.9>some pleasure, though mixed with regret&H0;, on&H4 finding how

<lb n=P327.10>steadfastly both she and her uncle had been persuaded

<lb n=P327.11>that&H3 affection and confidence subsisted between <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>

<lb n=P327.12>and herself.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P327.13>She was roused from her seat, and her reflections, by&H4;

<lb n=P327.14>some&sp;one's approach&H0;; and before&H3 she could strike into

<lb n=P327.15>another path, she was overtaken by&H4 <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>.</q></p><p><q who=PPP>

<lb n=P327.16>&dq;I am afraid I interrupt your solitary ramble, my dear&H21;

<lb n=P327.17>sister?&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said he, as he joined her.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P327.18>&dq;You certainly do,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>she replied with a smile&H0;;</q><q who=PPA>&dq;but

<lb n=P327.19>it does not follow that&H3 the interruption must be unwelcome.&dq;

<lb n=P327.20></q></p><p><q who=PPP>

<lb n=P327.21>&dq;I should be sorry indeed, if it were. <hi r=Italic>We</hi> were always

<lb n=P327.22>good friends; and now we are better.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P327.23>&dq;True. Are the others coming out&H5;?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPP>

<lb n=P327.24>&dq;I do not know. <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> and <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> are going in&H4;

<lb n=P327.25>the carriage to&H4 Meryton. And so&H3;, my dear&H21 sister, I find

<lb n=P327.26>from our uncle and aunt, that&H3 you have actually seen

<lb n=P327.27>Pemberley.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P327.28>She replied in&H4 the affirmative.</q></p><p><q who=PPP>

<lb n=P327.29>&dq;I almost envy&H1 you the pleasure, and yet I believe

<lb n=P327.30>it would be too&H51 much for&H4 me, or else I could take it in&H4 my

<lb n=P327.31>way to&H4 Newcastle. And you saw the old housekeeper,

<lb n=P327.32>I suppose? Poor <name who=PPV>Reynolds</name>, she was always very fond of

<lb n=P327.33>me. But of course&H8 she did not mention&H1 my name&H0 to&H4 you.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P327.34>&dq;Yes, she did.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPP>

<lb n=P327.35>&dq;And what did she say?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P327.36>&dq;That&H3 you were gone into the army, and she was

<lb n=P327.37>afraid had &dash; not turned out&H5 well&H5;. At such a distance&H0 as

<lb n=P327.39><hi r=Italic>that&H62;</hi>, you know, things are strangely misrepresented.&dq;<pb n=P328></q></p><p><q who=PPP>

<lb n=P328.1>&dq;Certainly,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>he replied, biting his lips. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P328.2>hoped she had silenced him; but he soon afterwards

<lb n=P328.3>said,</q></p><p><q who=PPP>

<lb n=P328.4>&dq;I was surprised to&H9 see <name who=PPB>Darcy</name> in&H4 town last&H2 month. We

<lb n=P328.5>passed each other several times. I wonder&H1 what he can

<lb n=P328.6>be doing there.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P328.7>&dq;Perhaps preparing for&H4 his marriage with <name who=PPZJ>Miss&sp;de&sp;Bourgh</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P328.8>said <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>.</q><q who=PPA>&dq;It must be something particular,

<lb n=P328.9>to&H9 take him there at this time of year.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPP>

<lb n=P328.10>&dq;Undoubtedly. Did you see him while&H3 you were at

<lb n=P328.11>Lambton? I thought&H1 I understood from the <name who=PPN1>Gardiners</name>

<lb n=P328.12>that&H3 you had.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P328.13>&dq;Yes; he introduced us to&H4 his sister.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPP>

<lb n=P328.14>&dq;And do you like&H1 her?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P328.15>&dq;Very much.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPP>

<lb n=P328.16>&dq;I have heard, indeed, that&H3 she is uncommonly improved

<lb n=P328.17>within this year or two. When I last&H2 saw her, she

<lb n=P328.18>was not very promising. I am very glad you like&H1 her.

<lb n=P328.19>I hope&H1 she will&H1 turn&H1 out&H5 well&H5;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P328.20>&dq;I dare&H12 say she will&H1;; she has got over the most trying

<lb n=P328.21>age.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPP>

<lb n=P328.22>&dq;Did you go by&H4 the village of Kympton?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P328.23>&dq;I do not recollect that&H3 we did.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPP>

<lb n=P328.24>&dq;I mention&H1 it, because it is the living which&H61 I ought to&H9;

<lb n=P328.25>have had. A most delightful place&H0;! &dash; Excellent Parsonage&sp;House!

<lb n=P328.26>It would have suited me in&H4 every respect&H0;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P328.27>&dq;How should you have liked making sermons?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPP>

<lb n=P328.28>&dq;Exceedingly well&H5;. I should have considered it as part&H0;

<lb n=P328.29>of my duty, and the exertion would soon have been

<lb n=P328.30>nothing. One ought not to&H9 repine; &dash; but, to&H9 be sure, it

<lb n=P328.31>would have been such a thing for&H4 me! The quiet&H0;, the

<lb n=P328.32>retirement of such a life, would have answered all my

<lb n=P328.33>ideas of happiness! But it was not to&H9 be. Did you ever

<lb n=P328.34>hear <name who=PPB>Darcy</name> mention&H1 the circumstance, when you were in&H4;

<lb n=P328.35>Kent?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P328.36>&dq;I <hi r=Italic>have</hi> heard from authority, which&H61 I thought&H1 <hi r=Italic>as</hi> <hi r=Italic>good</hi>,

<lb n=P328.37>that&H3 it was left you conditionally only, and at the will&H0;

<lb n=P328.38>of the present&H2 patron.&dq;<pb n=P329></q></p><p><q who=PPP>

<lb n=P329.1>&dq;You have. Yes, there was something in&H4 <hi r=Italic>that&H62;</hi>; I told

<lb n=P329.2>you so&H52 from the first, you may&H1 remember.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P329.3>&dq;I <hi r=Italic>did</hi> hear, too&H52;, that&H3 there was a time, when sermon-making

<lb n=P329.4>was not so&H51 palatable to&H4 you as it seems to&H9 be at

<lb n=P329.5>present&H01;; that&H3 you actually declared your resolution of

<lb n=P329.6>never taking orders&H02;, and that&H3 the business had been

<lb n=P329.7>compromised accordingly.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPP>

<lb n=P329.8>&dq;You did! and it was not wholly without foundation.

<lb n=P329.9>You may&H1 remember what I told you on&H4 that&H62 point&H0;, when

<lb n=P329.10>first we talked of it.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P329.11>They were now almost at the door of the house, for&H3;

<lb n=P329.12>she had walked fast to&H9 get rid of him; and unwilling for&H4;

<lb n=P329.13>her sister's sake, to&H9 provoke him, she only said in&H4 reply&H0;,

<lb n=P329.14>with a good-humoured smile&H0;,</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P329.15>&dq;Come, <name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name>, we are brother and sister, you

<lb n=P329.16>know. Do not let us quarrel&H1 about&H4 the past&H0;. In&H4 future,

<lb n=P329.17>I hope&H1 we shall be always of one mind&H0;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P329.18>She held out&H5 her hand&H0;; he kissed it with affectionate

<lb n=P329.19>gallantry, though he hardly knew how to&H9 look&H1;, and they

<lb n=P329.20>entered the house.</q></p></div2>

<div2 type=chap n=11><p><pb n=P330>

<lb n=P330.1><q who=pp0><name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name> was so&H51 perfectly satisfied with this conversation,

<lb n=P330.2>that&H3 he never again distressed himself, or

<lb n=P330.3>provoked his dear&H21 sister <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, by&H4 introducing the

<lb n=P330.4>subject&H0 of it; and she was pleased to&H9 find that&H3 she had

<lb n=P330.5>said enough to&H9 keep him quiet&H2;.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P330.6><q who=pp0>The day of his and <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>'s departure soon came, and

<lb n=P330.7><name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> was forced to&H9 submit to&H4 a separation, which&H61;,

<lb n=P330.8>as her husband by&H4 no&H2 means&H0 entered into her scheme&H0 of

<lb n=P330.9>their all going to&H4 Newcastle, was likely to&H9 continue at

<lb n=P330.10>least a twelvemonth.</q><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P330.11>&dq;Oh! my dear&H21 <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>she cried,</q><q who=PPD>&dq;when shall we meet&H1;

<lb n=P330.12>again?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPH>

<lb n=P330.13>&dq;Oh, lord&H7;! I don't know. Not these two or three

<lb n=P330.14>years perhaps.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P330.15>&dq;Write to&H4 me very often, my dear&H21;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPH>

<lb n=P330.16>&dq;As often as I can. But you know married women

<lb n=P330.17>have never much time for&H4 writing. My sisters may&H1 write

<lb n=P330.18>to&H4 <hi r=Italic>me</hi>. They will&H1 have nothing else to&H9 do.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P330.19><name who=PPP>Mr&point;&sp;Wickham</name>'s adieus were much more affectionate than

<lb n=P330.20>his wife's. He smiled, looked handsome, and said many

<lb n=P330.21>pretty&H2 things.</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P330.22>&dq;He is as fine a fellow,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name>, as soon as

<lb n=P330.23>they were out&H5 of the house,</q><q who=PPC>&dq;as ever I saw. He simpers,

<lb n=P330.24>and smirks, and makes love&H0 to&H4 us all. I am prodigiously

<lb n=P330.25>proud of him. I defy even&H5 <name who=PPR>Sir&sp;William&sp;Lucas</name> himself,

<lb n=P330.26>to&H9 produce a more valuable son-in-law.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P330.27>The loss of her daughter made <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> very dull

<lb n=P330.28>for&H4 several days.</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P330.29>&dq;I often think,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said she,</q><q who=PPD>&dq;that&H3 there is nothing so&H51;

<lb n=P330.30>bad as parting with one's friends. One seems so&H51 forlorn

<lb n=P330.31>without them.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P330.32>&dq;This is the consequence you see, Madam, of marrying

<lb n=P330.33>a daughter,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>.</q><q who=PPA>&dq;It must make&H1 you better

<lb n=P330.34>satisfied that&H3 your other four are single.&dq;<pb n=P331></q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P331.1>&dq;It is no&H2 such thing. <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> does not leave&H1 me because

<lb n=P331.2>she is married; but only because her husband's regiment

<lb n=P331.3>happens to&H9 be so&H51 far off. If that&H62 had been nearer, she

<lb n=P331.4>would not have gone so&H51 soon.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P331.5>But the spiritless condition&H0 which&H61 this event threw her

<lb n=P331.6>into, was shortly relieved, and her mind&H0 opened again to&H4;

<lb n=P331.7>the agitation of hope&H0;, by&H4 an article of news, which&H61 then

<lb n=P331.8>began to&H9 be in&H4 circulation. The housekeeper at Netherfield

<lb n=P331.9>had received orders&H01 to&H9 prepare for&H4 the arrival of her

<lb n=P331.10>master, who&H61 was coming down&H5 in&H4 a day or two, to&H9 shoot

<lb n=P331.11>there for&H4 several weeks. <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> was quite in&H4 the

<lb n=P331.12>fidgets. She looked at <name who=PPE>Jane</name>, and smiled, and shook her

<lb n=P331.13>head&H0 by&H4 turns&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P331.14>&dq;Well&H7;, well&H7;, and so&H3 <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> is coming down&H5;, sister,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P331.15>(for&H3 <name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Phillips</name> first brought her the news.)</q><q who=PPD>&dq;Well&H7;, so&H51;

<lb n=P331.16>much the better. Not that&H3 I care&H1 about&H4 it, though. He

<lb n=P331.17>is nothing to&H4 us, you know, and I am sure <hi r=Italic>I</hi> never want&H1;

<lb n=P331.18>to&H9 see him again. But, however, he is very welcome&H2 to&H9;

<lb n=P331.19>come to&H4 Netherfield, if he likes it. And who&H62 knows what

<lb n=P331.20><hi r=Italic>may&H1;</hi> happen? But that&H62 is nothing to&H4 us. You know,

<lb n=P331.21>sister, we agreed long ago never to&H9 mention&H1 a word about&H4;

<lb n=P331.22>it. And so&H3;, is it quite certain he is coming?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPV>

<lb n=P331.23>&dq;You may&H1 depend on&H4 it,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied the other,</q><q who=PPV>&dq;for&H3;

<lb n=P331.24><name who=PPZZF>Mrs&point;&sp;Nicholls</name> was in&H4 Meryton last&H2 night; I saw her

<lb n=P331.25>passing by&H5;, and went out&H5 myself on&H4 purpose to&H9 know the

<lb n=P331.26>truth of it; and she told me that&H3 it was certain true.

<lb n=P331.27>He comes down&H5 on&H4 Thursday at the latest, very likely

<lb n=P331.28>on&H4 Wednesday. She was going to&H4 the butcher's, she told

<lb n=P331.29>me, on&H4 purpose to&H9 order in&H5 some meat on&H4 Wednesday, and

<lb n=P331.30>she has got three couple of ducks, just&H5 fit&H2 to&H9 be killed.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P331.31><name who=PPE>Miss&sp;Bennet</name> had not been able to&H9 hear of his coming,

<lb n=P331.32>without changing colour. It was many months since she

<lb n=P331.33>had mentioned his name&H0 to&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth;</name> but now, as soon

<lb n=P331.34>as they were alone together, she said,</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P331.35>&dq;I saw you look&H1 at me to&sp;day, <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>, when my aunt

<lb n=P331.36>told us of the present&H2 report&H0;; and I know I appeared

<lb n=P331.37>distressed. But don't imagine it was from any silly cause.

<lb n=P331.38>I was only confused for&H4 the moment, because I felt that&H3;<pb n=P332>

<lb n=P332.1>I <hi r=Italic>should</hi> be looked at. I do assure you, that&H3 the news does

<lb n=P332.2>not affect me either with pleasure or pain&H0;. I am glad

<lb n=P332.3>of one thing, that&H3 he comes alone; because we shall see

<lb n=P332.4>the less of him. Not that&H3 I am afraid of <hi r=Italic>myself</hi>, but I dread&H1;

<lb n=P332.5>other people's remarks.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P332.6><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> did not know what to&H9 make&H1 of it. Had she

<lb n=P332.7>not seen him in&H4 Derbyshire, she might have supposed him

<lb n=P332.8>capable of coming there, with no&H2 other view&H0 than what

<lb n=P332.9>was acknowledged; but she still&H5 thought&H1 him partial to&H4;

<lb n=P332.10><name who=PPE>Jane</name>, and she wavered as to&H4 the greater probability of

<lb n=P332.11>his coming there <hi r=Italic>with</hi> his friend's permission, or being&H1 bold

<lb n=P332.12>enough to&H9 come without it.</q></p><p><q who=PPA type=indirect>

<lb n=P332.13>&dq;Yet it is hard,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>she sometimes thought&H1;,</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>&dq;that&H3 this

<lb n=P332.14>poor man cannot come to&H4 a house, which&H61 he has legally

<lb n=P332.15>hired, without raising all this speculation! I <hi r=Italic>will&H1;</hi> leave&H1 him

<lb n=P332.16>to&H4 himself.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P332.17>In&H4 spite&H8 of what her sister declared, and really believed

<lb n=P332.18>to&H9 be her feelings, in&H4 the expectation of his arrival, <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P332.19>could easily perceive that&H3 her spirits were affected

<lb n=P332.20>by&H4 it. They were more disturbed, more unequal, than she

<lb n=P332.21>had often seen them.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P332.22>The subject&H0 which&H61 had been so&H51 warmly canvassed

<lb n=P332.23>between their parents, about&H4 a twelvemonth ago, was now

<lb n=P332.24>brought forward&H5 again.</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P332.25>&dq;As soon as ever <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> comes, my dear&H21;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said

<lb n=P332.26><name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>,</q><q who=PPD>&dq;you will&H1 wait on&H4 him of course&H8;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P332.27>&dq;No&H7;, no&H7;. You forced me into visiting him last&H2 year,

<lb n=P332.28>and promised if I went to&H9 see him, he should marry one

<lb n=P332.29>of my daughters. But it ended in&H4 nothing, and I will&H1;

<lb n=P332.30>not be sent on&H4 a fool's errand again.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P332.31>His wife represented to&H4 him how absolutely necessary

<lb n=P332.32>such an attention would be from all the neighbouring

<lb n=P332.33>gentlemen, on&H4 his returning to&H4 Netherfield.</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P332.34>&dq;'Tis an etiquette I despise,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said he.</q><q who=PPC>&dq;If he wants&H1;

<lb n=P332.35>our society, let him seek it. He knows where we live.

<lb n=P332.36>I will&H1 not spend <hi r=Italic>my</hi> hours in&H4 running after&H4 my neighbours

<lb n=P332.37>every time they go away, and come back&H5 again.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P332.38>&dq;Well&H7;, all I know is, that&H3 it will&H1 be abominably rude<pb n=P333>

<lb n=P333.1>if you do not wait on&H4 him. But, however, that&H62 shan't

<lb n=P333.2>prevent my asking him to&H9 dine here, I am determined.

<lb n=P333.3>We must have <name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Long</name> and the <name who=PPZO>Gouldings</name> soon. That&H62;

<lb n=P333.4>will&H1 make&H1 thirteen with ourselves, so&H3 there will&H1 be just&H5;

<lb n=P333.5>room at the table for&H4 him.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P333.6>Consoled by&H4 this resolution, she was the better able to&H9;

<lb n=P333.7>bear&H1 her husband's incivility; though it was very mortifying

<lb n=P333.8>to&H9 know that&H3 her neighbours might all see <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>

<lb n=P333.9>in&H4 consequence of it, before&H3 <hi r=Italic>they</hi> did. As the day of his

<lb n=P333.10>arrival drew near&H5;,</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P333.11>&dq;I begin to&H9 be sorry that&H3 he comes at all,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPE>Jane</name>

<lb n=P333.12>to&H4 her sister.</q><q who=PPE>&dq;It would be nothing; I could see him

<lb n=P333.13>with perfect&H2 indifference, but I can hardly bear&H1 to&H9 hear

<lb n=P333.14>it thus perpetually talked of. My mother means&H1 well&H5;;

<lb n=P333.15>but she does not know, no&sp;one can know how much

<lb n=P333.16>I suffer from what she says. Happy shall I be, when his

<lb n=P333.17>stay&H0 at Netherfield is over!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P333.18>&dq;I wish&H1 I could say any&sp;thing to&H9 comfort&H1 you,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied

<lb n=P333.19><name who=PPA>Elizabeth;</name></q><q who=PPA>&dq;but it is wholly out&H5 of my power. You

<lb n=P333.20>must feel it; and the usual satisfaction of preaching

<lb n=P333.21>patience to&H4 a sufferer is denied me, because you have

<lb n=P333.22>always so&H51 much.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P333.23><name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> arrived. <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>, through&H4 the assistance

<lb n=P333.24>of servants, contrived to&H9 have the earliest tidings

<lb n=P333.25>of it, that&H3 the period of anxiety and fretfulness on&H4 her

<lb n=P333.26>side&H0;, might be as long as it could. She counted the days

<lb n=P333.27>that&H61 must intervene before&H3 their invitation could be sent;

<lb n=P333.28>hopeless of seeing him before&H5;. But on&H4 the third morning

<lb n=P333.29>after&H4 his arrival in&H4 Hertfordshire, she saw him from her

<lb n=P333.30>dressing-room window, enter the paddock, and ride&H1 towards

<lb n=P333.31>the house.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P333.32>Her daughters were eagerly called to&H9 partake of her joy.

<lb n=P333.33><name who=PPE>Jane</name> resolutely kept her place&H0 at the table; but <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,

<lb n=P333.34>to&H9 satisfy her mother, went to&H4 the window &dash; she looked, &dash;

<lb n=P333.35>she saw <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> with him, and sat down&H5 again by&H4 her

<lb n=P333.36>sister.</q></p><p><q who=PPG>

<lb n=P333.37>&dq;There is a gentleman with him, mamma,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPG>Kitty;</name></q><q who=PPG>

<lb n=P333.38>&dq;who&H62 can it be?&dq;<pb n=P334></q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P334.1>&dq;Some acquaintance or other, my dear&H21;, I suppose;

<lb n=P334.2>I am sure I do not know.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPG>

<lb n=P334.3>&dq;La!&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied <name who=PPG>Kitty</name>,</q><q who=PPG>&dq;it looks&H1 just&H5 like&H4 that&H62 man that&H61;

<lb n=P334.4>used to&H9 be with him before&H5;. <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;what</name>'s&sp;his&sp;name. That&H62;

<lb n=P334.5>tall, proud man.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P334.6>&dq;Good gracious! <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>! &dash; and so&H52 it does I vow.

<lb n=P334.7>Well&H7;, any friend of <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>'s will&H1 always be welcome&H2;

<lb n=P334.8>here to&H9 be sure; but else I must say that&H3 I hate the very

<lb n=P334.9>sight of him.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P334.10><name who=PPE>Jane</name> looked at <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> with surprise&H0 and concern&H0;.

<lb n=P334.11>She knew but little of their meeting in&H4 Derbyshire, and

<lb n=P334.12>therefore felt for&H4 the awkwardness which&H61 must attend

<lb n=P334.13>her sister, in&H4 seeing him almost for&H4 the first time after&H4;

<lb n=P334.14>receiving his explanatory letter. Both sisters were uncomfortable

<lb n=P334.15>enough. Each felt for&H4 the other, and of course&H8;

<lb n=P334.16>for&H4 themselves; and their mother talked on&H5;, of her dislike&H0;

<lb n=P334.17>of <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>, and her resolution to&H9 be civil to&H4 him only

<lb n=P334.18>as <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>'s friend, without being&H1 heard by&H4 either of

<lb n=P334.19>them. But <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> had sources of uneasiness which&H61;

<lb n=P334.20>could not be suspected by&H4 <name who=PPE>Jane</name>, to&H4 whom&H61 she had never

<lb n=P334.21>yet had courage to&H9 shew&H1 <name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>'s letter, or to&H9;

<lb n=P334.22>relate her own&H2 change&H0 of sentiment towards him.</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>To&H4;

<lb n=P334.23><name who=PPE>Jane</name>, he could be only a man whose&H61 proposals she had

<lb n=P334.24>refused, and whose&H61 merit&H0 she had undervalued; but to&H4;

<lb n=P334.25>her own&H2 more extensive information, he was the person,

<lb n=P334.26>to&H4 whom&H61 the whole&H2 family were indebted for&H4 the first of

<lb n=P334.27>benefits, and whom&H61 she regarded herself with an interest&H0;,

<lb n=P334.28>if not quite so&H51 tender&H2;, at least as reasonable and just&H2;, as

<lb n=P334.29>what <name who=PPE>Jane</name> felt for&H4 <name who=PPI>Bingley</name>.</q><q who=PP0>Her astonishment at his

<lb n=P334.30>coming &dash; at his coming to&H4 Netherfield, to&H4 Longbourn, and

<lb n=P334.31>voluntarily seeking her again, was almost equal&H2 to&H4 what

<lb n=P334.32>she had known on&H4 first witnessing his altered behaviour

<lb n=P334.33>in&H4 Derbyshire.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P334.34>The colour which&H61 had been driven from her face&H0;, returned

<lb n=P334.35>for&H4 half a minute&H0 with an additional glow, and a smile&H0;

<lb n=P334.36>of delight&H0 added lustre to&H4 her eyes, as she thought&H1 for&H4 that&H62;

<lb n=P334.37>space of time, that&H3 his affection and wishes&H0 must still&H5 be

<lb n=P334.38>unshaken. But she would not be secure&H2;.<pb n=P335></q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P335.1>&dq;Let me first see how he behaves,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said she;</q><q who=PPA>&dq;it will&H1;

<lb n=P335.2>then be early enough for&H4 expectation.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P335.3>She sat intently at work&H0;, striving to&H9 be composed, and

<lb n=P335.4>without daring to&H9 lift up&H5 her eyes, till anxious curiosity

<lb n=P335.5>carried them to&H4 the face&H0 of her sister, as the servant was

<lb n=P335.6>approaching the door. <name who=PPE>Jane</name> looked a little paler than

<lb n=P335.7>usual, but more sedate than <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> had expected.

<lb n=P335.8>On&H4 the gentlemen's appearing, her colour increased; yet

<lb n=P335.9>she received them with tolerable ease&H0;, and with a propriety

<lb n=P335.10>of behaviour equally free from any symptom of

<lb n=P335.11>resentment, or any unnecessary complaisance.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P335.12><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> said as little to&H4 either as civility would allow,

<lb n=P335.13>and sat down&H5 again to&H4 her work&H0;, with an eagerness which&H61;

<lb n=P335.14>it did not often command&H1;. She had ventured only one

<lb n=P335.15>glance&H0 at <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>.</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>He looked serious&H2 as usual;</q><q who=PP0>and she

<lb n=P335.16>thought&H1;,</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>more as he had been used to&H9 look&H1 in&H4 Hertfordshire,

<lb n=P335.17>than as she had seen him at Pemberley. But, perhaps

<lb n=P335.18>he could not in&H4 her mother's presence be what he was

<lb n=P335.19>before&H4 her uncle and aunt. It was a painful, but not an

<lb n=P335.20>improbable, conjecture&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P335.21><name who=PPI>Bingley</name>, she had likewise seen for&H4 an instant&H0;, and in&H4;

<lb n=P335.22>that&H62 short period saw him looking both pleased and

<lb n=P335.23>embarrassed. He was received by&H4 <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> with

<lb n=P335.24>a degree of civility, which&H61 made her two daughters

<lb n=P335.25>ashamed, especially when contrasted with the cold&H2 and

<lb n=P335.26>ceremonious politeness of her curtsey and address&H0 to&H4 his

<lb n=P335.27>friend.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P335.28><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> particularly, who&H61 knew that&H3 her mother owed

<lb n=P335.29>to&H4 the latter the preservation of her favourite&H2 daughter

<lb n=P335.30>from irremediable infamy, was hurt and distressed to&H4;

<lb n=P335.31>a most painful degree by&H4 a distinction so&H51 ill applied.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P335.32><name who=PPB>Darcy</name>, after&H4 enquiring of her</q><q who=PPB type=indirect>how <name who=PPN>Mr&point;</name> and <name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>

<lb n=P335.33>did,</q><q who=PP0>a question&H0 which&H61 she could not answer&H1 without confusion,

<lb n=P335.34>said scarcely any&sp;thing.</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>He was not seated by&H4 her;

<lb n=P335.35>perhaps that&H62 was the reason&H0 of his silence&H0;; but it had

<lb n=P335.36>not been so&H52 in&H4 Derbyshire. There he had talked to&H4 her

<lb n=P335.37>friends, when he could not to&H4 herself. But now several<pb n=P336>

<lb n=P336.1>minutes elapsed, without bringing the sound&H0 of his voice;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P336.2>and when occasionally, unable to&H9 resist the impulse of

<lb n=P336.3>curiosity, she raised her eyes to&H4 his face&H0;, she as often

<lb n=P336.4>found him looking at <name who=PPE>Jane</name>, as at herself, and frequently

<lb n=P336.5>on&H4 no&H2 object&H0 but the ground. More thoughtfulness, and

<lb n=P336.6>less anxiety to&H9 please than when they last&H2 met, were

<lb n=P336.7>plainly expressed. She was disappointed, and angry with

<lb n=P336.8>herself for&H4 being&H1 so&H52;.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P336.9>&dq;Could I expect it to&H9 be otherwise!&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said she.</q><q who=PPA>&dq;Yet

<lb n=P336.10>why did he come?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P336.11>She was in&H4 no&H2 humour for&H4 conversation with any&sp;one

<lb n=P336.12>but himself; and to&H4 him she had hardly courage to&H9 speak.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P336.13>She enquired after&H4 his sister, but could do no&H2 more.</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P336.14>&dq;It is a long time, <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>, since you went away,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P336.15>said <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P336.16>He readily agreed to&H4 it.</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P336.17>&dq;I began to&H9 be afraid you would never come back&H5;

<lb n=P336.18>again. People <hi r=Italic>did</hi> say, you meant to&H9 quit the place&H0 entirely

<lb n=P336.19>at Michaelmas; but, however, I hope&H1 it is not true.

<lb n=P336.20>A great many changes&H0 have happened in&H4 the neighbourhood,

<lb n=P336.21>since you went away. <name who=PPQ>Miss&sp;Lucas</name> is married and

<lb n=P336.22>settled. And one of my own&H2 daughters. I suppose you

<lb n=P336.23>have heard of it; indeed, you must have seen it in&H4 the

<lb n=P336.24>papers. It was in&H4 the&sp;Times and the&sp;Courier, I know;

<lb n=P336.25>though it was not put in&H5 as it ought to&H9 be. It was only said,</q></p><p><q who=PPZ type=indirect>

<lb n=P336.26>&onq;Lately, <name who=PPP>George&sp;Wickham&sp;Esq&point;</name> to&H4 <name who=PPH>Miss&sp;Lydia&sp;Bennet</name>,&cnq;</q><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P336.27>without there being&H1 a syllable said of her father, or the

<lb n=P336.28>place&H0 where she lived, or any&sp;thing. It was my brother

<lb n=P336.29><name who=PPN>Gardiner</name>'s drawing up&H5 too&H52;, and I wonder&H1 how he came

<lb n=P336.30>to&H9 make&H1 such an awkward business of it. Did you see it?&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P336.31><name who=PPI>Bingley</name> replied that&H3 he did, and made his congratulations.

<lb n=P336.32><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> dared not lift up&H5 her eyes. How <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>

<lb n=P336.33>looked, therefore, she could not tell.</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P336.34>&dq;It is a delightful thing, to&H9 be sure, to&H9 have a daughter

<lb n=P336.35>well&H5 married,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>continued her mother,</q><q who=PPD>&dq;but at the same

<lb n=P336.36>time, <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>, it is very hard to&H9 have her taken such

<lb n=P336.37>a way from me. They are gone down&H5 to&H4 Newcastle, a place&H0;

<lb n=P336.38>quite northward, it seems, and there they are to&H9 stay&H1;,<pb n=P337>

<lb n=P337.1>I do not know how long. His regiment is there; for&H3 I

<lb n=P337.2>suppose you have heard of his leaving the &blank;shire, and

<lb n=P337.3>of his being&H1 gone into the regulars. Thank Heaven! he

<lb n=P337.4>has <hi r=Italic>some</hi> friends, though perhaps not so&H51 many as he

<lb n=P337.5>deserves.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P337.6><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, who&H61 knew this to&H9 be levelled at <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>,

<lb n=P337.7>was in&H4 such misery of shame&H0;, that&H3 she could hardly keep

<lb n=P337.8>her seat. It drew from her, however, the exertion of

<lb n=P337.9>speaking, which&H61 nothing else had so&H51 effectually done

<lb n=P337.10>before&H5;; and she asked <name who=PPI>Bingley</name>,</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>whether he meant to&H9;

<lb n=P337.11>make&H1 any stay&H0 in&H4 the country at present&H01;.</q><q who=PPI type=indirect>A few weeks,

<lb n=P337.12>he believed.</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P337.13>&dq;When you have killed all your own&H2 birds, <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P337.14>said her mother,</q><q who=PPD>&dq;I beg you will&H1 come here, and shoot

<lb n=P337.15>as many as you please, on&H4 <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name>'s manor. I am

<lb n=P337.16>sure he will&H1 be vastly happy to&H9 oblige you, and will&H1 save&H1;

<lb n=P337.17>all the best of the covies for&H4 you.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P337.18><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>'s misery increased, at such unnecessary, such

<lb n=P337.19>officious attention!</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>Were the same fair prospect to&H9 arise

<lb n=P337.20>at present&H01;, as had flattered them a year ago, every&sp;thing,</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P337.21>she was persuaded,</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>would be hastening to&H4 the same

<lb n=P337.22>vexatious conclusion.</q><q who=PP0>At that&H62 instant&H0 she felt, that&H3;</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>years

<lb n=P337.23>of happiness could not make&H1 <name who=PPE>Jane</name> or herself amends, for&H4;

<lb n=P337.24>moments of such painful confusion.</q></p><p><q who=PPA type=indirect>

<lb n=P337.25>&dq;The first wish&H0 of my heart,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said she to&H4 herself,</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>&dq;is

<lb n=P337.26>never more to&H9 be in&H4 company with either of them. Their

<lb n=P337.27>society can afford no&H2 pleasure, that&H61 will&H1 atone for&H4 such

<lb n=P337.28>wretchedness as this! Let me never see either one or the

<lb n=P337.29>other again!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P337.30>Yet the misery, for&H4 which&H61 years of happiness were to&H9;

<lb n=P337.31>offer&H1 no&H2 compensation, received soon afterwards material&H2;

<lb n=P337.32>relief, from observing how much the beauty of her sister

<lb n=P337.33>re-kindled the admiration of her former lover. When

<lb n=P337.34>first he came in&H5;, he had spoken to&H4 her but little; but

<lb n=P337.35>every five minutes seemed to&H9 be giving her more of his

<lb n=P337.36>attention. He found her as handsome as she had been

<lb n=P337.37>last&H2 year; as good&sp;natured, and as unaffected, though

<lb n=P337.38>not quite so&H51 chatty. <name who=PPE>Jane</name> was anxious that&H3 no&H2 difference<pb n=P338>

<lb n=P338.1>should be perceived in&H4 her at all, and was really persuaded

<lb n=P338.2>that&H3 she talked as much as ever. But her mind&H0 was so&H51;

<lb n=P338.3>busily engaged, that&H3 she did not always know when she

<lb n=P338.4>was silent.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P338.5>When the gentlemen rose&H1 to&H9 go away, <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> was

<lb n=P338.6>mindful of her intended civility, and they were invited

<lb n=P338.7>and engaged to&H9 dine at Longbourn in&H4 a few days time.</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P338.8>&dq;You are quite a visit&H0 in&H4 my debt, <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>she

<lb n=P338.9>added,</q><q who=PPD>&dq;for&H3 when you went to&H4 town last&H2 winter, you

<lb n=P338.10>promised to&H9 take a family dinner with us, as soon as you

<lb n=P338.11>returned. I have not forgot, you see; and I assure you,

<lb n=P338.12>I was very much disappointed that&H3 you did not come back&H5;

<lb n=P338.13>and keep your engagement.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P338.14><name who=PPI>Bingley</name> looked a little silly at this reflection, and said

<lb n=P338.15>something of his concern&H0;, at having been prevented by&H4;

<lb n=P338.16>business. They then went away.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P338.17><name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> had been strongly inclined to&H9 ask them to&H9;

<lb n=P338.18>stay&H1 and dine there, that&H62 day; but, though she always

<lb n=P338.19>kept a very good table, she did not think any&sp;thing less

<lb n=P338.20>than two courses, could be good enough for&H4 a man, on&H4;

<lb n=P338.21>whom&H61 she had such anxious designs, or satisfy the appetite

<lb n=P338.22>and pride of one who&H61 had ten thousand a-year.</q></p></div2>

<div2 type=chap n=12><p><pb n=P339>

<lb n=P339.1><q who=pp0>As soon as they were gone, <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> walked out&H5 to&H9;

<lb n=P339.2>recover her spirits; or in&H4 other words, to&H9 dwell without

<lb n=P339.3>interruption on&H4 those subjects that&H61 must deaden them

<lb n=P339.4>more. <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>'s behaviour astonished and vexed her.</q><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P339.5>&dq;Why, if he came only to&H9 be silent, grave&H2;, and indifferent,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P339.6>said she,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;did he come at all?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P339.7>She could settle it in&H4 no&H2 way that&H61 gave her pleasure.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P339.8>&dq;He could be still&H5 amiable, still&H5 pleasing, to&H4 my uncle

<lb n=P339.9>and aunt, when he was in&H4 town; and why not to&H4 me?

<lb n=P339.10>If he fears me, why come hither? If he no&H2 longer cares&H1;

<lb n=P339.11>for&H4 me, why silent? Teazing, teazing, man! I will&H1 think

<lb n=P339.12>no&H2 more about&H4 him.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P339.13>Her resolution was for&H4 a short time involuntarily kept

<lb n=P339.14>by&H4 the approach&H0 of her sister, who&H61 joined her with a cheerful

<lb n=P339.15>look&H0;, which&H61 shewed her better satisfied with their

<lb n=P339.16>visitors, than <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>.</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P339.17>&dq;Now,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said she,</q><q who=PPE>&dq;that&H3 this first meeting is over, I feel

<lb n=P339.18>perfectly easy. I know my own&H2 strength, and I shall never

<lb n=P339.19>be embarrassed again by&H4 his coming. I am glad he dines

<lb n=P339.20>here on&H4 Tuesday. It will&H1 then be publicly seen, that&H3 on&H4;

<lb n=P339.21>both sides, we meet&H1 only as common&H2 and indifferent

<lb n=P339.22>acquaintance.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P339.23>&dq;Yes, very indifferent indeed,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, laughingly.</q><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P339.24>&dq;Oh, <name who=PPE>Jane</name>, take care&H0;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P339.25>&dq;My dear&H21 <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>, you cannot think me so&H51 weak, as to&H9;

<lb n=P339.26>be in&H4 danger now.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P339.27>&dq;I think you are in&H4 very great danger of making him

<lb n=P339.28>as much in&H4 love&H0 with you as ever.&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P339.29>&dash;~</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P339.30>They did not see the gentlemen again till Tuesday;

<lb n=P339.31>and <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>, in&H4 the meanwhile, was giving way to&H4 all

<lb n=P339.32>the happy schemes, which&H61 the good&sp;humour, and common&H2;

<lb n=P339.33>politeness of <name who=PPI>Bingley</name>, in&H4 half an hour's visit&H0;, had revived.<pb n=P340></q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P340.1>On&H4 Tuesday there was a large party assembled at Longbourn;

<lb n=P340.2>and the two, who&H61 were most anxiously expected,

<lb n=P340.3>to&H4 the credit&H0 of their punctuality as sportsmen, were in&H4;

<lb n=P340.4>very good time. When they repaired to&H4 the dining-room,

<lb n=P340.5><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> eagerly watched to&H9 see whether <name who=PPI>Bingley</name>

<lb n=P340.6>would take the place&H0;, which&H61;, in&H4 all their former parties,

<lb n=P340.7>had belonged to&H4 him, by&H4 her sister. Her prudent mother,

<lb n=P340.8>occupied by&H4 the same ideas, forbore to&H9 invite him to&H9 sit

<lb n=P340.9>by&H4 herself. On&H4 entering the room, he seemed to&H9 hesitate;

<lb n=P340.10>but <name who=PPE>Jane</name> happened to&H9 look&H1 round&H5;, and happened to&H9 smile&H1;:

<lb n=P340.11>it was decided. He placed himself by&H4 her.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P340.12><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, with a triumphant sensation&H01;, looked towards

<lb n=P340.13>his friend. He bore&H11 it with noble indifference, and she

<lb n=P340.14>would have imagined that&H3 <name who=PPI>Bingley</name> had received his

<lb n=P340.15>sanction to&H9 be happy, had she not seen his eyes likewise

<lb n=P340.16>turned towards <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>, with an expression of half-laughing

<lb n=P340.17>alarm&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P340.18>His behaviour to&H4 her sister was such, during dinner&sp;time,

<lb n=P340.19>as shewed an admiration of her, which&H61;, though more

<lb n=P340.20>guarded than formerly, persuaded <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, that&H3 if left

<lb n=P340.21>wholly to&H4 himself, <name who=PPE>Jane</name>'s happiness, and his own&H2;, would

<lb n=P340.22>be speedily secured. Though she dared not depend upon&H4;

<lb n=P340.23>the consequence, she yet received pleasure from observing

<lb n=P340.24>his behaviour. It gave her all the animation that&H61 her

<lb n=P340.25>spirits could boast&H1;; for&H3 she was in&H4 no&H2 cheerful humour.

<lb n=P340.26><name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> was almost as far from her, as the table could

<lb n=P340.27>divide them. He was on&H4 one side&H0 of her mother. She

<lb n=P340.28>knew how little such a situation would give pleasure to&H4;

<lb n=P340.29>either, or make&H1 either appear to&H4 advantage. She was not

<lb n=P340.30>near&H5 enough to&H9 hear any of their discourse, but she could

<lb n=P340.31>see how seldom they spoke to&H4 each other, and how formal

<lb n=P340.32>and cold&H2 was their manner, whenever they did. Her

<lb n=P340.33>mother's ungraciousness, made the sense of what they

<lb n=P340.34>owed him more painful to&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>'s mind&H0;; and she

<lb n=P340.35>would, at times, have given any&sp;thing to&H9 be privileged to&H9;

<lb n=P340.36>tell him, that&H3 his kindness was neither unknown nor unfelt

<lb n=P340.37>by&H4 the whole&H0 of the family.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P340.38>She was in&H4 hopes&H0 that&H3 the evening would afford some<pb n=P341>

<lb n=P341.1>opportunity of bringing them together; that&H3 the whole&H0;

<lb n=P341.2>of the visit&H0 would not pass&H1 away without enabling them

<lb n=P341.3>to&H9 enter into something more of conversation, than the

<lb n=P341.4>mere ceremonious salutation attending his entrance.

<lb n=P341.5>Anxious and uneasy, the period which&H61 passed in&H4 the

<lb n=P341.6>drawing-room, before&H3 the gentlemen came, was wearisome

<lb n=P341.7>and dull to&H4 a degree, that&H61 almost made her uncivil. She

<lb n=P341.8>looked forward&H5 to&H4 their entrance, as the point&H0 on&H4;

<lb n=P341.9>which&H61 all her chance&H0 of pleasure for&H4 the evening must

<lb n=P341.10>depend.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P341.11>&dq;If he does not come to&H4 me, <hi r=Italic>then</hi>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said she,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;I shall

<lb n=P341.12>give him up&H5 for&sp;ever.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P341.13>The gentlemen came; and she thought&H1 he looked as

<lb n=P341.14>if he would have answered her hopes&H0;; but, alas! the

<lb n=P341.15>ladies had crowded round&H4 the table, where <name who=PPE>Miss&sp;Bennet</name>

<lb n=P341.16>was making tea, and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> pouring out&H5 the coffee, in&H4;

<lb n=P341.17>so&H51 close&H2 a confederacy, that&H3 there was not a single vacancy

<lb n=P341.18>near&H4 her, which&H61 would admit of a chair. And on&H4 the

<lb n=P341.19>gentlemen's approaching, one of the girls moved closer

<lb n=P341.20>to&H4 her than ever, and said, in&H4 a whisper&H0;,</q></p><p><q who=PPV>

<lb n=P341.21>&dq;The men shan't come and part&H1 us, I am determined.

<lb n=P341.22>We want&H1 none of them; do we?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P341.23><name who=PPB>Darcy</name> had walked away to&H4 another part&H0 of the room.

<lb n=P341.24>She followed him with her eyes, envied every&sp;one to&H4 whom&H61;

<lb n=P341.25>he spoke, had scarcely patience enough to&H9 help&H1 anybody

<lb n=P341.26>to&H4 coffee; and then was enraged against herself for&H4 being&H1;

<lb n=P341.27>so&H51 silly!</q></p><p><q who=PPA type=indirect>

<lb n=P341.28>&dq;A man who&H61 has once been refused! How could I ever

<lb n=P341.29>be foolish enough to&H9 expect a renewal of his love&H0;? Is there

<lb n=P341.30>one among the sex, who&H61 would not protest against such

<lb n=P341.31>a weakness as a second&H2 proposal to&H4 the same woman?

<lb n=P341.32>There is no&H2 indignity so&H51 abhorrent to&H4 their feelings!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P341.33>She was a little revived, however, by&H4 his bringing back&H5;

<lb n=P341.34>his coffee cup himself; and she seized the opportunity

<lb n=P341.35>of saying.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P341.36>&dq;Is your sister at Pemberley still&H5;&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P341.37>&dq;Yes, she will&H1 remain there till Christmas.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P341.38>&dq;And quite alone? Have all her friends left her?&dq;<pb n=P342></q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P342.1>&dq;<name who=PPZA>Mrs&point;&sp;Annesley</name> is with her. The others have been gone

<lb n=P342.2>on&H5 to&H4 Scarborough, these three weeks.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P342.3>She could think of nothing more to&H9 say; but if he

<lb n=P342.4>wished to&H9 converse with her, he might have better success.

<lb n=P342.5>He stood by&H4 her, however, for&H4 some minutes, in&H4 silence&H0;;

<lb n=P342.6>and, at last&H0;, on&H4 the young lady's whispering to&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P342.7>again, he walked away.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P342.8>When the tea-things were removed, and the card&sp;tables

<lb n=P342.9>placed, the ladies all rose&H1;, and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was then hoping

<lb n=P342.10>to&H9 be soon joined by&H4 him, when all her views were overthrown,

<lb n=P342.11>by&H4 seeing him fall&H1 a victim to&H4 her mother's rapacity

<lb n=P342.12>for&H4 whist players, and in&H4 a few moments after&H5 seated with

<lb n=P342.13>the rest&H01 of the party. She now lost every expectation of

<lb n=P342.14>pleasure. They were confined for&H4 the evening at different

<lb n=P342.15>tables, and she had nothing to&H9 hope&H1;, but that&H3 his eyes

<lb n=P342.16>were so&H51 often turned towards her side&H0 of the room, as to&H9;

<lb n=P342.17>make&H1 him play&H1 as unsuccessfully as herself.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P342.18><name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> had designed to&H9 keep the two Netherfield

<lb n=P342.19>gentlemen to&H4 supper; but their carriage was unluckily

<lb n=P342.20>ordered before&H4 any of the others, and she had no&H2 opportunity

<lb n=P342.21>of detaining them.</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P342.22>&dq;Well&H7 girls,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said she, as soon as they were left to&H4;

<lb n=P342.23>themselves,</q><q who=PPD>&dq;What say you to&H4 the day? I think every&sp;thing

<lb n=P342.24>has passed off uncommonly well&H5;, I assure you. The

<lb n=P342.25>dinner was as well&H5 dressed as any I ever saw. The venison

<lb n=P342.26>was roasted to&H4 a turn&H0 &dash; and everybody said, they never

<lb n=P342.27>saw so&H51 fat a haunch. The soup was fifty times better

<lb n=P342.28>than what we had at the <name who=PPR1>Lucas</name>'s last&H2 week; and even&H5;

<lb n=P342.29><name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> acknowledged, that&H3 the partridges were remarkably

<lb n=P342.30>well&H5 done; and I suppose he has two or three French

<lb n=P342.31>cooks at least. And, my dear&H21 <name who=PPE>Jane</name>, I never saw you look&H1;

<lb n=P342.32>in&H4 greater beauty. <name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Long</name> said so&H52 too&H52;, for&H3 I asked her

<lb n=P342.33>whether you did not. And what do you think she said

<lb n=P342.34>besides?</q><q who=PPV type=indirect>&onq;Ah! <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>, we shall have her at Netherfield

<lb n=P342.35>at last&H0;.&cnq;</q><q who=PPD>She did indeed. I do think <name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Long</name> is

<lb n=P342.36>as good a creature as ever lived &dash; and her nieces are very

<lb n=P342.37>pretty&H2 behaved girls, and not at all handsome: I like&H1;

<lb n=P342.38>them prodigiously.&dq;<pb n=P343></q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P343.1><name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>, in&H4 short, was in&H4 very great spirits; she

<lb n=P343.2>had seen enough of <name who=PPI>Bingley</name>'s behaviour to&H4 <name who=PPE>Jane</name>, to&H9 be

<lb n=P343.3>convinced that&H3 she would get him at last&H0;; and her expectations

<lb n=P343.4>of advantage to&H4 her family, when in&H4 a happy

<lb n=P343.5>humour, were so&H51 far beyond&H4 reason&H0;, that&H3 she was quite

<lb n=P343.6>disappointed at not seeing him there again the next day,

<lb n=P343.7>to&H9 make&H1 his proposals.</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P343.8>&dq;It has been a very agreeable day,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPE>Miss&sp;Bennet</name>

<lb n=P343.9>to&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>.</q><q who=PPE>&dq;The party seemed so&H51 well&H5 selected, so&H51;

<lb n=P343.10>suitable one with the other. I hope&H1 we may&H1 often meet&H1;

<lb n=P343.11>again.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P343.12><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> smiled.</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P343.13>&dq;<name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>, you must not do so&H52;. You must not suspect

<lb n=P343.14>me. It mortifies me. I assure you that&H3 I have now learnt

<lb n=P343.15>to&H9 enjoy his conversation as an agreeable and sensible&H22;

<lb n=P343.16>young man, without having a wish&H0 beyond&H4 it. I am perfectly

<lb n=P343.17>satisfied from what his manners now are, that&H3 he never

<lb n=P343.18>had any design&H0 of engaging my affection. It is only that&H3;

<lb n=P343.19>he is blessed with greater sweetness of address&H0;, and a

<lb n=P343.20>stronger desire&H0 of generally pleasing than any other man.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P343.21>&dq;You are very cruel,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said her sister,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;you will&H1 not

<lb n=P343.22>let me smile&H1;, and are provoking me to&H4 it every moment.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P343.23>&dq;How hard it is in&H4 some cases to&H9 be believed!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P343.24>&dq;And how impossible in&H4 others!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P343.25>&dq;But why should you wish&H1 to&H9 persuade me that&H3 I feel

<lb n=P343.26>more than I acknowledge?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P343.27>&dq;That&H62 is a question&H0 which&H61 I hardly know how to&H9 answer&H1;.

<lb n=P343.28>We all love&H1 to&H9 instruct, though we can teach only what

<lb n=P343.29>is not worth knowing. Forgive me; and if you persist

<lb n=P343.30>in&H4 indifference, do not make&H1 <hi r=Italic>me</hi> your confidante.&dq;</q></p></div2>

<div2 type=chap n=13><p><pb n=P344><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P344.1>A few days after&H4 this visit&H0;, <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> called again,

<lb n=P344.2>and alone. His friend had left him that&H62 morning for&H4;

<lb n=P344.3>London, but was to&H9 return&H1 home in&H4 ten days time. He

<lb n=P344.4>sat with them above&H4 an hour, and was in&H4 remarkably good

<lb n=P344.5>spirits. <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> invited him to&H9 dine with them; but,

<lb n=P344.6>with many expressions of concern&H0;, he confessed himself

<lb n=P344.7>engaged elsewhere.</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P344.8>&dq;Next time you call&H1;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said she,</q><q who=PPD>&dq;I hope&H1 we shall be

<lb n=P344.9>more lucky.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPI type=indirect>

<lb n=P344.10>He should be particularly happy at any time, &amp;c&point; &amp;c&point;;

<lb n=P344.11>and if she would give him leave&H0;, would take an early

<lb n=P344.12>opportunity of waiting on&H4 them.</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P344.13>&dq;Can you come to-morrow?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPI type=indirect>

<lb n=P344.14>Yes, he had no&H2 engagement at all for&H4 to-morrow;</q><q who=PP0>and

<lb n=P344.15>her invitation was accepted with alacrity.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P344.16>He came, and in&H4 such very good time, that&H3 the ladies

<lb n=P344.17>were none of them dressed. In&H5 ran <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> to&H4 her

<lb n=P344.18>daughter's room, in&H4 her dressing&sp;gown, and with her hair

<lb n=P344.19>half finished, crying out&H5;,</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P344.20>&dq;My dear&H21 <name who=PPE>Jane</name>, make&H1 haste and hurry&H1 down&H5;. He is

<lb n=P344.21>come &dash; <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> is come. &dash; He is, indeed. Make&H1 haste,

<lb n=P344.22>make&H1 haste. Here, <name who=PPZZM>Sarah</name>, come to&H4 <name who=PPE>Miss&sp;Bennet</name> this

<lb n=P344.23>moment, and help&H1 her on&H5 with her gown. Never mind&H1;

<lb n=P344.24><name who=PPA>Miss&sp;Lizzy</name>'s hair.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P344.25>&dq;We will&H1 be down&H5 as soon as we can,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPE>Jane;</name></q><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P344.26>&dq;but I dare&H12 say <name who=PPG>Kitty</name> is forwarder than either of us, for&H3;

<lb n=P344.27>she went up&sp;stairs half an hour ago.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P344.28>&dq;Oh! hang <name who=PPG>Kitty</name>! what has she to&H9 do with it? Come

<lb n=P344.29>be quick&H2;, be quick&H2;! where is your sash my dear&H21;?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P344.30>But when her mother was gone, <name who=PPE>Jane</name> would not be

<lb n=P344.31>prevailed on&H5 to&H9 go down&H5 without one of her sisters.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P344.32>The same anxiety to&H9 get them by&H4 themselves, was

<lb n=P344.33>visible again in&H4 the evening. After&H4 tea, <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name> retired

<lb n=P344.34>to&H4 the library, as was his custom, and <name who=PPF>Mary</name> went up&sp;stairs<pb n=P345>

<lb n=P345.1>to&H4 her instrument. Two obstacles of the five being&H1 thus

<lb n=P345.2>removed, <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> sat looking and winking at <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P345.3>and <name who=PPG>Catherine</name> for&H4 a considerable time, without making

<lb n=P345.4>any impression on&H4 them. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> would not observe

<lb n=P345.5>her; and when at last&H0 <name who=PPG>Kitty</name> did, she very innocently

<lb n=P345.6>said,</q><q who=PPG>&dq;What is the matter mamma? What do you keep

<lb n=P345.7>winking at me for&H4;? What am I to&H9 do?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P345.8>&dq;Nothing child, nothing. I did not wink at you.&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P345.9>She then sat still&H2 five minutes longer; but unable to&H9;

<lb n=P345.10>waste&H1 such a precious occasion&H0;, she suddenly got up&H5;, and

<lb n=P345.11>saying to&H4 <name who=PPG>Kitty</name>,</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P345.12>&dq;Come here, my love&H0;, I want&H1 to&H9 speak to&H4 you,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>took

<lb n=P345.13>her out&H5 of the room. <name who=PPE>Jane</name> instantly gave a look&H0 at <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,

<lb n=P345.14>which&H61 spoke her distress&H0 at such premeditation, and

<lb n=P345.15>her intreaty that&H3 <hi r=Italic>she</hi> would not give into it. In&H4 a few

<lb n=P345.16>minutes, <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> half opened the door and called out&H5;,</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P345.17>&dq;<name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>, my dear&H21;, I want&H1 to&H9 speak with you.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P345.18><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was forced to&H9 go.</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P345.19>&dq;We may&H1 as well&H5 leave&H1 them by&H4 themselves you

<lb n=P345.20>know;&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said her mother as soon as she was in&H4 the hall.</q><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P345.21>&dq;<name who=PPG>Kitty</name> and I are going up&sp;stairs to&H9 sit in&H4 my dressing&sp;room.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P345.22><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> made no&H2 attempt&H0 to&H9 reason&H1 with her mother,

<lb n=P345.23>but remained quietly in&H4 the hall, till she and <name who=PPG>Kitty</name> were

<lb n=P345.24>out&H5 of sight, then returned into the drawing&sp;room.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P345.25><name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>'s schemes for&H4 this day were ineffectual.

<lb n=P345.26><name who=PPI>Bingley</name> was every&sp;thing that&H61 was charming, except the

<lb n=P345.27>professed lover of her daughter. His ease&H0 and cheerfulness

<lb n=P345.28>rendered him a most agreeable addition to&H4 their evening

<lb n=P345.29>party; and he bore&H11 with the ill-judged officiousness of

<lb n=P345.30>the mother, and heard all her silly remarks with a forbearance

<lb n=P345.31>and command&H0 of countenance, particularly

<lb n=P345.32>grateful to&H4 the daughter.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P345.33>He scarcely needed an invitation to&H9 stay&H1 supper; and

<lb n=P345.34>before&H3 he went away, an engagement was formed, chiefly

<lb n=P345.35>through&H4 his own&H2 and <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>'s means&H0;, for&H4 his coming

<lb n=P345.36>next morning to&H9 shoot with her husband.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P345.37>After&H4 this day, <name who=PPE>Jane</name> said no&H2 more of her indifference.

<lb n=P345.38>Not a word passed between the sisters concerning <name who=PPI>Bingley;</name><pb n=P346>

<lb n=P346.1>but <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> went to&H9 bed in&H4 the happy belief that&H3 all

<lb n=P346.2>must speedily be concluded, unless <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> returned

<lb n=P346.3>within the stated time. Seriously, however, she felt

<lb n=P346.4>tolerably persuaded that&H3 all this must have taken place&H0;

<lb n=P346.5>with that&H62 gentleman's concurrence.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P346.6><name who=PPI>Bingley</name> was punctual to&H4 his appointment; and he and

<lb n=P346.7><name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name> spent the morning together, as had been agreed

<lb n=P346.8>on&H5;. The latter was much more agreeable than his companion

<lb n=P346.9>expected. There was nothing of presumption or

<lb n=P346.10>folly in&H4 <name who=PPI>Bingley</name>, that&H61 could provoke his ridicule&H01;, or disgust&H1;

<lb n=P346.11>him into silence&H0;; and he was more communicative, and

<lb n=P346.12>less eccentric than the other had ever seen him. <name who=PPI>Bingley</name>

<lb n=P346.13>of course&H8 returned with him to&H9 dinner; and in&H4 the evening

<lb n=P346.14><name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>'s invention was again at work&H0 to&H9 get every&sp;body

<lb n=P346.15>away from him and her daughter. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, who&H61;

<lb n=P346.16>had a letter to&H9 write, went into the breakfast&sp;room for&H4;

<lb n=P346.17>that&H62 purpose soon after&H4 tea; for&H3 as the others were all

<lb n=P346.18>going to&H9 sit down&H5 to&H4 cards, she could not be wanted to&H9;

<lb n=P346.19>counteract her mother's schemes.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P346.20>But on&H4 returning to&H4 the drawing&sp;room, when her letter

<lb n=P346.21>was finished, she saw, to&H4 her infinite surprise&H0;, there was

<lb n=P346.22>reason&H0 to&H9 fear&H1 that&H3 her mother had been too&H51 ingenious for&H4;

<lb n=P346.23>her. On&H4 opening the door, she perceived her sister and

<lb n=P346.24><name who=PPI>Bingley</name> standing together over the hearth, as if engaged in&H4;

<lb n=P346.25>earnest conversation; and had this led to&H4 no&H2 suspicion,

<lb n=P346.26>the faces of both as they hastily turned round&H5;, and moved

<lb n=P346.27>away from each other, would have told it all. <hi r=Italic>Their</hi>

<lb n=P346.28>situation was awkward enough; but <hi r=Italic>her's</hi> she thought&H1 was

<lb n=P346.29>still&H5 worse. Not a syllable was uttered by&H4 either; and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P346.30>was on&H4 the point&H0 of going away again, when <name who=PPI>Bingley</name>,

<lb n=P346.31>who&H61 as well&H5 as the other had sat down&H5;, suddenly rose&H1;, and

<lb n=P346.32>whispering a few words to&H4 her sister, ran out&H5 of the room.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P346.33><name who=PPE>Jane</name> could have no&H2 reserves from <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, where

<lb n=P346.34>confidence would give pleasure; and instantly embracing

<lb n=P346.35>her, acknowledged, with the liveliest emotion, that&H3 she

<lb n=P346.36>was the happiest creature in&H4 the world.</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P346.37>&dq;'Tis too&H51 much!&dq;</q><q who=PP0>she added,</q><q who=PPE>&dq;by&H4 far too&H51 much. I do

<lb n=P346.38>not deserve it. Oh! why is not every&sp;body as happy?&dq;<pb n=P347></q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P347.1><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>'s congratulations were given with a sincerity,

<lb n=P347.2>a warmth, a delight&H0;, which&H61 words could but poorly express&H1;.

<lb n=P347.3>Every sentence of kindness was a fresh source of happiness

<lb n=P347.4>to&H4 <name who=PPE>Jane</name>. But she would not allow herself to&H9 stay&H1 with her

<lb n=P347.5>sister, or say half that&H61 remained to&H9 be said, for&H4 the present&H01;.</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P347.6>&dq;I must go instantly to&H4 my mother;&dq;</q><q who=PP0>she cried.</q><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P347.7>&dq;I would not on&H4 any account&H0 trifle&H1 with her affectionate

<lb n=P347.8>solicitude; or allow her to&H9 hear it from any&sp;one but myself.

<lb n=P347.9>He is gone to&H4 my father already. Oh! <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>, to&H9 know

<lb n=P347.10>that&H3 what I have to&H9 relate will&H1 give such pleasure to&H4 all

<lb n=P347.11>my dear&H21 family! how shall I bear&H1 so&H51 much happiness!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P347.12>She then hastened away to&H4 her mother, who&H61 had purposely

<lb n=P347.13>broken up&H5 the card&sp;party, and was sitting up&sp;stairs

<lb n=P347.14>with <name who=PPG>Kitty</name>.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P347.15><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, who&H61 was left by&H4 herself, now smiled at the

<lb n=P347.16>rapidity and ease&H0 with which&H61 an affair was finally settled,

<lb n=P347.17>that&H61 had given them so&H51 many previous months of suspense

<lb n=P347.18>and vexation.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P347.19>&dq;And this,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said she,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;is the end&H0 of all his friend's

<lb n=P347.20>anxious circumspection! of all his sister's falsehood

<lb n=P347.21>and contrivance! the happiest, wisest, most reasonable

<lb n=P347.22>end&H0;!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P347.23>In&H4 a few minutes she was joined by&H4 <name who=PPI>Bingley</name>, whose&H61;

<lb n=P347.24>conference with her father had been short and to&H4 the

<lb n=P347.25>purpose.</q></p><p><q who=PPI>

<lb n=P347.26>&dq;Where is your sister?&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said he hastily, as he opened

<lb n=P347.27>the door.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P347.28>&dq;With my mother up&sp;stairs. She will&H1 be down&H5 in&H4 a

<lb n=P347.29>moment I dare&H12 say.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P347.30>He then shut the door, and coming up&H5 to&H4 her, claimed

<lb n=P347.31>the good wishes&H0 and affection of a sister. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P347.32>honestly and heartily expressed her delight&H0 in&H4 the prospect

<lb n=P347.33>of their relationship. They shook hands with great

<lb n=P347.34>cordiality; and then till her sister came down&H5;, she had

<lb n=P347.35>to&H9 listen to&H4 all he had to&H9 say, of his own&H2 happiness, and

<lb n=P347.36>of <name who=PPE>Jane</name>'s perfections; and in&H4 spite&H8 of his being&H1 a lover,

<lb n=P347.37><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> really believed all his expectations of felicity,

<lb n=P347.38>to&H9 be rationally founded, because they had for&H4 basis the<pb n=P348>

<lb n=P348.1>excellent understanding, and super-excellent disposition

<lb n=P348.2>of <name who=PPE>Jane</name>, and a general&H2 similarity of feeling and taste

<lb n=P348.3>between her and himself.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P348.4>It was an evening of no&H2 common&H2 delight&H0 to&H4 them all;

<lb n=P348.5>the satisfaction of <name who=PPE>Miss&sp;Bennet</name>'s mind&H0 gave a glow of

<lb n=P348.6>such sweet animation to&H4 her face&H0;, as made her look&H1 handsomer

<lb n=P348.7>than ever. <name who=PPG>Kitty</name> simpered and smiled, and hoped

<lb n=P348.8>her turn&H0 was coming soon. <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> could not give

<lb n=P348.9>her consent&H0;, or speak her approbation in&H4 terms warm&H2;

<lb n=P348.10>enough to&H9 satisfy her feelings, though she talked to&H4 <name who=PPI>Bingley</name>

<lb n=P348.11>of nothing else, for&H4 half an hour; and when <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name>

<lb n=P348.12>joined them at supper, his voice and manner plainly

<lb n=P348.13>shewed how really happy he was.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P348.14>Not a word, however, passed his lips in&H4 allusion to&H4 it,

<lb n=P348.15>till their visitor took his leave&H0 for&H4 the night; but as soon

<lb n=P348.16>as he was gone, he turned to&H4 his daughter and said,</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P348.17>&dq;<name who=PPE>Jane</name>, I congratulate you. You will&H1 be a very happy

<lb n=P348.18>woman.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P348.19><name who=PPE>Jane</name> went to&H4 him instantly, kissed him, and thanked

<lb n=P348.20>him for&H4 his goodness.</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P348.21>&dq;You are a good girl;&dq;</q><q who=PP0>he replied,</q><q who=PPC>&dq;and I have great

<lb n=P348.22>pleasure in&H4 thinking you will&H1 be so&H51 happily settled. I have

<lb n=P348.23>not a doubt&H0 of your doing very well&H5 together. Your

<lb n=P348.24>tempers are by&H4 no&H2 means&H0 unlike. You are each of you so&H51;

<lb n=P348.25>complying, that&H3 nothing will&H1 ever be resolved on&H5;; so&H51;

<lb n=P348.26>easy, that&H3 every servant will&H1 cheat you; and so&H51 generous,

<lb n=P348.27>that&H3 you will&H1 always exceed your income.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P348.28>&dq;I hope&H1 not so&H52;. Imprudence or thoughtlessness in&H4;

<lb n=P348.29>money matters, would be unpardonable in&H4 <hi r=Italic>me</hi>.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P348.30>&dq;Exceed their income! My dear&H21 <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried

<lb n=P348.31>his wife,</q><q who=PPD>&dq;what are you talking of? Why, he has four

<lb n=P348.32>or five thousand a-year, and very likely more.&dq;</q><q who=PP0>Then

<lb n=P348.33>addressing her daughter,</q><q who=PPD>&dq;Oh! my dear&H21;, dear&H21 <name who=PPE>Jane</name>, I am

<lb n=P348.34>so&H51 happy! I am sure I sha'nt get a wink of sleep&H0 all night.

<lb n=P348.35>I knew how it would be. I always said it must be so&H52;,

<lb n=P348.36>at last&H0;. I was sure you could not be so&H51 beautiful for&H4;

<lb n=P348.37>nothing! I remember, as soon as ever I saw him, when

<lb n=P348.38>he first came into Hertfordshire last&H2 year, I thought&H1 how<pb n=P349>

<lb n=P349.1>likely it was that&H3 you should come together. Oh! he is

<lb n=P349.2>the handsomest young man that&H61 ever was seen!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P349.3><name who=PPP>Wickham</name>, <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>, were all forgotten. <name who=PPE>Jane</name> was beyond&H4;

<lb n=P349.4>competition her favourite&H2 child. At that&H62 moment, she

<lb n=P349.5>cared for&H4 no&H2 other. Her younger sisters soon began to&H9;

<lb n=P349.6>make&H1 interest&H0 with her for&H4 objects&H0 of happiness which&H61 she

<lb n=P349.7>might in&H4 future be able to&H9 dispense.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P349.8><name who=PPF>Mary</name> petitioned for&H4 the use&H0 of the library at Netherfield;

<lb n=P349.9>and <name who=PPG>Kitty</name> begged very hard for&H4 a few balls there every

<lb n=P349.10>winter.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P349.11><name who=PPI>Bingley</name>, from this time, was of course&H8 a daily visitor

<lb n=P349.12>at Longbourn; coming frequently before&H4 breakfast&H0;, and

<lb n=P349.13>always remaining till after&H4 supper; unless when some

<lb n=P349.14>barbarous neighbour, who&H61 could not be enough detested,

<lb n=P349.15>had given him an invitation to&H4 dinner, which&H61 he thought&H1;

<lb n=P349.16>himself obliged to&H9 accept.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P349.17><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> had now but little time for&H4 conversation with

<lb n=P349.18>her sister; for&H3 while&H3 he was present&H5;, <name who=PPE>Jane</name> had no&H2 attention

<lb n=P349.19>to&H9 bestow on&H4 any&sp;one else; but she found herself considerably

<lb n=P349.20>useful to&H4 both of them, in&H4 those hours of separation

<lb n=P349.21>that&H61 must sometimes occur. In&H4 the absence of <name who=PPE>Jane</name>,

<lb n=P349.22>he always attached himself to&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, for&H4 the pleasure

<lb n=P349.23>of talking of her; and when <name who=PPI>Bingley</name> was gone, <name who=PPE>Jane</name>

<lb n=P349.24>constantly sought the same means&H0 of relief.</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P349.25>&dq;He has made me so&H51 happy,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said she, one evening,</q><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P349.26>&dq;by&H4 telling me, that&H3 he was totally ignorant of my

<lb n=P349.27>being&H1 in&H4 town last&H2 spring&H0;! I had not believed it

<lb n=P349.28>possible.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P349.29>&dq;I suspected as much,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>.</q><q who=PPA>&dq;But how

<lb n=P349.30>did he account&H1 for&H4 it?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P349.31>&dq;It must have been his sister's doing. They were

<lb n=P349.32>certainly no&H2 friends to&H4 his acquaintance with me, which&H61;

<lb n=P349.33>I cannot wonder&H1 at, since he might have chosen so&H51 much

<lb n=P349.34>more advantageously in&H4 many respects. But when they

<lb n=P349.35>see, as I trust&H1 they will&H1;, that&H3 their brother is happy with

<lb n=P349.36>me, they will&H1 learn to&H9 be contented, and we shall be on&H4;

<lb n=P349.37>good terms again; though we can never be what we once

<lb n=P349.38>were to&H4 each other.&dq;<pb n=P350></q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P350.1>&dq;That&H62 is the most unforgiving speech,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,</q><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P350.2>&dq;that&H61 I ever heard you utter&H1;. Good girl! It would vex

<lb n=P350.3>me, indeed, to&H9 see you again the dupe&H0 of <name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name>'s

<lb n=P350.4>pretended regard&H0;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P350.5>&dq;Would you believe it, <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>, that&H3 when he went to&H4;

<lb n=P350.6>town last&H2 November, he really loved me, and nothing but

<lb n=P350.7>a persuasion of <hi r=Italic>my</hi> being&H1 indifferent, would have prevented

<lb n=P350.8>his coming down&H5 again!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P350.9>&dq;He made a little mistake&H0 to&H9 be sure; but it is to&H4;

<lb n=P350.10>the credit&H0 of his modesty.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P350.11>This naturally introduced a panegyric from <name who=PPE>Jane</name> on&H4;

<lb n=P350.12>his diffidence, and the little value&H0 he put on&H4 his own&H2 good

<lb n=P350.13>qualities.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P350.14><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was pleased to&H9 find, that&H3 he had not betrayed

<lb n=P350.15>the interference of his friend, for&H3;, though <name who=PPE>Jane</name> had the

<lb n=P350.16>most generous and forgiving heart in&H4 the world, she knew it

<lb n=P350.17>was a circumstance which&H61 must prejudice her against him.</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P350.18>&dq;I am certainly the most fortunate creature that&H61 ever

<lb n=P350.19>existed!&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried <name who=PPE>Jane</name>.</q><q who=PPE>&dq;Oh! <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>, why am I thus

<lb n=P350.20>singled from my family, and blessed above&H4 them all!

<lb n=P350.21>If I could but see <hi r=Italic>you</hi> as happy! If there <hi r=Italic>were</hi> but such

<lb n=P350.22>another man for&H4 you!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P350.23>&dq;If you were to&H9 give me forty such men, I never could

<lb n=P350.24>be so&H51 happy as you. Till I have your disposition, your

<lb n=P350.25>goodness, I never can have your happiness. No&H7;, no&H7;, let

<lb n=P350.26>me shift&H1 for&H4 myself; and, perhaps, if I have very good

<lb n=P350.27>luck, I may&H1 meet&H1 with another <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> in&H4 time.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P350.28>The situation of affairs in&H4 the Longbourn family could

<lb n=P350.29>not be long a secret&H0;. <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> was privileged to&H9 whisper&H1;

<lb n=P350.30>it to&H4 <name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Philips</name>, and <hi r=Italic>she</hi> ventured, without any permission,

<lb n=P350.31>to&H9 do the same by&H4 all her neighbours in&H4 Meryton.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P350.32>The <name who=PPC1>Bennets</name> were speedily pronounced to&H9 be the luckiest

<lb n=P350.33>family in&H4 the world, though only a few weeks before&H5;, when

<lb n=P350.34><name who=PPH>Lydia</name> had first run&H1 away, they had been generally proved

<lb n=P350.35>to&H9 be marked out&H5 for&H4 misfortune.</q></p></div2>

<div2 type=chap n=14><p><pb n=P351>

<lb n=P351.1><q who=pp0>One morning, about&H4 a week after&H3 <name who=PPI>Bingley</name>'s engagement

<lb n=P351.2>with <name who=PPE>Jane</name> had been formed, as he and the females of the

<lb n=P351.3>family were sitting together in&H4 the dining&sp;room, their

<lb n=P351.4>attention was suddenly drawn to&H4 the window, by&H4 the

<lb n=P351.5>sound&H0 of a carriage; and they perceived a chaise and four

<lb n=P351.6>driving up&H4 the lawn. It was too&H51 early in&H4 the morning for&H4;

<lb n=P351.7>visitors, and besides, the equipage did not answer&H1 to&H4 that&H62;

<lb n=P351.8>of any of their neighbours. The horses were post; and

<lb n=P351.9>neither the carriage, nor the livery of the servant who&H61;

<lb n=P351.10>preceded it, were familiar to&H4 them. As it was certain,

<lb n=P351.11>however, that&H3 somebody was coming, <name who=PPI>Bingley</name> instantly

<lb n=P351.12>prevailed on&H4 <name who=PPE>Miss&sp;Bennet</name> to&H9 avoid the confinement of

<lb n=P351.13>such an intrusion, and walk&H1 away with him into the

<lb n=P351.14>shrubbery. They both set&H1 off, and the conjectures&H0 of the

<lb n=P351.15>remaining three continued, though with little satisfaction,

<lb n=P351.16>till the door was thrown open&H2;, and their visitor entered.

<lb n=P351.17>It was <name who=PPL>lady&sp;Catherine&sp;de&sp;Bourgh</name>.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P351.18><q who=pp0>They were of course&H8 all intending to&H9 be surprised; but

<lb n=P351.19>their astonishment was beyond&H4 their expectation; and on&H4;

<lb n=P351.20>the part&H0 of <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> and <name who=PPG>Kitty</name>, though she was perfectly

<lb n=P351.21>unknown to&H4 them, even&H5 inferior to&H4 what <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> felt.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P351.22><q who=pp0>She entered the room with an air more than usually

<lb n=P351.23>ungracious, made no&H2 other reply&H0 to&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>'s salutation,

<lb n=P351.24>than a slight&H2 inclination of the head&H0;, and sat down&H5 without

<lb n=P351.25>saying a word. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> had mentioned her name&H0 to&H4;

<lb n=P351.26>her mother, on&H4 her ladyship's entrance, though no&H2 request&H0;

<lb n=P351.27>of introduction had been made.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P351.28><q who=pp0><name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> all amazement, though flattered by&H4 having

<lb n=P351.29>a guest of such high importance, received her with the

<lb n=P351.30>utmost politeness. After&H4 sitting for&H4 a moment in&H4 silence&H0;,

<lb n=P351.31>she said very stiffly to&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,</q><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P351.32>&dq;I hope&H1 you are well&H5;, <name who=PPA>Miss&sp;Bennet</name>. That&H62 lady I suppose

<lb n=P351.33>is your mother.&dq;<pb n=P352></q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P352.1><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> replied very concisely that&H3 she was.</q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P352.2>&dq;And <hi r=Italic>that&H62;</hi> I suppose is one of your sisters.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P352.3>&dq;Yes, madam,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>, delighted to&H9 speak

<lb n=P352.4>to&H4 a <name who=PPL>lady&sp;Catherine</name>.</q><q who=PPD>&dq;She is my youngest girl but one.

<lb n=P352.5>My youngest of all, is lately married, and my eldest is

<lb n=P352.6>some-where about&H4 the grounds, walking with a young man,

<lb n=P352.7>who&H61 I believe will&H1 soon become a part&H0 of the family.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P352.8>&dq;You have a very small park here,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>returned <name who=PPL>lady&sp;Catherine</name>

<lb n=P352.9>after&H4 a short silence&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P352.10>&dq;It is nothing in&H4 comparison of Rosings, my lady,

<lb n=P352.11>I dare&H12 say; but I assure you it is much larger than

<lb n=P352.12><name who=PPR>Sir&sp;William&sp;Lucas</name>'s.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P352.13>&dq;This must be a most inconvenient sitting&sp;room for&H4;

<lb n=P352.14>the evening, in&H4 summer; the windows are full west.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P352.15><name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> assured her that&H3 they never sat there after&H4;

<lb n=P352.16>dinner; and then added,</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P352.17>&dq;May&H1 I take the liberty of asking your ladyship

<lb n=P352.18>whether you left <name who=PPK>Mr&point;</name> and <name who=PPQ>Mrs&point;&sp;Collins</name> well&H5;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P352.19>&dq;Yes, very well&H5;. I saw them the night before&H4 last&H2;.&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P352.20><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> now expected that&H3 she would produce a letter

<lb n=P352.21>for&H4 her from <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name>, as it seemed the only probable

<lb n=P352.22>motive for&H4 her calling. But no&H2 letter appeared, and she

<lb n=P352.23>was completely puzzled.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P352.24><name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>, with great civility, begged her ladyship

<lb n=P352.25>to&H9 take some refreshment; but <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name> very

<lb n=P352.26>resolutely, and not very politely, declined eating any&sp;thing;

<lb n=P352.27>and then rising up&H5;, said to&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,</q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P352.28>&dq;<name who=PPA>Miss&sp;Bennet</name>, there seemed to&H9 be a prettyish kind&H0 of

<lb n=P352.29>a little wilderness on&H4 one side&H0 of your lawn. I should be

<lb n=P352.30>glad to&H9 take a turn&H0 in&H4 it, if you will&H1 favour&H1 me with your

<lb n=P352.31>company.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P352.32>&dq;Go, my dear&H21;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried her mother,</q><q who=PPD>&dq;and shew&H1 her

<lb n=P352.33>ladyship about&H4 the different walks&H0;. I think she will&H1 be

<lb n=P352.34>pleased with the hermitage.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P352.35><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> obeyed, and running into her own&H2 room for&H4;

<lb n=P352.36>her parasol, attended her noble guest down&sp;stairs. As

<lb n=P352.37>they passed through&H4 the hall, <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name> opened the

<lb n=P352.38>doors into the dining-parlour and drawing-room, and<pb n=P353>

<lb n=P353.1>pronouncing them, after&H4 a short survey, to&H9 be decent looking

<lb n=P353.2>rooms, walked on&H5;.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P353.3>Her carriage remained at the door, and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> saw

<lb n=P353.4>that&H3 her waiting-woman was in&H4 it. They proceeded in&H4;

<lb n=P353.5>silence&H0 along&H4 the gravel walk&H0 that&H61 led to&H4 the copse; <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P353.6>was determined to&H9 make&H1 no&H2 effort for&H4 conversation

<lb n=P353.7>with a woman, who&H61 was now more than usually insolent

<lb n=P353.8>and disagreeable.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P353.9>&dq;How could I ever think her like&H4 her nephew?&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said

<lb n=P353.10>she, as she looked in&H4 her face&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P353.11>As soon as they entered the copse, <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name> began

<lb n=P353.12>in&H4 the following manner: &dash;</q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P353.13>&dq;You can be at no&H2 loss, <name who=PPA>Miss&sp;Bennet</name>, to&H9 understand the

<lb n=P353.14>reason&H0 of my journey hither. Your own&H2 heart, your own&H2;

<lb n=P353.15>conscience, must tell you why I come.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P353.16><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> looked with unaffected astonishment.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P353.17>&dq;Indeed, you are mistaken, Madam. I have not been

<lb n=P353.18>at all able to&H9 account&H1 for&H4 the honour&H0 of seeing you here.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P353.19>&dq;<name who=PPA>Miss&sp;Bennet</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied her ladyship, in&H4 an angry tone,</q><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P353.20>&dq;you ought to&H9 know, that&H3 I am not to&H9 be trifled with.

<lb n=P353.21>But however insincere <hi r=Italic>you</hi> may&H1 choose to&H9 be, you shall

<lb n=P353.22>not find <hi r=Italic>me</hi> so&H52;. My character has ever been celebrated

<lb n=P353.23>for&H4 its sincerity and frankness, and in&H4 a cause of such

<lb n=P353.24>moment as this, I shall certainly not depart from it.

<lb n=P353.25>A report&H0 of a most alarming nature, reached me two days

<lb n=P353.26>ago. I was told, that&H3 not only your sister was on&H4 the

<lb n=P353.27>point&H0 of being&H1 most advantageously married, but that&H3 <hi r=Italic>you</hi>,

<lb n=P353.28>that&H3 <name who=PPA>Miss&sp;Elizabeth&sp;Bennet</name>, would, in&H4 all likelihood, be

<lb n=P353.29>soon afterwards united to&H4 my nephew, my own&H2 nephew,

<lb n=P353.30><name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>. Though I <hi r=Italic>know</hi> it must be a scandalous

<lb n=P353.31>falsehood; though I would not injure him so&H51 much as

<lb n=P353.32>to&H9 suppose the truth of it possible, I instantly resolved

<lb n=P353.33>on&H4 setting off for&H4 this place&H0;, that&H3 I might make&H1 my sentiments

<lb n=P353.34>known to&H4 you.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P353.35>&dq;If you believed it impossible to&H9 be true,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,

<lb n=P353.36>colouring with astonishment and disdain&H0;,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;I wonder&H1 you

<lb n=P353.37>took the trouble&H0 of coming so&H51 far. What could your

<lb n=P353.38>ladyship propose by&H4 it?&dq;<pb n=P354></q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P354.1>&dq;At once to&H9 insist upon&H4 having such a report&H0 universally

<lb n=P354.2>contradicted.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P354.3>&dq;Your coming to&H4 Longbourn, to&H9 see me and my family,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P354.4>said <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, coolly,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;will&H1 be rather a confirmation of

<lb n=P354.5>it; if, indeed, such a report&H0 is in&H4 existence.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P354.6>&dq;If! do you then pretend to&H9 be ignorant of it? Has

<lb n=P354.7>it not been industriously circulated by&H4 yourselves? Do

<lb n=P354.8>you not know that&H3 such a report&H0 is spread abroad?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P354.9>&dq;I never heard that&H3 it was.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P354.10>&dq;And can you likewise declare, that&H3 there is no&H2 <hi r=Italic>foundation</hi>

<lb n=P354.11>for&H4 it?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P354.12>&dq;I do not pretend to&H9 possess equal&H2 frankness with your<pb n=P353>

<lb n=P353.13>ladyship. <hi r=Italic>You</hi> may&H1 ask questions, which&H61 <hi r=Italic>I</hi> shall not choose<pb n=P354>

<lb n=P354.14>to&H9 answer&H1;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P354.15>&dq;This is not to&H9 be borne. <name who=PPA>Miss&sp;Bennet</name>, I insist on&H4 being&H1;

<lb n=P354.16>satisfied. Has he, has my nephew, made you an offer&H0 of

<lb n=P354.17>marriage?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P354.18>&dq;Your ladyship has declared it to&H9 be impossible.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P354.19>&dq;It ought to&H9 be so&H52;; it must be so&H52;, while&H3 he retains the

<lb n=P354.20>use&H0 of his reason&H0;. But <hi r=Italic>your</hi> arts and allurements may&H1;,

<lb n=P354.21>in&H4 a moment of infatuation, have made him forget what

<lb n=P354.22>he owes to&H4 himself and to&H4 all his family. You may&H1 have

<lb n=P354.23>drawn him in&H5;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P354.24>&dq;If I have, I shall be the last&H2 person to&H9 confess it.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P354.25>&dq;<name who=PPA>Miss&sp;Bennet</name>, do you know who&H61 I am? I have not

<lb n=P354.26>been accustomed to&H4 such language as this. I am almost

<lb n=P354.27>the nearest relation he has in&H4 the world, and am entitled

<lb n=P354.28>to&H9 know all his dearest concerns&H0;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P354.29>&dq;But you are not entitled to&H9 know <hi r=Italic>mine&H6;</hi>; nor will&H1;

<lb n=P354.30>such behaviour as this, ever induce me to&H9 be explicit.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P354.31>&dq;Let me be rightly understood. This match&H0;, to&H4 which&H61;

<lb n=P354.32>you have the presumption to&H9 aspire, can never take place&H0;.

<lb n=P354.33>No&H7;, never. <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> is engaged to&H4 <hi r=Italic>my</hi> <hi r=Italic>daughter</hi>. Now

<lb n=P354.34>what have you to&H9 say?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P354.35>&dq;Only this; that&H3 if he is so&H52;, you can have no&H2 reason&H0;

<lb n=P354.36>to&H9 suppose he will&H1 make&H1 an offer&H0 to&H4 me.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P354.37><name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name> hesitated for&H4 a moment, and then

<lb n=P354.38>replied,<pb n=P355></q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P355.1>&dq;The engagement between them is of a peculiar kind&H0;.

<lb n=P355.2>From their infancy, they have been intended for&H4 each

<lb n=P355.3>other. It was the favourite&H2 wish&H0 of <hi r=Italic>his</hi> mother, as well&H5;

<lb n=P355.4>as of her's. While&H4 in&H4 their cradles, we planned the union:

<lb n=P355.5>and now, at the moment when the wishes&H0 of both sisters

<lb n=P355.6>would be accomplished, in&H4 their marriage, to&H9 be prevented

<lb n=P355.7>by&H4 a young woman of inferior birth&H01;, of no&H2 importance in&H4;

<lb n=P355.8>the world, and wholly unallied to&H4 the family! Do you

<lb n=P355.9>pay&H1 no&H2 regard&H0 to&H4 the wishes&H0 of his friends? To&H4 his tacit

<lb n=P355.10>engagement with <name who=PPZJ>Miss&sp;De&sp;Bourgh</name>? Are you lost to&H4 every

<lb n=P355.11>feeling of propriety and delicacy? Have you not heard

<lb n=P355.12>me say, that&H3 from his earliest hours he was destined for&H4;

<lb n=P355.13>his cousin?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P355.14>&dq;Yes, and I had heard it before&H5;. But what is that&H62;

<lb n=P355.15>to&H4 me? If there is no&H2 other objection to&H4 my marrying your

<lb n=P355.16>nephew, I shall certainly not be kept from it, by&H4 knowing

<lb n=P355.17>that&H3 his mother and aunt wished him to&H9 marry <name who=PPZJ>Miss&sp;De&sp;Bourgh</name>.

<lb n=P355.18>You both did as much as you could, in&H4 planning

<lb n=P355.19>the marriage. Its completion depended on&H4 others.

<lb n=P355.20>If <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> is neither by&H4 honour&H0 nor inclination confined

<lb n=P355.21>to&H4 his cousin, why is not he to&H9 make&H1 another choice&H0;? And

<lb n=P355.22>if I am that&H62 choice&H0;, why may&H1 not I accept him?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P355.23>&dq;Because honour&H0;, decorum, prudence, nay, interest&H0;,

<lb n=P355.24>forbid it. Yes, <name who=PPA>Miss&sp;Bennet</name>, interest&H0;; for&H3 do not expect

<lb n=P355.25>to&H9 be noticed by&H4 his family or friends, if you wilfully act&H1;

<lb n=P355.26>against the inclinations of all. You will&H1 be censured,

<lb n=P355.27>slighted, and despised, by&H4 every&sp;one connected with him.

<lb n=P355.28>Your alliance will&H1 be a disgrace&H0;; your name&H0 will&H1 never

<lb n=P355.29>even&H5 be mentioned by&H4 any of us.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P355.30>&dq;These are heavy misfortunes,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>.</q><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P355.31>&dq;But the wife of <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> must have such extraordinary

<lb n=P355.32>sources of happiness necessarily attached to&H4 her situation,

<lb n=P355.33>that&H3 she could, upon&H4 the whole&H0;, have no&H2 cause to&H9 repine.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P355.34>&dq;Obstinate, headstrong girl! I am ashamed of you!

<lb n=P355.35>Is this your gratitude for&H4 my attentions to&H4 you last&H2;

<lb n=P355.36>spring&H0;? Is nothing due&H2 to&H4 me on&H4 that&H62 score?</q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P355.37>&dq;Let us sit down&H5;. You are to&H9 understand, <name who=PPA>Miss&sp;Bennet</name>,

<lb n=P355.38>that&H3 I came here with the determined resolution of<pb n=P356>

<lb n=P356.1>carrying my purpose; nor will&H1 I be dissuaded from it.

<lb n=P356.2>I have not been used to&H9 submit to&H4 any person's whims.

<lb n=P356.3>I have not been in&H4 the habit of brooking disappointment.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P356.4>&dq;<hi r=Italic>That&H62;</hi> will&H1 make&H1 your ladyship's situation at present&H01;

<lb n=P356.5>more pitiable; but it will&H1 have no&H2 effect&H0 on&H4 <hi r=Italic>me</hi>.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P356.6>&dq;I will&H1 not be interrupted. Hear me in&H4 silence&H0;. My

<lb n=P356.7>daughter and my nephew are formed for&H4 each other. They

<lb n=P356.8>are descended on&H4 the maternal side&H0;, from the same noble

<lb n=P356.9>line; and, on&H4 the father's, from respectable, honourable,

<lb n=P356.10>and ancient, though untitled families. Their fortune on&H4;

<lb n=P356.11>both sides is splendid. They are destined for&H4 each other

<lb n=P356.12>by&H4 the voice of every member of their respective houses;

<lb n=P356.13>and what is to&H9 divide them? The upstart&H2 pretensions of

<lb n=P356.14>a young woman without family, connections, or fortune.

<lb n=P356.15>Is this to&H9 be endured! But it must not, shall not be. If

<lb n=P356.16>you were sensible&H21 of your own&H2 good, you would not wish&H1;

<lb n=P356.17>to&H9 quit the sphere, in&H4 which&H61 you have been brought up&H5;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P356.18>&dq;In&H4 marrying your nephew, I should not consider myself

<lb n=P356.19>as quitting that&H62 sphere. He is a gentleman; I am a gentleman's

<lb n=P356.20>daughter; so&H51 far we are equal&H2;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P356.21>&dq;True. You <hi r=Italic>are</hi> a gentleman's daughter. But who&H62 was

<lb n=P356.22>your mother? Who&H62 are your uncles and aunts? Do not

<lb n=P356.23>imagine me ignorant of their condition&H0;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P356.24>&dq;Whatever my connections may&H1 be,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,</q><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P356.25>&dq;if your nephew does not object&H1 to&H4 them, they can be

<lb n=P356.26>nothing to&H4 you.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P356.27>&dq;Tell me once for&H4 all, are you engaged to&H4 him?&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P356.28>Though <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> would not, for&H4 the mere purpose of

<lb n=P356.29>obliging <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name>, have answered this question&H0;;

<lb n=P356.30>she could not but say, after&H4 a moment's deliberation,</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P356.31>&dq;I am not.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P356.32><name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name> seemed pleased.</q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P356.33>&dq;And will&H1 you promise&H1 me, never to&H9 enter into such an

<lb n=P356.34>engagement?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P356.35>&dq;I will&H1 make&H1 no&H2 promise&H0 of the kind&H0;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P356.36>&dq;<name who=PPA>Miss&sp;Bennet</name> I am shocked and astonished. I expected

<lb n=P356.37>to&H9 find a more reasonable young woman. But do not

<lb n=P356.38>deceive yourself into a belief that&H3 I will&H1 ever recede.<pb n=P357>

<lb n=P357.1>I shall not go away, till you have given me the assurance

<lb n=P357.2>I require.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P357.3>&dq;And I certainly <hi r=Italic>never</hi> shall give it. I am not to&H9 be

<lb n=P357.4>intimidated into anything so&H51 wholly unreasonable. Your

<lb n=P357.5>ladyship wants&H1 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> to&H9 marry your daughter; but

<lb n=P357.6>would my giving you the wished-for promise&H0;, make&H1 <hi r=Italic>their</hi>

<lb n=P357.7>marriage at all more probable? Supposing him to&H9 be

<lb n=P357.8>attached to&H4 me, would <hi r=Italic>my</hi> refusing to&H9 accept his hand&H0;,

<lb n=P357.9>make&H1 him wish&H1 to&H9 bestow it on&H4 his cousin? Allow me to&H9;

<lb n=P357.10>say, <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name>, that&H3 the arguments with which&H61 you

<lb n=P357.11>have supported this extraordinary application, have been

<lb n=P357.12>as frivolous as the application was ill-judged. You have

<lb n=P357.13>widely mistaken my character, if you think I can be

<lb n=P357.14>worked on&H5 by&H4 such persuasions as these. How far your

<lb n=P357.15>nephew might approve of your interference in&H4 <hi r=Italic>his</hi> affairs,

<lb n=P357.16>I cannot tell; but you have certainly no&H2 right&H0 to&H9 concern&H1;

<lb n=P357.17>yourself in&H4 mine&H6;. I must beg, therefore, to&H9 be importuned

<lb n=P357.18>no&H2 farther on&H4 the subject&H0;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P357.19>&dq;Not so&H51 hasty, if you please. I have by&H4 no&H2 means&H0;

<lb n=P357.20>done. To&H4 all the objections I have already urged, I have

<lb n=P357.21>still&H5 another to&H9 add. I am no&H2 stranger&H0 to&H4 the particulars

<lb n=P357.22>of your youngest sister's infamous elopement. I know

<lb n=P357.23>it all; that&H3 the young man's marrying her, was a patched-up

<lb n=P357.24>business, at the expence of your father and uncles.

<lb n=P357.25>And is <hi r=Italic>such</hi> a girl to&H9 be my nephew's sister? Is <hi r=Italic>her</hi> husband,

<lb n=P357.26>is the son of his late father's steward, to&H9 be his brother?

<lb n=P357.27>Heaven and earth! &dash; of what are you thinking? Are the

<lb n=P357.28>shades of Pemberley to&H9 be thus polluted?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P357.29>&dq;You can <hi r=Italic>now</hi> have nothing farther to&H9 say,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>she resentfully

<lb n=P357.30>answered.</q><q who=PPA>&dq;You have insulted me, in&H4 every possible

<lb n=P357.31>method. I must beg to&H9 return&H1 to&H4 the house.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P357.32>And she rose&H1 as she spoke. <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name> rose&H1 also,

<lb n=P357.33>and they turned back&H5;. Her ladyship was highly incensed.

<lb n=P357.34></q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P357.35>&dq;You have no&H2 regard&H0;, then, for&H4 the honour&H0 and credit&H0;

<lb n=P357.36>of my nephew! Unfeeling, selfish girl! Do you not consider

<lb n=P357.37>that&H3 a connection with you, must disgrace&H1 him in&H4;

<lb n=P357.38>the eyes of everybody?&dq;<pb n=P358></q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P358.1>&dq;<name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name>, I have nothing farther to&H9 say. You

<lb n=P358.2>know my sentiments.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P358.3>&dq;You are then resolved to&H9 have him?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P358.4>&dq;I have said no&H2 such thing. I am only resolved to&H9 act&H1;

<lb n=P358.5>in&H4 that&H62 manner, which&H61 will&H1;, in&H4 my own&H2 opinion, constitute

<lb n=P358.6>my happiness, without reference to&H4 <hi r=Italic>you</hi>, or to&H4 any person

<lb n=P358.7>so&H51 wholly unconnected with me.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P358.8>&dq;It is well&H5;. You refuse, then, to&H9 oblige me. You refuse

<lb n=P358.9>to&H9 obey the claims of duty, honour&H0;, and gratitude. You

<lb n=P358.10>are determined to&H9 ruin&H1 him in&H4 the opinion of all his friends,

<lb n=P358.11>and make&H1 him the contempt of the world.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P358.12>&dq;Neither duty, nor honour&H0;, nor gratitude,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied

<lb n=P358.13><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;have any possible claim&H0 on&H4 me, in&H4 the present&H2;

<lb n=P358.14>instance&H0;. No&H2 principle of either, would be violated by&H4;

<lb n=P358.15>my marriage with <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>. And with regard&H0 to&H4 the

<lb n=P358.16>resentment of his family, or the indignation of the world,

<lb n=P358.17>if the former <hi r=Italic>were</hi> excited by&H4 his marrying me, it would

<lb n=P358.18>not give me one moment's concern&H0 &dash; and the world in&H4;

<lb n=P358.19>general&H0 would have too&H51 much sense to&H9 join in&H4 the scorn.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P358.20>&dq;And this is your real opinion! This is your final

<lb n=P358.21>resolve&H0;! Very well&H5;. I shall now know how to&H9 act&H1;. Do

<lb n=P358.22>not imagine, <name who=PPA>Miss&sp;Bennet</name>, that&H3 your ambition will&H1 ever

<lb n=P358.23>be gratified. I came to&H9 try you. I hoped to&H9 find you

<lb n=P358.24>reasonable; but depend upon&H4 it I will&H1 carry my point&H0;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P358.25>In&H4 this manner <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name> talked on&H5;, till they were

<lb n=P358.26>at the door of the carriage, when turning hastily round&H5;,

<lb n=P358.27>she added,</q></p><p><q who=PPL>

<lb n=P358.28>&dq;I take no&H2 leave&H0 of you, <name who=PPA>Miss&sp;Bennet</name>. I send no&H2 compliments

<lb n=P358.29>to&H4 your mother. You deserve no&H2 such attention.

<lb n=P358.30>I am most seriously displeased.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P358.31><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> made no&H2 answer&H0;; and without attempting

<lb n=P358.32>to&H9 persuade her ladyship to&H9 return&H1 into the house, walked

<lb n=P358.33>quietly into it herself. She heard the carriage drive&H1 away

<lb n=P358.34>as she proceeded up&sp;stairs. Her mother impatiently met

<lb n=P358.35>her at the door of the dressing-room, to&H9 ask why <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name>

<lb n=P358.36>would not come in&H5 again and rest&H1 herself.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P358.37>&dq;She did not choose it,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said her daughter,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;she

<lb n=P358.38>would go.&dq;<pb n=P359></q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P359.1>&dq;She is a very fine-looking woman! and her calling

<lb n=P359.2>here was prodigiously civil! for&H3 she only came, I suppose,

<lb n=P359.3>to&H9 tell us the <name who=PPK1>Collinses</name> were well&H5;. She is on&H4 her road

<lb n=P359.4>somewhere, I dare&H12 say, and so&H3 passing through&H4 Meryton,

<lb n=P359.5>thought&H1 she might as well&H5 call&H1 on&H4 you. I suppose she had

<lb n=P359.6>nothing particular to&H9 say to&H4 you, <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P359.7><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was forced to&H9 give into a little falsehood

<lb n=P359.8>here; for&H3 to&H9 acknowledge the substance of their conversation

<lb n=P359.9>was impossible.</q></p></div2>

<div2 type=chap n=15><p><pb n=P360>

<lb n=P360.1><q who=pp0>The discomposure of spirits, which&H61 this extraordinary

<lb n=P360.2>visit&H0 threw <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> into, could not be easily overcome;

<lb n=P360.3>nor could she for&H4 many hours, learn to&H9 think of it less

<lb n=P360.4>than incessantly.</q><q who=PPA type=indirect><name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name> it appeared, had

<lb n=P360.5>actually taken the trouble&H0 of this journey from Rosings,

<lb n=P360.6>for&H4 the sole purpose of breaking off her supposed engagement

<lb n=P360.7>with <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>. It was a rational scheme&H0 to&H9 be

<lb n=P360.8>sure!</q><q who=PP0>but from what the report&H0 of their engagement could

<lb n=P360.9>originate, <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was at a loss to&H9 imagine; till she

<lb n=P360.10>recollected that&H3;</q><q who=PPA type=indirect><hi r=Italic>his</hi> being&H1 the intimate&H2 friend of <name who=PPI>Bingley</name>,

<lb n=P360.11>and <hi r=Italic>her</hi> being&H1 the sister of <name who=PPE>Jane</name>, was enough, at a time

<lb n=P360.12>when the expectation of one wedding, made every&sp;body

<lb n=P360.13>eager for&H4 another, to&H9 supply&H1 the idea.</q><q who=PP0>She had not herself

<lb n=P360.14>forgotten to&H9 feel that&H3;</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>the marriage of her sister must bring

<lb n=P360.15>them more frequently together. And her neighbours at

<lb n=P360.16>Lucas&sp;lodge, therefore, (for&H3 through&H4 their communication

<lb n=P360.17>with the <name who=PPK1>Collinses</name>, the report&H0;</q><q who=PP0>she concluded</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>had reached

<lb n=P360.18><name who=PPL>lady&sp;Catherine</name>) had only set&H1 <hi r=Italic>that&H62;</hi> down&H5;, as almost certain

<lb n=P360.19>and immediate, which&H61 <hi r=Italic>she</hi> had looked forward&H5 to&H4 as possible,

<lb n=P360.20>at some future time.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P360.21>In&H4 revolving <name who=PPL>lady&sp;Catherine</name>'s expressions, however, she

<lb n=P360.22>could not help&H1 feeling some uneasiness as to&H4 the possible

<lb n=P360.23>consequence of her persisting in&H4 this interference. From

<lb n=P360.24>what she had said of her resolution to&H9 prevent their

<lb n=P360.25>marriage, it occurred to&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> that&H3 she must meditate

<lb n=P360.26>an application to&H4 her nephew; and how <hi r=Italic>he</hi> might take

<lb n=P360.27>a similar representation of the evils attached to&H4 a connection

<lb n=P360.28>with her, she dared not pronounce. She knew not

<lb n=P360.29>the exact&H2 degree of his affection for&H4 his aunt, or his dependence

<lb n=P360.30>on&H4 her judgment, but</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>it was natural&H2 to&H9 suppose

<lb n=P360.31>that&H3 he thought&H1 much higher of her ladyship than <hi r=Italic>she</hi>

<lb n=P360.32>could do; and it was certain, that&H3 in&H4 enumerating the<pb n=P361>

<lb n=P361.1>miseries of a marriage with <hi r=Italic>one</hi>, whose&H61 immediate connections

<lb n=P361.2>were so&H51 unequal to&H4 his own&H2;, his aunt would address&H1;

<lb n=P361.3>him on&H4 his weakest side&H0;. With his notions of dignity, he

<lb n=P361.4>would probable feel that&H3 the arguments, which&H61 to&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P361.5>had appeared weak and ridiculous, contained much

<lb n=P361.6>good sense and solid reasoning.</q></p><p><q who=PPA type=indirect>

<lb n=P361.7>If he had been wavering before&H5;, as to&H4 what he should

<lb n=P361.8>do, which&H61 had often seemed likely, the advice and intreaty

<lb n=P361.9>of so&H51 near&H2 a relation might settle every doubt&H0;, and determine

<lb n=P361.10>him at once to&H9 be as happy, as dignity unblemished

<lb n=P361.11>could make&H1 him. In&H4 that&H62 case he would return&H1 no&H2 more.

<lb n=P361.12><name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name> might see him in&H4 her way through&H4 town;

<lb n=P361.13>and his engagement to&H4 <name who=PPI>Bingley</name> of coming again to&H4 Netherfield

<lb n=P361.14>must give way.</q></p><p><q who=PPA type=indirect>

<lb n=P361.15>&dq;If, therefore, an excuse&H0 for&H4 not keeping his promise&H0;,

<lb n=P361.16>should come to&H4 his friend within a few days,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>she added,</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>

<lb n=P361.17>&dq;I shall know how to&H9 understand it. I shall then give

<lb n=P361.18>over every expectation, every wish&H0 of his constancy. If

<lb n=P361.19>he is satisfied with only regretting me, when he might

<lb n=P361.20>have obtained my affections and hand&H0;, I shall soon cease

<lb n=P361.21>to&H9 regret&H1 him at all.&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P361.22>&dash;~</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P361.23>The surprise&H0 of the rest&H01 of the family, on&H4 hearing who&H61;

<lb n=P361.24>their visitor had been, was very great; but they obligingly

<lb n=P361.25>satisfied it, with the same kind&H0 of supposition, which&H61 had

<lb n=P361.26>appeased <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>'s curiosity; and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was

<lb n=P361.27>spared from much teazing on&H4 the subject&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P361.28>The next morning, as she was going down&sp;stairs, she

<lb n=P361.29>was met by&H4 her father, who&H61 came out&H5 of his library with

<lb n=P361.30>a letter in&H4 his hand&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P361.31>&dq;<name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said he,</q><q who=PPC>&dq;I was going to&H9 look&H1 for&H4 you; come

<lb n=P361.32>into my room.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P361.33>She followed him thither; and her curiosity to&H9 know

<lb n=P361.34>what he had to&H9 tell her, was heightened by&H4 the supposition

<lb n=P361.35>of its being&H1 in&H4 some manner connected with the letter he

<lb n=P361.36>held. It suddenly struck her that&H3 it might be from <name who=PPL>lady&sp;Catherine;</name>

<lb n=P361.37>and she anticipated with dismay all the

<lb n=P361.38>consequent explanations.<pb n=P362></q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P362.1>She followed her father to&H4 the fire&sp;place, and they both

<lb n=P362.2>sat down&H5;. He then said,</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P362.3>&dq;I have received a letter this morning that&H61 has astonished

<lb n=P362.4>me exceedingly. As it principally concerns&H1 yourself,

<lb n=P362.5>you ought to&H9 know its contents. I did not know before&H5;,

<lb n=P362.6>that&H3 I had <hi r=Italic>two</hi> daughters on&H4 the brink of matrimony. Let

<lb n=P362.7>me congratulate you, on&H4 a very important conquest.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P362.8>The colour now rushed into <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>'s cheeks in&H4 the

<lb n=P362.9>instantaneous conviction of its being&H1 a letter from the

<lb n=P362.10>nephew, instead of the aunt; and she was undetermined

<lb n=P362.11>whether most to&H9 be pleased that&H3 he explained himself at

<lb n=P362.12>all, or offended that&H3 his letter was not rather addressed to&H4;

<lb n=P362.13>herself; when her father continued,</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P362.14>&dq;You look&H1 conscious. Young ladies have great penetration

<lb n=P362.15>in&H4 such matters as these; but I think I may&H1 defy

<lb n=P362.16>even&H5 <hi r=Italic>your</hi> sagacity, to&H9 discover the name&H0 of your admirer.

<lb n=P362.17>This letter is from <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P362.18>&dq;From <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>! and what can <hi r=Italic>he</hi> have to&H9 say?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P362.19>&dq;Something very much to&H4 the purpose of course&H8;. He

<lb n=P362.20>begins with congratulations on&H4 the approaching nuptials

<lb n=P362.21>of my eldest daughter, of which&H61 it seems he has been told,

<lb n=P362.22>by&H4 some of the good-natured, gossiping <name who=PPR1>Lucases</name>. I shall

<lb n=P362.23>not sport&H1 with your impatience, by&H4 reading what he says

<lb n=P362.24>on&H4 that&H62 point&H0;. What relates to&H4 yourself, is as follows.</q><q who=PPK>

<lb n=P362.25>&dq;Having thus offered you the sincere congratulations of

<lb n=P362.26><name who=PPQ>Mrs&point;&sp;Collins</name> and myself on&H4 this happy event, let me now

<lb n=P362.27>add a short hint&H0 on&H4 the subject&H0 of another; of which&H61;

<lb n=P362.28>we have been advertised by&H4 the same authority. Your

<lb n=P362.29>daughter <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, it is presumed, will&H1 not long bear&H1 the

<lb n=P362.30>name&H0 of <name who=PPA>Bennet</name>, after&H3 her elder sister has resigned it,

<lb n=P362.31>and the chosen partner of her fate, may&H1 be reasonably

<lb n=P362.32>looked up&H5 to&H5;, as one of the most illustrious personages

<lb n=P362.33>in&H4 this land.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P362.34>&dq;Can you possibly guess&H1;, <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>, who&H61 is meant by&H4;

<lb n=P362.35>this?&dq;</q><q who=PPK>&dq;This young gentleman is blessed in&H4 a peculiar

<lb n=P362.36>way, with every&sp;thing the heart of mortal can most

<lb n=P362.37>desire&H1;, &dash; splendid property, noble kindred, and extensive

<lb n=P362.38>patronage. Yet in&H4 spite&H8 of all these temptations, let me<pb n=P363>

<lb n=P363.1>warn my cousin <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, and yourself, of what evils you

<lb n=P363.2>may&H1 incur, by&H4 a precipitate closure with this gentleman's

<lb n=P363.3>proposals, which&H61;, of course&H8;, you will&H1 be inclined to&H9 take

<lb n=P363.4>immediate advantage of.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P363.5>&dq;Have you any idea, <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>, who&H61 this gentleman is?

<lb n=P363.6>But now it comes out&H5;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPK>

<lb n=P363.7>&dq;My motive for&H4 cautioning you, is as follows. We have

<lb n=P363.8>reason&H0 to&H9 imagine that&H3 his aunt, <name who=PPL>lady&sp;Catherine&sp;de&sp;Bourgh</name>,

<lb n=P363.9>does not look&H1 on&H4 the match&H0 with a friendly eye.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P363.10>&dq;<hi r=Italic><name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name></hi>, you see, is the man! Now, <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>, I think

<lb n=P363.11>I <hi r=Italic>have</hi> surprised you. Could he, or the <name who=PPR1>Lucases</name>, have

<lb n=P363.12>pitched on&H4 any man, within the circle of our acquaintance,

<lb n=P363.13>whose&H61 name&H0 would have given the lie&H0 more effectually to&H4;

<lb n=P363.14>what they related? <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>, who&H61 never looks&H1 at any

<lb n=P363.15>woman but to&H9 see a blemish, and who&H61 probably never

<lb n=P363.16>looked at <hi r=Italic>you</hi> in&H4 his life! It is admirable!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P363.17><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> tried to&H9 join in&H4 her father's pleasantry, but

<lb n=P363.18>could only force&H1 one most reluctant smile&H0;. Never had his

<lb n=P363.19>wit been directed in&H4 a manner so&H51 little agreeable to&H4 her.</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P363.20>&dq;Are you not diverted?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P363.21>&dq;Oh! yes. Pray read on&H5;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPK>

<lb n=P363.22>&dq;After&H4 mentioning the likelihood of this marriage to&H4;

<lb n=P363.23>her ladyship last&H2 night, she immediately, with her usual

<lb n=P363.24>condescension, expressed what she felt on&H4 the occasion&H0;;

<lb n=P363.25>when it became apparent, that&H3 on&H4 the score of some family

<lb n=P363.26>objections on&H4 the part&H0 of my cousin, she would never give

<lb n=P363.27>her consent&H0 to&H4 what she termed so&H51 disgraceful a match&H0;.

<lb n=P363.28>I thought&H1 it my duty to&H9 give the speediest intelligence of

<lb n=P363.29>this to&H4 my cousin, that&H3 she and her noble admirer may&H1 be

<lb n=P363.30>aware of what they are about&H4;, and not run&H1 hastily into

<lb n=P363.31>a marriage which&H61 has not been properly sanctioned.&dq;</q><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P363.32>&dq;<name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name> moreover adds,&dq;</q><q who=PPK>&dq;I am truly rejoiced that&H3;

<lb n=P363.33>my cousin <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>'s sad business has been so&H51 well&H5 hushed

<lb n=P363.34>up&H5;, and am only concerned that&H3 their living together

<lb n=P363.35>before&H3 the marriage took place&H0;, should be so&H51 generally

<lb n=P363.36>known. I must not, however, neglect&H1 the duties of my

<lb n=P363.37>station, or refrain from declaring my amazement, at

<lb n=P363.38>hearing that&H3 you received the young couple into your<pb n=P364>

<lb n=P364.1>house as soon as they were married. It was an encouragement

<lb n=P364.2>of vice; and had I been the rector of Longbourn,

<lb n=P364.3>I should very strenuously have opposed it. You ought

<lb n=P364.4>certainly to&H9 forgive them as a christian, but never to&H9;

<lb n=P364.5>admit them in&H4 your sight, or allow their names to&H9 be

<lb n=P364.6>mentioned in&H4 your hearing.&dq;</q><q who=PPC>&dq;<hi r=Italic>That&H62;</hi> is his notion of

<lb n=P364.7>christian forgiveness! The rest&H01 of his letter is only about&H4;

<lb n=P364.8>his dear&H21 <name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name>'s situation, and his expectation of a

<lb n=P364.9>young olive-branch. But, <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>, you look&H1 as if you did

<lb n=P364.10>not enjoy it. You are not going to&H9 be <hi r=Italic>Missish</hi>, I hope&H1;,

<lb n=P364.11>and pretend to&H9 be affronted at an idle report&H0;. For&H4 what

<lb n=P364.12>do we live, but to&H9 make&H1 sport&H0 for&H4 our neighbours, and

<lb n=P364.13>laugh&H1 at them in&H4 our turn&H0;?&dq;</q><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P364.14>&dq;Oh!&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,</q></p><p><q who=PPA>&dq;I am excessively diverted.

<lb n=P364.15>But it is so&H51 strange!&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>&dq;Yes &dash; <hi r=Italic>that&H62;</hi> is what makes it amusing. Had they fixed

<lb n=P364.16>on&H4 any other man it would have been nothing; but <hi r=Italic>his</hi>

<lb n=P364.17>perfect&H2 indifference, and <hi r=Italic>your</hi> pointed dislike&H0;, make&H1 it so&H51;

<lb n=P364.18>delightfully absurd! Much as I abominate writing, I would

<lb n=P364.19>not give up&H5 <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>'s correspondence for&H4 any consideration.

<lb n=P364.20>Nay, when I read a letter of his, I cannot

<lb n=P364.21>help&H1 giving him the preference even&H5 over <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>, much

<lb n=P364.22>as I value&H1 the impudence and hypocrisy of my son-in-law.

<lb n=P364.23>And pray, <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>, what said <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name> about&H4 this

<lb n=P364.24>report&H0;? Did she call&H1 to&H9 refuse her consent&H0;?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P364.25>To&H4 this question&H0 his daughter replied only with a laugh&H0;;

<lb n=P364.26>and as it had been asked without the least suspicion, she

<lb n=P364.27>was not distressed by&H4 his repeating it. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> had

<lb n=P364.28>never been more at a loss to&H9 make&H1 her feelings appear

<lb n=P364.29>what they were not. It was necessary to&H9 laugh&H1;, when

<lb n=P364.30>she would rather have cried. Her father had most cruelly

<lb n=P364.31>mortified her, by&H4 what he said of <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>'s indifference,

<lb n=P364.32>and she could do nothing but wonder&H1 at such a want&H0 of

<lb n=P364.33>penetration, or fear&H1 that&H3 perhaps, instead of his seeing

<lb n=P364.32>too&H51 <hi r=Italic>little</hi>, she might have fancied too&H51 <hi r=Italic>much</hi>.</q></p></div2>

<div2 type=chap n=16><p><pb n=P365>

<lb n=P365.1><q who=pp0>Instead of receiving any such letter of excuse&H0 from his

<lb n=P365.2>friend, as <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> half expected <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> to&H9 do, he

<lb n=P365.3>was able to&H9 bring <name who=PPB>Darcy</name> with him to&H4 Longbourn before&H3;

<lb n=P365.4>many days had passed after&H4 <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name>'s visit&H0;. The

<lb n=P365.5>gentlemen arrived early; and, before&H3 <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> had

<lb n=P365.6>time to&H9 tell him of their having seen his aunt, of which&H61;

<lb n=P365.7>her daughter sat in&H4 momentary dread&H0;, <name who=PPI>Bingley</name>, who&H61;

<lb n=P365.8>wanted to&H9 be alone with <name who=PPE>Jane</name>, proposed their all walking

<lb n=P365.9>out&H5;. It was agreed to&H5;. <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> was not in&H4 the habit

<lb n=P365.10>of walking, <name who=PPF>Mary</name> could never spare&H1 time, but the remaining

<lb n=P365.11>five set&H1 off together. <name who=PPI>Bingley</name> and <name who=PPE>Jane</name>, however, soon

<lb n=P365.12>allowed the others to&H9 outstrip them. They lagged behind,

<lb n=P365.13>while&H3 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, <name who=PPG>Kitty</name>, and <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>, were to&H9 entertain each

<lb n=P365.14>other. Very little was said by&H4 either; <name who=PPG>Kitty</name> was too&H51;

<lb n=P365.15>much afraid of him to&H9 talk&H1;; <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was secretly

<lb n=P365.16>forming a desperate resolution; and perhaps he might be

<lb n=P365.17>doing the same.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P365.18><q who=pp0>They walked towards the <name who=PPR1>Lucases</name>, because <name who=PPG>Kitty</name> wished

<lb n=P365.19>to&H9 call&H1 upon&H4 <name who=PPV>Maria;</name> and as <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> saw no&H2 occasion&H0;

<lb n=P365.20>for&H4 making it a general&H2 concern&H0;, when <name who=PPG>Kitty</name> left them, she

<lb n=P365.21>went boldly on&H5 with him alone. Now was the moment

<lb n=P365.22>for&H4 her resolution to&H9 be executed, and, while&H3 her courage

<lb n=P365.23>was high, she immediately said,</q><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P365.24>&dq;<name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>, I am a very selfish creature; and, for&H4 the

<lb n=P365.25>sake of giving relief to&H4 my own&H2 feelings, care&H1 not how

<lb n=P365.26>much I may&H1 be wounding your's. I can no&H2 longer help&H1;

<lb n=P365.27>thanking you for&H4 your unexampled kindness to&H4 my poor

<lb n=P365.28>sister. Ever since I have known it, I have been most

<lb n=P365.29>anxious to&H9 acknowledge to&H4 you how gratefully I feel it.

<lb n=P365.30>Were it known to&H4 the rest&H01 of my family, I should not have

<lb n=P365.31>merely my own&H2 gratitude to&H9 express&H1;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P365.32>&dq;I am sorry, exceedingly sorry,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>, in&H4;

<lb n=P365.33>a tone of surprise&H0 and emotion,</q><q who=PPB>&dq;that&H3 you have ever

<lb n=P365.34>been informed of what may&H1;, in&H4 a mistaken light&H0;, have<pb n=P366>

<lb n=P366.1>given you uneasiness. I did not think <name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name> was

<lb n=P366.2>so&H51 little to&H9 be trusted.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P366.3>&dq;You must not blame&H1 my aunt. <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>'s thoughtlessness<pb n=P365>

<lb n=P365.4>first betrayed to&H4 me that&H3 you had been concerned<pb n=P366>

<lb n=P366.5>in&H4 the matter; and, of course&H8;, I could not rest&H1 till I knew

<lb n=P366.6>the particulars. Let me thank you again and again, in&H4;

<lb n=P366.7>the name&H0 of all my family, for&H4 that&H62 generous compassion

<lb n=P366.8>which&H61 induced you to&H9 take so&H51 much trouble&H0;, and bear&H1 so&H51;

<lb n=P366.9>many mortifications, for&H4 the sake of discovering them.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P366.10>&dq;If you <hi r=Italic>will&H1;</hi> thank me,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>he replied,</q><q who=PPB>&dq;let it be for&H4 yourself

<lb n=P366.11>alone. That&H3 the wish&H0 of giving happiness to&H4 you, might

<lb n=P366.12>add force&H0 to&H4 the other inducements which&H61 led me on&H5;, I shall

<lb n=P366.13>not attempt&H1 to&H9 deny. But your <hi r=Italic>family</hi> owe me nothing.

<lb n=P366.14>Much as I respect&H1 them, I believe, I thought&H1 only of <hi r=Italic>you</hi>.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P366.15><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> was too&H51 much embarrassed to&H9 say a word.

<lb n=P366.16>After&H4 a short pause&H0;, her companion added,</q><q who=PPB>&dq;You are too&H51;

<lb n=P366.17>generous to&H9 trifle&H1 with me. If your feelings are still&H5 what

<lb n=P366.18>they were last&H2 April, tell me so&H52 at once. <hi r=Italic>My</hi> affections

<lb n=P366.19>and wishes&H0 are unchanged, but one word from you will&H1;

<lb n=P366.20>silence&H1 me on&H4 this subject&H0 for&sp;ever.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P366.21><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> feeling all the more than common&H2 awkwardness

<lb n=P366.22>and anxiety of his situation, now forced herself to&H9;

<lb n=P366.23>speak; and immediately, though not very fluently, gave

<lb n=P366.24>him to&H9 understand, that&H3 her sentiments had undergone so&H51;

<lb n=P366.25>material&H2 a change&H0;, since the period to&H4 which&H61 he alluded,

<lb n=P366.26>as to&H9 make&H1 her receive with gratitude and pleasure, his

<lb n=P366.27>present&H2 assurances. The happiness which&H61 this reply&H0;

<lb n=P366.28>produced, was such as he had probably never felt before&H5;;

<lb n=P366.29>and he expressed himself on&H4 the occasion&H0 as sensibly and

<lb n=P366.30>as warmly as a man violently in&H4 love&H0 can be supposed to&H9;

<lb n=P366.31>do. Had <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> been able to&H9 encounter his eye, she

<lb n=P366.32>might have seen how well&H5 the expression of heart-felt

<lb n=P366.33>delight&H0;, diffused over his face&H0;, became him; but, though

<lb n=P366.34>she could not look&H1;, she could listen, and he told her of

<lb n=P366.35>feelings, which&H61;, in&H4 proving of what importance she was

<lb n=P366.36>to&H4 him, made his affection every moment more valuable.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P366.37>They walked on&H5;, without knowing in&H4 what direction.

<lb n=P366.38>There was too&H51 much to&H9 be thought&H1;, and felt, and said,<pb n=P367>

<lb n=P367.1>for&H4 attention to&H4 any other objects&H0;. She soon learnt that&H3;

<lb n=P367.2>they were indebted for&H4 their present&H2 good understanding

<lb n=P367.3>to&H4 the efforts of his aunt, who&H61 <hi r=Italic>did</hi> call&H1 on&H4 him in&H4 her

<lb n=P367.4>return&H0 through&H4 London, and there relate her journey to&H4;

<lb n=P367.5>Longbourn, its motive, and the substance of her conversation

<lb n=P367.6>with <name who=PPA>Elizabeth;</name> dwelling emphatically on&H4 every

<lb n=P367.7>expression of the latter, which&H61;, in&H4 her ladyship's apprehension,

<lb n=P367.8>peculiarly denoted her perverseness and assurance,

<lb n=P367.9>in&H4 the belief that&H3 such a relation must assist her

<lb n=P367.10>endeavours&H0 to&H9 obtain that&H62 promise&H0 from her nephew,

<lb n=P367.11>which&H61 <hi r=Italic>she</hi> had refused to&H9 give. But, unluckily for&H4 her

<lb n=P367.12>ladyship, its effect&H0 had been exactly contrariwise.</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P367.13>&dq;It taught me to&H9 hope&H1;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said he,</q><q who=PPB>&dq;as I had scarcely

<lb n=P367.14>ever allowed myself to&H9 hope&H1 before&H5;. I knew enough of

<lb n=P367.15>your disposition to&H9 be certain, that&H3;, had you been absolutely,

<lb n=P367.16>irrevocably decided against me, you would have

<lb n=P367.17>acknowledged it to&H4 <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name>, frankly and openly.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P367.18><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> coloured and laughed as she replied,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;Yes,

<lb n=P367.19>you know enough of my <hi r=Italic>frankness</hi> to&H9 believe me capable

<lb n=P367.20>of <hi r=Italic>that&H62;</hi>. After&H4 abusing you so&H51 abominably to&H4 your face&H0;,

<lb n=P367.21>I could have no&H2 scruple&H0 in&H4 abusing you to&H4 all your relations.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P367.22>&dq;What did you say of me, that&H61 I did not deserve?

<lb n=P367.23>For&H3;, though your accusations were ill-founded, formed

<lb n=P367.24>on&H4 mistaken premises, my behaviour to&H4 you at the time,

<lb n=P367.25>had merited the severest reproof. It was unpardonable.

<lb n=P367.26>I cannot think of it without abhorrence.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P367.27>&dq;We will&H1 not quarrel&H1 for&H4 the greater share&H0 of blame&H0;

<lb n=P367.28>annexed to&H4 that&H62 evening,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>.</q><q who=PPA>&dq;The conduct&H0;

<lb n=P367.29>of neither, if strictly examined, will&H1 be irreproachable;

<lb n=P367.30>but since then, we have both, I hope&H1;, improved in&H4 civility.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P367.31>&dq;I cannot be so&H51 easily reconciled to&H4 myself. The

<lb n=P367.32>recollection of what I then said, of my conduct&H0;, my

<lb n=P367.33>manners, my expressions during the whole&H0 of it, is now,

<lb n=P367.34>and has been many months, inexpressibly painful to&H4 me.

<lb n=P367.35>Your reproof, so&H51 well&H5 applied, I shall never forget:</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>&onq;had

<lb n=P367.36>you behaved in&H4 a more gentleman-like manner.&cnq;</q><q who=PPB>Those

<lb n=P367.37>were your words. You know not, you can scarcely conceive,

<lb n=P367.38>how they have tortured me; &dash; though it was some<pb n=P368>

<lb n=P368.1>time, I confess, before&H3 I was reasonable enough to&H9 allow

<lb n=P368.2>their justice.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P368.3>&dq;I was certainly very far from expecting them to&H9 make&H1;

<lb n=P368.4>so&H51 strong an impression. I had not the smallest idea of

<lb n=P368.5>their being&H1 ever felt in&H4 such a way.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P368.6>&dq;I can easily believe it. You thought&H1 me then devoid

<lb n=P368.7>of every proper feeling, I am sure you did. The turn&H0 of

<lb n=P368.8>your countenance I shall never forget, as you said that&H3;

<lb n=P368.9>I could not have addressed you in&H4 any possible way, that&H61;

<lb n=P368.10>would induce you to&H9 accept me.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P368.11>&dq;Oh! do not repeat what I then said. These recollections

<lb n=P368.12>will&H1 not do at all. I assure you, that&H3 I have long

<lb n=P368.13>been most heartily ashamed of it.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P368.14><name who=PPB>Darcy</name> mentioned his letter.</q><q who=PPB>&dq;Did it,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said he,</q><q who=PPB>&dq;did

<lb n=P368.15>it <hi r=Italic>soon</hi> make&H1 you think better of me? Did you, on&H4 reading

<lb n=P368.16>it, give any credit&H0 to&H4 its contents?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P368.17>She explained what its effect&H0 on&H4 her had been, and how

<lb n=P368.18>gradually all her former prejudices had been removed.</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P368.19>&dq;I knew,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said he,</q><q who=PPB>&dq;that&H3 what I wrote must give you

<lb n=P368.20>pain&H0;, but it was necessary. I hope&H1 you have destroyed

<lb n=P368.21>the letter. There was one part&H0 especially, the opening

<lb n=P368.22>of it, which&H61 I should dread&H1 your having the power of

<lb n=P368.23>reading again. I can remember some expressions which&H61;

<lb n=P368.24>might justly make&H1 you hate me.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P368.25>&dq;The letter shall certainly be burnt, if you believe it

<lb n=P368.26>essential to&H4 the preservation of my regard&H0;; but, though

<lb n=P368.27>we have both reason&H0 to&H9 think my opinions not entirely

<lb n=P368.28>unalterable, they are not, I hope&H1;, quite so&H51 easily changed

<lb n=P368.29>as that&H62 implies.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P368.30>&dq;When I wrote that&H62 letter,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>,</q><q who=PPB>&dq;I believed

<lb n=P368.31>myself perfectly calm&H2 and cool&H2;, but I am since convinced

<lb n=P368.32>that&H3 it was written in&H4 a dreadful bitterness of spirit.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P368.33>&dq;The letter, perhaps, began in&H4 bitterness, but it did

<lb n=P368.34>not end&H1 so&H52;. The adieu is charity itself. But think no&H2;

<lb n=P368.35>more of the letter. The feelings of the person who&H61 wrote,

<lb n=P368.36>and the person who&H61 received it, are now so&H51 widely different

<lb n=P368.37>from what they were then, that&H3 every unpleasant circumstance

<lb n=P368.38>attending it, ought to&H9 be forgotten. You must<pb n=P369>

<lb n=P369.1>learn some of my philosophy. Think only of the past&H0 as

<lb n=P369.2>its remembrance gives you pleasure.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P369.3>&dq;I cannot give you credit&H0 for&H4 any philosophy of the

<lb n=P369.4>kind&H0;. <hi r=Italic>Your</hi> retrospections must be so&H51 totally void&H2 of

<lb n=P369.5>reproach&H0;, that&H3 the contentment arising from then, is not

<lb n=P369.6>of philosophy, but what is much better, of ignorance.

<lb n=P369.7>But with <hi r=Italic>me</hi>, it is not so&H52;. Painful recollections will&H1 intrude,

<lb n=P369.8>which&H61 cannot, which&H61 ought not to&H9 be repelled. I have

<lb n=P369.9>been a selfish being&H0 all my life, in&H4 practice&H0;, though not in&H4;

<lb n=P369.10>principle. As a child I was taught what was <hi r=Italic>right&H21;</hi>, but

<lb n=P369.11>I was not taught to&H9 correct&H1 my temper. I was given good

<lb n=P369.12>principles, but left to&H9 follow them in&H4 pride and conceit.

<lb n=P369.13>Unfortunately an only son, (for&H4 many years an only <hi r=Italic>child</hi>)

<lb n=P369.14>I was spoilt by&H4 my parents, who&H61 though good themselves,

<lb n=P369.15>(my father particularly, all that&H61 was benevolent and

<lb n=P369.16>amiable,) allowed, encouraged, almost taught me to&H9 be

<lb n=P369.17>selfish and overbearing, to&H9 care&H1 for&H4 none beyond&H4 my own&H2;

<lb n=P369.18>family circle, to&H9 think meanly of all the rest&H01 of the world,

<lb n=P369.19>to&H9 <hi r=Italic>wish&H1;</hi> at least to&H9 think meanly of their sense and worth

<lb n=P369.20>compared with my own&H2;. Such I was, from eight to&H4 eight&sp;and&sp;twenty;

<lb n=P369.21>and such I might still&H5 have been but for&H4;

<lb n=P369.22>you, dearest, loveliest <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>! What do I not owe you!

<lb n=P369.23>You taught me a lesson, hard indeed at first, but most

<lb n=P369.24>advantageous. By&H4 you, I was properly humbled. I came

<lb n=P369.25>to&H4 you without a doubt&H0 of my reception. You shewed

<lb n=P369.26>me how insufficient were all my pretensions to&H9 please

<lb n=P369.27>a woman worthy of being&H1 pleased.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P369.28>&dq;Had you then persuaded yourself that&H3 I should?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P369.29>&dq;Indeed I had. What will&H1 you think of my vanity?

<lb n=P369.30>I believed you to&H9 be wishing, expecting my addresses.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P369.31>&dq;My manners must have been in&H4 fault, but not intentionally

<lb n=P369.32>I assure you. I never meant to&H9 deceive you, but

<lb n=P369.33>my spirits might often lead&H1 me wrong. How you must

<lb n=P369.34>have hated me after&H4 <hi r=Italic>that&H62;</hi> evening?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P369.35>&dq;Hate you! I was angry perhaps at first, but my

<lb n=P369.36>anger&H0 soon began to&H9 take a proper direction.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P369.37>&dq;I am almost afraid of asking what you thought&H1 of me;

<lb n=P369.38>when we met at Pemberley. You blamed me for&H4 coming?&dq;<pb n=P370></q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P370.1>&dq;No&H7 indeed; I felt nothing but surprise&H0;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P370.2>&dq;Your surprise&H0 could not be greater than <hi r=Italic>mine&H6;</hi> in&H4 being&H1;

<lb n=P370.3>noticed by&H4 you. My conscience told me that&H3 I deserved

<lb n=P370.4>no&H2 extraordinary politeness, and I confess that&H3 I did not

<lb n=P370.5>expect to&H9 receive <hi r=Italic>more</hi> than my due&H0;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P370.6>&dq;My object&H0 <hi r=Italic>then</hi>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>replied <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>,</q><q who=PPB>&dq;was to&H9 shew&H1 you,

<lb n=P370.7>by&H4 every civility in&H4 my power, that&H3 I was not so&H51 mean&H2 as

<lb n=P370.8>to&H9 resent the past&H0;; and I hoped to&H9 obtain your forgiveness,

<lb n=P370.9>to&H9 lessen your ill&sp;opinion, by&H4 letting you see

<lb n=P370.10>that&H3 your reproofs had been attended to&H5;. How soon

<lb n=P370.11>any other wishes&H0 introduced themselves I can hardly tell,

<lb n=P370.12>but I believe in&H4 about&H4 half an hour after&H3 I had seen you.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P370.13>He then told her of <name who=PPZG>Georgiana</name>'s delight&H0 in&H4 her acquaintance,

<lb n=P370.14>and of her disappointment at its sudden&H2 interruption;

<lb n=P370.15>which&H61 naturally leading to&H4 the cause of that&H62;

<lb n=P370.16>interruption, she soon learnt that&H3 his resolution, of following

<lb n=P370.17>her from Derbyshire in&H4 quest of her sister, had been

<lb n=P370.18>formed before&H3 he quitted the inn, and that&H3 his gravity

<lb n=P370.19>and thoughtfulness there, had arisen from no&H2 other

<lb n=P370.20>struggles than what such a purpose must comprehend.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P370.21>She expressed her gratitude again, but it was too&H51;

<lb n=P370.22>painful a subject&H0 to&H4 each, to&H9 be dwelt on&H5 farther.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P370.23>After&H4 walking several miles in&H4 a leisurely manner, and

<lb n=P370.24>too&H51 busy to&H9 know any&sp;thing about&H4 it, they found at last&H0;, on&H4;

<lb n=P370.25>examining their watches, that&H3 it was time to&H9 be at home.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P370.26>&dq;What could become of <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> and <name who=PPE>Jane</name>!&dq;</q><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P370.27>was a wonder&H0 which&H61 introduced the discussion of <hi r=Italic>their</hi>

<lb n=P370.28>affairs. <name who=PPB>Darcy</name> was delighted with their engagement; his

<lb n=P370.29>friend had given him the earliest information of it.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P370.30>&dq;I must ask whether you were surprised?&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said

<lb n=P370.31><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>.</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P370.32>&dq;Not at all. When I went away, I felt that&H3 it would

<lb n=P370.33>soon happen.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P370.34>&dq;That&H62 is to&H9 say, you had given your permission. I

<lb n=P370.35>guessed as much.&dq;</q><q who=PP0>And though he exclaimed at the term,

<lb n=P370.36>she found that&H3 it had been pretty&H5 much the case.</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P370.37>&dq;On&H4 the evening before&H4 my going to&H4 London,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said he</q><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P370.38>&dq;I made a confession to&H4 him, which&H61 I believe I ought to&H9;<pb n=P371>

<lb n=P371.1>have made long ago. I told him of all that&H61 had occurred

<lb n=P371.2>to&H9 make&H1 my former interference in&H4 his affairs, absurd

<lb n=P371.3>and impertinent. His surprise&H0 was great. He had never

<lb n=P371.4>had the slightest suspicion. I told him, moreover, that&H3;

<lb n=P371.5>I believed myself mistaken in&H4 supposing, as I had done,

<lb n=P371.6>that&H3 your sister was indifferent to&H4 him; and as I could<pb n=P317>

<lb n=P317.7>easily perceive that&H3 his attachment to&H4 her was unabated,<pb n=P371>

<lb n=P371.8>I felt no&H2 doubt&H0 of their happiness together.&dq;<pb n=P317></q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P317.9><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> could not help&H1 smiling at his easy manner of<pb n=P371>

<lb n=P371.10>directing his friend.</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P371.11>&dq;Did you speak from your own&H2 observation,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said she,</q><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P371.12>&dq;when you told him that&H3 my sister loved him, or merely

<lb n=P371.13>from my information last&H2 spring&H0;?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P371.14>&dq;From the former. I had narrowly observed her during

<lb n=P371.15>the two visits which&H61 I had lately made her here; and

<lb n=P371.16>I was convinced of her affection.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P371.17>&dq;And your assurance of it, I suppose, carried immediate

<lb n=P371.18>conviction to&H4 him.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P371.19>&dq;It did. <name who=PPI>Bingley</name> is most unaffectedly modest. His

<lb n=P371.20>diffidence had prevented his depending on&H4 his own&H2 judgment

<lb n=P371.21>in&H4 so&H51 anxious a case, but his reliance on&H4 mine&H6;, made

<lb n=P371.22>every&sp;thing easy. I was obliged to&H9 confess one thing,

<lb n=P371.23>which&H61 for&H4 a time, and not unjustly, offended him. I could

<lb n=P371.24>not allow myself to&H9 conceal that&H3 your sister had been in&H4;

<lb n=P371.25>town three months last&H2 winter, that&H3 I had known it, and

<lb n=P371.26>purposely kept it from him. He was angry. But his

<lb n=P371.27>anger&H0;, I am persuaded, lasted no&H2 longer than he remained

<lb n=P371.28>in&H4 any doubt&H0 of your sister's sentiments. He has heartily

<lb n=P371.29>forgiven me now.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P371.30><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> longed to&H9 observe that&H3 <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> had been

<lb n=P371.31>a most delightful friend; so&H51 easily guided that&H3 his worth

<lb n=P371.32>was invaluable; but she checked herself. She remembered

<lb n=P371.33>that&H3 he had yet to&H9 learn to&H9 be laught at, and it

<lb n=P371.34>was rather too&H51 early to&H9 begin. In&H4 anticipating the happiness

<lb n=P371.35>of <name who=PPI>Bingley</name>, which&H61 of course&H8 was to&H9 be inferior only

<lb n=P371.36>to&H4 his own&H2;, he continued the conversation till they reached

<lb n=P371.37>the house. In&H4 the hall they parted.</q></p></div2>

<div2 type=chap n=17><p><pb n=P372><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P372.1>&dq;My dear&H21 <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>, where can you have been walking

<lb n=P372.2>to&H4;?&dq;</q><q who=PP0>was a question&H0 which&H61 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> received from <name who=PPE>Jane</name>

<lb n=P372.3>as soon as she entered the room, and from all the others

<lb n=P372.4>when they sat down&H5 to&H4 table. She had only to&H9 say in&H4;

<lb n=P372.5>reply&H0;, that&H3 they had wandered about&H5;, till she was beyond&H4;

<lb n=P372.6>her own&H2 knowledge. She coloured as she spoke; but

<lb n=P372.7>neither that&H62;, nor any&sp;thing else, awakened a suspicion of

<lb n=P372.8>the truth.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P372.9>The evening passed quietly, unmarked by&H4 any&sp;thing

<lb n=P372.10>extraordinary. The acknowledged lovers talked and

<lb n=P372.11>laughed, the unacknowledged were silent. <name who=PPB>Darcy</name> was not

<lb n=P372.12>of a disposition in&H4 which&H61 happiness overflows in&H4 mirth;

<lb n=P372.13>and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, agitated and confused, rather <hi r=Italic>knew</hi> that&H3;

<lb n=P372.14>she was happy, than <hi r=Italic>felt</hi> herself to&H9 be so&H52;; for&H3;, besides the

<lb n=P372.15>immediate embarrassment, there were other evils before&H4;

<lb n=P372.16>her. She anticipated what would be felt in&H4 the family when

<lb n=P372.17>her situation became known; she was aware that&H3 no&sp;one

<lb n=P372.18>liked him but <name who=PPE>Jane;</name> and even&H5 feared that&H3 with the others

<lb n=P372.19>it was a <hi r=Italic>dislike&H0;</hi> which&H61 not all his fortune and consequence

<lb n=P372.20>might do away.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P372.21>At night she opened her heart to&H4 <name who=PPE>Jane</name>. Though suspicion

<lb n=P372.22>was very far from <name who=PPE>Miss&sp;Bennet</name>'s general&H2 habits, she

<lb n=P372.23>was absolutely incredulous here.</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P372.24>&dq;You are joking, <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>. This cannot be! &dash; engaged to&H4;

<lb n=P372.25><name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>! No&H7;, no&H7;, you shall not deceive me. I know

<lb n=P372.26>it to&H9 be impossible.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P372.27>&dq;This is a wretched beginning indeed! My sole dependence

<lb n=P372.28>was on&H4 you; and I am sure nobody else will&H1 believe

<lb n=P372.29>me, if you do not. Yet, indeed, I am in&H4 earnest. I speak

<lb n=P372.30>nothing but the truth. He still&H5 loves me, and we are

<lb n=P372.31>engaged.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P372.32><name who=PPE>Jane</name> looked at her doubtingly.</q><q who=PPE>&dq;Oh, <name who=PPE>Lizzy</name>! it cannot

<lb n=P372.33>be. I know how much you dislike&H1 him.&dq;<pb n=P373></q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P373.1>&dq;You know nothing of the matter. <hi r=Italic>That&H62;</hi> is all to&H9 be

<lb n=P373.2>forgot. Perhaps I did not always love&H1 him so&H51 well&H5 as

<lb n=P373.3>I do now. But in&H4 such cases as these, a good memory is

<lb n=P373.4>unpardonable. This is the last&H0 time I shall ever remember

<lb n=P373.5>it myself.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P373.6><name who=PPE>Miss&sp;Bennet</name> still&H5 looked all amazement. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P373.7>again, and more seriously assured her of its truth.</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P373.8>&dq;Good Heaven! can it be really so&H52;! Yet now I must

<lb n=P373.9>believe you,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried <name who=PPE>Jane</name>.</q><q who=PPE>&dq;My dear&H21;, dear&H21 <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>, I would &dash;

<lb n=P373.10>I do congratulate you &dash; but are you certain? forgive the

<lb n=P373.11>question&H0 &dash; are you quite certain that&H3 you can be happy

<lb n=P373.12>with him?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P373.13>&dq;There can be no&H2 doubt&H0 of that&H62;. It is settled between

<lb n=P373.14>us already, that&H3 we are to&H9 be the happiest couple in&H4 the

<lb n=P373.15>world. But are you pleased, <name who=PPE>Jane</name>? Shall you like&H1 to&H9 have

<lb n=P373.16>such a brother?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P373.17>&dq;Very, very much. Nothing could give either <name who=PPI>Bingley</name>

<lb n=P373.18>or myself more delight&H0;. But we considered it, we talked

<lb n=P373.19>of it as impossible. And do you really love&H1 him quite well&H5;

<lb n=P373.20>enough? Oh, <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>! do any&sp;thing rather than marry

<lb n=P373.21>without affection. Are you quite sure that&H3 you feel what

<lb n=P373.22>you ought to&H9 do?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P373.23>&dq;Oh, yes! You will&H1 only think I feel <hi r=Italic>more</hi> than I ought

<lb n=P373.24>to&H9 do, when I tell you all.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P373.25>&dq;What do you mean&H1;?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P373.26>&dq;Why, I must confess, that&H3 I love&H1 him better than I do

<lb n=P373.27><name who=PPI>Bingley</name>. I am afraid you will&H1 be angry.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P373.28>&dq;My dearest sister, now <hi r=Italic>be</hi> serious&H2;. I want&H1 to&H9 talk&H1;

<lb n=P373.29>very seriously. Let me know every&sp;thing that&H61 I am to&H9;

<lb n=P373.30>know, without delay&H0;. Will&H1 you tell me how long you have

<lb n=P373.31>loved him?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P373.32>&dq;It has been coming on&H5 so&H51 gradually, that&H3 I hardly

<lb n=P373.33>know when it began. But I believe I must date it from

<lb n=P373.34>my first seeing his beautiful grounds at Pemberley.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P373.35>Another intreaty that&H3 she would be serious&H2;, however,

<lb n=P373.36>produced the desired effect&H0;; and she soon satisfied <name who=PPE>Jane</name>

<lb n=P373.37>by&H4 her solemn assurances of attachment. When convinced

<lb n=P373.38>on&H4 that&H62 article, <name who=PPE>Miss&sp;Bennet</name> had nothing farther to&H9 wish&H1;.<pb n=P374></q></p><p><q who=PPE>

<lb n=P374.1>&dq;Now I am quite happy,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said she,</q><q who=PPE>&dq;for&H3 you will&H1 be as

<lb n=P374.2>happy as myself. I always had a value&H0 for&H4 him. Were

<lb n=P374.3>it for&H4 nothing but his love&H0 of you, I must always have

<lb n=P374.4>esteemed him; but now, as <name who=PPI>Bingley</name>'s friend and your

<lb n=P374.5>husband, there can be only <name who=PPI>Bingley</name> and yourself more

<lb n=P374.6>dear&H21 to&H4 me. But <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>, you have been very sly, very

<lb n=P374.7>reserved with me. How little did you tell me of what

<lb n=P374.8>passed at Pemberley and Lambton! I owe all that&H61;

<lb n=P374.9>I know of it, to&H4 another, not to&H4 you.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P374.10><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> told her the motives of her secrecy.</q><q who=PPA type=indirect>She had

<lb n=P374.11>been unwilling to&H9 mention&H1 <name who=PPI>Bingley;</name> and the unsettled

<lb n=P374.12>state&H0 of her own&H2 feelings had made her equally avoid the

<lb n=P374.13>name&H0 of his friend. But now she would no&H2 longer conceal

<lb n=P374.14>from her, his share&H0 in&H4 <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>'s marriage.</q><q who=PP0>All was acknowledged,

<lb n=P374.15>and half the night spent in&H4 conversation.

<lb n=P374.16>&dash;~</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P374.17>&dq;Good gracious!&dq;</q><q who=PP0>cried <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>, as she stood at

<lb n=P374.18>a window the next morning,</q><q who=PPD>&dq;if that&H62 disagreeable <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>

<lb n=P374.19>is not coming here again with our dear&H21 <name who=PPI>Bingley</name>!

<lb n=P374.20>What can he mean&H1 by&H4 being&H1 so&H51 tiresome as to&H9 be always

<lb n=P374.21>coming here? I had no&H2 notion but he would go a&sp;shooting,

<lb n=P374.22>or something or other, and not disturb us with his company.

<lb n=P374.23>What shall we do with him? <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>, you must

<lb n=P374.24>walk&H1 out&H5 with him again, that&H3 he may&H1 not be in&H4 <name who=PPI>Bingley</name>'s

<lb n=P374.25>way.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P374.26><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> could hardly help&H1 laughing at so&H51 convenient

<lb n=P374.27>a proposal; yet was really vexed that&H3 her mother should

<lb n=P374.28>be always giving him such an epithet.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P374.29>As soon as they entered, <name who=PPI>Bingley</name> looked at her so&H51;

<lb n=P374.30>expressively, and shook hands with such warmth, as left

<lb n=P374.31>no&H2 doubt&H0 of his good information; and he soon afterwards

<lb n=P374.32>said aloud,</q><q who=PPI>&dq;<name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name>, have you no&H2 more lanes hereabouts

<lb n=P374.33>in&H4 which&H61 <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name> may&H1 lose her way again to-day?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P374.34>&dq;I advise <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>, and <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>, and <name who=PPG>Kitty</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said

<lb n=P374.35><name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>,</q><q who=PPD>&dq;to&H9 walk&H1 to&H4 Oakham&sp;Mount this morning.

<lb n=P374.36>It is a nice long walk&H0;, and <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> has never seen the

<lb n=P374.37>view&H0;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPI>

<lb n=P374.38>&dq;It may&H1 do very well&H5 for&H4 the others,&dq;replied <name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley;</name><pb n=P375>

<lb n=P375.1>&dq;but I am sure it will&H1 be too&H51 much for&H4 <name who=PPG>Kitty</name>.

<lb n=P375.2>Wont it, <name who=PPG>Kitty</name>?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P375.3><name who=PPG>Kitty</name> owned that&H3 she had rather stay&H1 at home. <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>

<lb n=P375.4>professed a great curiosity to&H9 see the view&H0 from the Mount,

<lb n=P375.5>and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> silently consented. As she went up&sp;stairs

<lb n=P375.6>to&H9 get ready, <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> followed her, saying,</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P375.7>&dq;I am quite sorry, <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>, that&H3 you should be forced

<lb n=P375.8>to&H9 have that&H62 disagreeable man all to&H4 yourself. But I hope&H1;

<lb n=P375.9>you will&H1 not mind&H1 it: it is all for&H4 <name who=PPE>Jane</name>'s sake, you know;

<lb n=P375.10>and there is no&H2 occasion&H0 for&H4 talking to&H4 him, except just&H5;

<lb n=P375.11>now and then. So&H3;, do not put yourself to&H4 inconvenience.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P375.12>During their walk&H0;, it was resolved that&H3 <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name>'s

<lb n=P375.13>consent&H0 should be asked in&H4 the course&H0 of the evening.

<lb n=P375.14><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> reserved to&H4 herself the application for&H4 her

<lb n=P375.15>mother's. She could not determine how her mother

<lb n=P375.16>would take it; sometimes doubting whether all his wealth

<lb n=P375.17>and grandeur would be enough to&H9 overcome her abhorrence

<lb n=P375.18>of the man. But whether she were violently set&H1;

<lb n=P375.19>against the match&H0;, or violently delighted with it, it was

<lb n=P375.20>certain that&H3 her manner would be equally ill adapted to&H9;

<lb n=P375.21>do credit&H0 to&H4 her sense; and she could no&H2 more bear&H1 that&H3;

<lb n=P375.22><name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> should hear the first raptures of her joy, than

<lb n=P375.23>the first vehemence of her disapprobation.

<lb n=P375.24>&dash;~</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P375.25>In&H4 the evening, soon after&H3 <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name> withdrew to&H4 the

<lb n=P375.26>library, she saw <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> rise&H1 also and follow him, and

<lb n=P375.27>her agitation on&H4 seeing it was extreme&H2;. She did not fear&H1;

<lb n=P375.28>her father's opposition, but he was going to&H9 be made

<lb n=P375.29>unhappy, and that&H3 it should be through&H4 her means&H0;, that&H3;

<lb n=P375.30><hi r=Italic>she</hi>, his favourite&H2 child, should be distressing him by&H4 her

<lb n=P375.31>choice&H0;, should be filling him with fears and regrets in&H4;

<lb n=P375.32>disposing of her, was a wretched reflection, and she sat

<lb n=P375.33>in&H4 misery till <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> appeared again, when, looking

<lb n=P375.34>at him, she was a little relieved by&H4 his smile&H0;. In&H4 a few

<lb n=P375.35>minutes he approached the table where she was sitting

<lb n=P375.36>with <name who=PPG>Kitty;</name> and, while&H4 pretending to&H9 admire her work&H0;,

<lb n=P375.37>said in&H4 a whisper&H0;,</q><q who=PPB>&dq;Go to&H4 your father, he wants&H1 you in&H4;

<lb n=P375.38>the library.&dq;</q><q who=PP0>She was gone directly.<pb n=P376></q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P376.1>Her father was walking about&H4 the room, looking grave&H2;

<lb n=P376.2>and anxious.</q><q who=PPC>&dq;<name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said he,</q><q who=PPC>&dq;what are you doing?

<lb n=P376.3>Are you out&H5 of your senses, to&H9 be accepting this man?

<lb n=P376.4>Have not you always hated him?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P376.5>How earnestly did she then wish&H1 that&H3 her former

<lb n=P376.6>opinions had been more reasonable, her expressions more

<lb n=P376.7>moderate! It would have spared her from explanations

<lb n=P376.8>and professions which&H61 it was exceedingly awkward to&H9;<pb n=P375>

<lb n=P375.9>give; but they were now necessary, and she assured him<pb n=P376>

<lb n=P376.10>with some confusion, of her attachment to&H4 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>.</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P376.11>&dq;Or in&H4 other words, you are determined to&H9 have him.

<lb n=P376.12>He is rich, to&H9 be sure, and you may&H1 have more fine clothes

<lb n=P376.13>and fine carriages than <name who=PPE>Jane</name>. But will&H1 they make&H1 you

<lb n=P376.14>happy?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P376.15>&dq;Have you any other objections,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,</q><q who=PPA>&dq;than

<lb n=P376.16>your belief of my indifference?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P376.17>&dq;None at all. We all know him to&H9 be a proud, unpleasant

<lb n=P376.18>sort of man; but this would be nothing if you

<lb n=P376.19>really liked him.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P376.20>&dq;I do, I do like&H1 him,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>she replied, with tears in&H4 her eyes,</q><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P376.21>&dq;I love&H1 him. Indeed he has no&H2 improper pride. He is

<lb n=P376.22>perfectly amiable. You do not know what he really is;

<lb n=P376.23>then pray do not pain&H1 me by&H4 speaking of him in&H4 such

<lb n=P376.24>terms.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P376.25>&dq;<name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said her father,</q><q who=PPC>&dq;I have given him my consent&H0;.

<lb n=P376.26>He is the kind&H0 of man, indeed, to&H4 whom&H61 I should never

<lb n=P376.27>dare&H12 refuse any&sp;thing, which&H61 he condescended to&H9 ask.

<lb n=P376.28>I now give it to&H4 <hi r=Italic>you</hi>, if you are resolved on&H4 having him.

<lb n=P376.29>But let me advise you to&H9 think better of it. I know your

<lb n=P376.30>disposition, <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>. I know that&H3 you could be neither

<lb n=P376.31>happy nor respectable, unless you truly esteemed your

<lb n=P376.32>husband; unless you looked up&H5 to&H4 him as a superior.

<lb n=P376.33>Your lively talents would place&H1 you in&H4 the greatest danger

<lb n=P376.34>in&H4 an unequal marriage. You could scarcely escape&H1 discredit

<lb n=P376.35>and misery. My child, let me not have the grief

<lb n=P376.36>of seeing <hi r=Italic>you</hi> unable to&H9 respect&H1 your partner in&H4 life. You

<lb n=P376.37>know not what you are about&H4;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P376.38><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, still&H5 more affected, was earnest and solemn<pb n=P377>

<lb n=P377.1>in&H4 her reply&H0;; and at length, by&H4 repeated assurances that&H3;

<lb n=P377.2><name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> was really the object&H0 of her choice&H0;, by&H4 explaining

<lb n=P377.3>the gradual change&H0 which&H61 her estimation of him had

<lb n=P377.4>undergone, relating her absolute certainty that&H3 his affection

<lb n=P377.5>was not the work&H0 of a day, but had stood the test

<lb n=P377.6>of many months suspense, and enumerating with energy

<lb n=P377.7>all his good qualities, she did conquer her father's incredulity,

<lb n=P377.8>and reconcile him to&H4 the match&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P377.9>&dq;Well&H7;, my dear&H21;,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said he, when she ceased speaking,</q><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P377.10>&dq;I have no&H2 more to&H9 say. If this be the case, he deserves

<lb n=P377.11>you. I could not have parted with you, my <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>, to&H4;

<lb n=P377.12>any&sp;one less worthy.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P377.13>To&H9 complete&H1 the favourable impression, she then told

<lb n=P377.14>him what <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> had voluntarily done for&H4 <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>.

<lb n=P377.15>He heard her with astonishment.</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P377.16>&dq;This is an evening of wonders&H0;, indeed! And so&H3;,

<lb n=P377.17><name who=PPB>Darcy</name> did every&sp;thing; made up&H5 the match&H0;, gave the

<lb n=P377.18>money, paid the fellow's debts, and got him his commission!

<lb n=P377.19>So&H51 much the better. It will&H1 save&H1 me a world

<lb n=P377.20>of trouble&H0 and economy. Had it been your uncle's doing,

<lb n=P377.21>I must and <hi r=Italic>would</hi> have paid him; but these violent young

<lb n=P377.22>lovers carry every&sp;thing their own&H2 way. I shall offer&H1 to&H9;

<lb n=P377.23>pay&H1 him to-morrow; he will&H1 rant&H1 and storm&H1 about&H4 his

<lb n=P377.24>love&H0 for&H4 you, and there will&H1 be an end&H0 of the matter.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P377.25>He then recollected her embarrassment a few days

<lb n=P377.26>before&H5;, on&H4 his reading <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>'s letter; and after&H4;

<lb n=P377.27>laughing at her some time, allowed her at last&H0 to&H9 go &dash;

<lb n=P377.28>saying, as she quitted the room,</q><q who=PPC>&dq;If any young men come

<lb n=P377.29>for&H4 <name who=PPF>Mary</name> or <name who=PPG>Kitty</name>, send them in&H5;, for&H3 I am quite at leisure.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P377.30><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>'s mind&H0 was now relieved from a very heavy

<lb n=P377.31>weight; and, after&H4 half an hour's quiet&H2 reflection in&H4 her

<lb n=P377.32>own&H2 room, she was able to&H9 join the others with tolerable

<lb n=P377.33>composure. Every&sp;thing was too&H51 recent for&H4 gaiety, but

<lb n=P377.34>the evening passed tranquilly away; there was no&H2 longer

<lb n=P377.35>any&sp;thing material&H2 to&H9 be dreaded, and the comfort&H0 of

<lb n=P377.36>ease&H0 and familiarity would come in&H4 time.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P377.37>When her mother went up&H5 to&H4 her dressing-room at

<lb n=P377.38>night, she followed her, and made the important communication.<pb n=P378>

<lb n=P378.1>Its effect&H0 was most extraordinary; for&H3 on&H4;

<lb n=P378.2>first hearing it, <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> sat quite still&H2;, and unable to&H9;

<lb n=P378.3>utter&H1 a syllable. Nor was it under many, many minutes,

<lb n=P378.4>that&H3 she could comprehend what she heard; though not

<lb n=P378.5>in&H4 general&H0 backward to&H9 credit&H1 what was for&H4 the advantage

<lb n=P378.6>of her family, or that&H3 came in&H4 the shape&H0 of a lover to&H4 any

<lb n=P378.7>of them. She began at length to&H9 recover, to&H9 fidget about&H5;

<lb n=P378.8>in&H4 her chair, get up&H5;, sit down&H5 again, wonder&H1;, and bless

<lb n=P378.9>herself.</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P378.10>&dq;Good gracious! Lord&H7 bless me! only think! dear&H7;

<lb n=P378.11>me! <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>! Who&H62 would have thought&H1 it! And

<lb n=P378.12>is it really true? Oh! my sweetest <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>! how rich and

<lb n=P378.13>how great you will&H1 be! What pin-money, what jewels,

<lb n=P378.14>what carriages you will&H1 have! <name who=PPE>Jane</name>'s is nothing to&H4 it &dash;

<lb n=P378.15>nothing at all. I am so&H51 pleased &dash; so&H51 happy. Such a charming

<lb n=P378.16>man! &dash; so&H51 handsome! so&H51 tall! &dash; Oh, my dear&H21 <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>!

<lb n=P378.17>pray apologise for&H4 my having disliked him so&H51 much before&H5;.

<lb n=P378.18>I hope&H1 he will&H1 overlook it. Dear&H21;, dear&H21 <name who=PPA>Lizzy</name>. A house

<lb n=P378.19>in&H4 town! Every&sp;thing that&H61 is charming! Three daughters

<lb n=P378.20>married! Ten thousand a year! Oh, Lord&H7;! What will&H1;

<lb n=P378.21>become of me. I shall go distracted.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P378.22>This was enough to&H9 prove that&H3 her approbation need&H1;

<lb n=P378.23>not be doubted: and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, rejoicing that&H3 such an

<lb n=P378.24>effusion was heard only by&H4 herself, soon went away. But

<lb n=P378.25>before&H3 she had been three minutes in&H4 her own&H2 room, her

<lb n=P378.26>mother followed her.</q></p><p><q who=PPD>

<lb n=P378.27>&dq;My dearest child,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>she cried,</q><q who=PPD>&dq;I can think of nothing

<lb n=P378.28>else! Ten thousand a year, and very likely more! 'Tis

<lb n=P378.29>as good as a Lord&H0;! And a special licence. You must and

<lb n=P378.30>shall be married by&H4 a special licence. But my dearest

<lb n=P378.31>love&H0;, tell me what dish <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> is particularly fond of,

<lb n=P378.32>that&H3 I may&H1 have it to-morrow.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P378.33>This was a sad omen of what her mother's behaviour

<lb n=P378.34>to&H4 the gentleman himself might be; and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> found,

<lb n=P378.35>that&H3 though in&H4 the certain possession of his warmest

<lb n=P378.36>affection, and secure&H2 of her relations' consent&H0;, there was

<lb n=P378.37>still&H5 something to&H9 be wished for&H4;. But the morrow passed

<lb n=P378.38>off much better than she expected; for&H3 <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name><pb n=P379>

<lb n=P379.1>luckily stood in&H4 such awe of her intended son-in-law, that&H3;

<lb n=P379.2>she ventured not to&H9 speak to&H4 him, unless it was in&H4 her

<lb n=P379.3>power to&H9 offer&H1 him any attention, or mark&H1 her deference

<lb n=P379.4>for&H4 his opinion.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P379.5><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> had the satisfaction of seeing her father

<lb n=P379.6>taking pains to&H9 get acquainted with him; and <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name>

<lb n=P379.7>soon assured her that&H3 he was rising every hour in&H4 his

<lb n=P379.8>esteem&H0;.</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P379.9>&dq;I admire all my three sons-in-law highly,&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said he.</q><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P379.10>&dq;<name who=PPP>Wickham</name>, perhaps, is my favourite&H0;; but I think I shall

<lb n=P379.11>like&H1 <hi r=Italic>your</hi> husband quite as well&H5 as <name who=PPE>Jane</name>'s.&dq;</q></p></div2>

<div2 type=chap n=18><p><pb n=P380><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P380.1><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>'s spirits soon rising to&H4 playfulness again, she

<lb n=P380.2>wanted <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> to&H9 account&H1 for&H4 his having ever fallen

<lb n=P380.3>in&H4 love&H0 with her.</q><q who=PPA>&dq;How could you begin?&dq;</q><q who=PP0>said she.</q><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P380.4>&dq;I can comprehend your going on&H5 charmingly, when you

<lb n=P380.5>had once made a beginning; but what could set&H1 you off

<lb n=P380.6>in&H4 the first place&H0;?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P380.7>&dq;I cannot fix on&H4 the hour, or the spot, or the look&H0;, or

<lb n=P380.8>the words, which&H61 laid the foundation. It is too&H51 long ago.

<lb n=P380.9>I was in&H4 the middle before&H3 I knew that&H3 I <hi r=Italic>had</hi> begun.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P380.10>&dq;My beauty you had early withstood, and as for&H4 my

<lb n=P380.11>manners &dash; my behaviour to&H4 <hi r=Italic>you</hi> was at least always

<lb n=P380.12>bordering on&H4 the uncivil, and I never spoke to&H4 you without

<lb n=P380.13>rather wishing to&H9 give you pain&H0 than not. Now be

<lb n=P380.14>sincere; did you admire me for&H4 my impertinence?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P380.15>&dq;For&H4 the liveliness of your mind&H0;, I did.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P380.16>&dq;You may&H1 as well&H5 call&H1 it impertinence at once. It was

<lb n=P380.17>very little less. The fact is, that&H3 you were sick of civility,

<lb n=P380.18>of deference, of officious attention. You were disgusted

<lb n=P380.19>with the women who&H61 were always speaking and looking,

<lb n=P380.20>and thinking for&H4 <hi r=Italic>your</hi> approbation alone. I roused, and

<lb n=P380.21>interested you, because I was so&H51 unlike <hi r=Italic>them</hi>. Had you

<lb n=P380.22>not been really amiable you would have hated me for&H4 it;

<lb n=P380.23>but in&H4 spite&H8 of the pains you took to&H9 disguise yourself,

<lb n=P380.24>your feelings were always noble and just&H2;; and in&H4 your

<lb n=P380.25>heart, you thoroughly despised the persons who&H61 so&H51 assiduously

<lb n=P380.26>courted you. There &dash; I have saved you the trouble&H0;

<lb n=P380.27>of accounting for&H4 it; and really, all things considered,

<lb n=P380.28>I begin to&H9 think it perfectly reasonable. To&H9 be sure, you

<lb n=P380.29>knew no&H2 actual good of me &dash; but nobody thinks of <hi r=Italic>that&H62;</hi>

<lb n=P380.30>when they fall&H1 in&H4 love&H0;.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P380.31>&dq;Was there no&H2 good in&H4 your affectionate behaviour to&H4;

<lb n=P380.32><name who=PPE>Jane</name>, while&H3 she was ill at Netherfield?&dq;<pb n=P381></q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P381.1>&dq;Dearest <name who=PPE>Jane</name>! who&H62 could have done less for&H4 her?

<lb n=P381.2>But make&H1 a virtue of it by&H4 all means&H0;. My good qualities

<lb n=P381.3>are under your protection, and you are to&H9 exaggerate them

<lb n=P381.4>as much as possible; and, in&H4 return&H0;, it belongs to&H4 me to&H9;

<lb n=P381.5>find occasions for&H4 teazing and quarrelling with you as often

<lb n=P381.6>as may&H1 be; and I shall begin directly by&H4 asking you what

<lb n=P381.7>made you so&H51 unwilling to&H9 come to&H4 the point&H0 at last&H0;. What

<lb n=P381.8>made you so&H51 shy of me, when you first called, and afterwards

<lb n=P381.9>dined here? Why, especially, when you called, did

<lb n=P381.10>you look&H1 as if you did not care&H1 about&H4 me?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P381.11>&dq;Because you were grave&H2 and silent, and gave me no&H2;

<lb n=P381.12>encouragement.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P381.13>&dq;But I was embarrassed.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P381.14>&dq;And so&H52 was I.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P381.15>&dq;You might have talked to&H4 me more when you came

<lb n=P381.16>to&H4 dinner.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P381.17>&dq;A man who&H61 had felt less, might.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P381.18>&dq;How unlucky that&H3 you should have a reasonable

<lb n=P381.19>answer&H0 to&H9 give, and that&H3 I should be so&H51 reasonable as to&H9;

<lb n=P381.20>admit it! But I wonder&H1 how long you <hi r=Italic>would</hi> have gone

<lb n=P381.21>on&H5;, if you had been left to&H4 yourself. I wonder&H1 when you

<lb n=P381.22><hi r=Italic>would</hi> have spoken, if I had not asked you! My resolution

<lb n=P381.23>of thanking you for&H4 your kindness to&H4 <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> had certainly

<lb n=P381.24>great effect&H0;. <hi r=Italic>Too&H51;</hi> <hi r=Italic>much</hi>, I am afraid; for&H3 what becomes

<lb n=P381.25>of the moral, if our comfort&H0 springs from a breach of

<lb n=P381.26>promise&H0;, for&H3 I ought not to&H9 have mentioned the subject&H0;?

<lb n=P381.27>This will&H1 never do.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P381.28>&dq;You need&H1 not distress&H1 yourself. The moral will&H1 be

<lb n=P381.29>perfectly fair. <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name>'s unjustifiable endeavours&H0;

<lb n=P381.30>to&H9 separate&H1 us, were the means&H0 of removing all my doubts&H0;.

<lb n=P381.31>I am not indebted for&H4 my present&H2 happiness to&H4 your

<lb n=P381.32>eager desire&H0 of expressing your gratitude. I was not in&H4;

<lb n=P381.33>a humour to&H9 wait for&H4 any opening of your's. My aunt's

<lb n=P381.34>intelligence had given me hope&H0;, and I was determined at

<lb n=P381.35>once to&H9 know every&sp;thing.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P381.36>&dq;<name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name> has been of infinite use&H0;, which&H61 ought

<lb n=P381.37>to&H9 make&H1 her happy, for&H3 she loves to&H9 be of use&H0;. But tell

<lb n=P381.38>me, what did you come down&H5 to&H4 Netherfield for&H4;? Was<pb n=P382>

<lb n=P382.1>it merely to&H9 ride&H1 to&H4 Longbourn and be embarrassed? or

<lb n=P382.2>had you intended any more serious&H2 consequence?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P382.3>&dq;My real purpose was to&H9 see <hi r=Italic>you</hi>, and to&H9 judge&H1;, if I could,

<lb n=P382.4>whether I might ever hope&H1 to&H9 make&H1 you love&H1 me. My

<lb n=P382.5>avowed one, or what I avowed to&H4 myself, was to&H9 see

<lb n=P382.6>whether your sister were still&H5 partial to&H4 <name who=PPI>Bingley</name>, and if she

<lb n=P382.7>were, to&H9 make&H1 the confession to&H4 him which&H61 I have since

<lb n=P382.8>made.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P382.9>&dq;Shall you ever have courage to&H9 announce to&H4 <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name>,

<lb n=P382.10>what is to&H9 befall her?&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPB>

<lb n=P382.11>&dq;I am more likely to&H9 want&H1 time than courage, <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>.

<lb n=P382.12>But it ought to&H9 be done, and if you will&H1 give me a sheet

<lb n=P382.13>of paper, it shall be done directly.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P382.14>&dq;And if I had not a letter to&H9 write myself, I might sit

<lb n=P382.15>by&H4 you, and admire the evenness of your writing, as

<lb n=P382.16>another young lady once did. But I have an aunt, too&H52;,

<lb n=P382.17>who&H61 must not be longer neglected.&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P382.18>From an unwillingness to&H9 confess how much her intimacy

<lb n=P382.19>with <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> had been over-rated, <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> had never

<lb n=P382.20>yet answered <name who=PPO>Mrs&point;&sp;Gardiner</name>'s long letter, but now, having

<lb n=P382.21><hi r=Italic>that&H62;</hi> to&H9 communicate which&H61 she knew would be most

<lb n=P382.22>welcome&H2;, she was almost ashamed to&H9 find, that&H3 her uncle

<lb n=P382.23>and aunt had already lost three days of happiness, and

<lb n=P382.24>immediately wrote as follows:

<lb n=P382.25></q></p><p><q who=PPA>

<lb n=P382.26>&dq;I would have thanked you before&H5;, my dear&H21 aunt, as

<lb n=P382.27>I ought to&H9 have done, for&H4 your long, kind&H2;, satisfactory,

<lb n=P382.28>detail&H0 of particulars; but to&H9 say the truth, I was too&H51;

<lb n=P382.29>cross&H2 to&H9 write. You supposed more than really existed.

<lb n=P382.30>But <hi r=Italic>now</hi> suppose as much as you chuse; give a loose to&H4;

<lb n=P382.31>your fancy&H0;, indulge your imagination in&H4 every possible

<lb n=P382.32>flight which&H61 the subject&H0 will&H1 afford, and unless you believe

<lb n=P382.33>me actually married, you cannot greatly err. You must

<lb n=P382.34>write again very soon, and praise&H1 him a great deal&H0 more

<lb n=P382.35>than you did in&H4 your last&H0;. I thank you, again and again,

<lb n=P382.36>for&H4 not going to&H4 the Lakes. How could I be so&H51 silly as

<lb n=P382.37>to&H9 wish&H1 it! Your idea of the ponies is delightful. We

<lb n=P382.38>will&H1 go round&H4 the Park every day. I am the happiest<pb n=P383>

<lb n=P383.1>creature in&H4 the world. Perhaps other people have said

<lb n=P383.2>so&H52 before&H5;, but not one with such justice. I am happier

<lb n=P383.3>even&H5 than <name who=PPE>Jane;</name> she only smiles, I laugh&H1;. <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>

<lb n=P383.4>sends you all the love&H0 in&H4 the world, that&H61 he can spare&H1 from

<lb n=P383.5>me. You are all to&H9 come to&H4 Pemberley at Christmas.

<lb n=P383.6>Your's, &amp;c&point;&dq;

<lb n=P383.7></q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P383.8><name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>'s letter to&H4 <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name>, was in&H4 a different

<lb n=P383.9>style; and still&H5 different from either, was what <name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name>

<lb n=P383.10>sent to&H4 <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>, in&H4 reply&H0 to&H4 his last&H0;.

<lb n=P383.11></q><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P383.12>&dq;DEAR&H21 SIR,</q></p><p><q who=PPC>

<lb n=P383.13>&dq;I must trouble&H1 you once more for&H4 congratulations.

<lb n=P383.14><name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> will&H1 soon be the wife of <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>. Console

<lb n=P383.15><name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name> as well&H5 as you can. But, if I were you,

<lb n=P383.16>I would stand&H1 by&H4 the nephew. He has more to&H9 give.

<lb n=P383.17>&dq;Your's sincerely, &amp;c&point;&dq;</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P383.19><name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name>'s congratulations to&H4 her brother, on&H4 his

<lb n=P383.20>approaching marriage, were all that&H61 was affectionate and

<lb n=P383.21>insincere. She wrote even&H5 to&H4 <name who=PPE>Jane</name> on&H4 the occasion&H0;, to&H9;

<lb n=P383.22>express&H1 her delight&H0;, and repeat all her former professions

<lb n=P383.23>of regard&H0;. <name who=PPE>Jane</name> was not deceived, but she was affected;

<lb n=P383.24>and though feeling no&H2 reliance on&H4 her, could not help&H1;

<lb n=P383.25>writing her a much kinder answer&H0 than she knew was

<lb n=P383.26>deserved.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P383.27>The joy which&H61 <name who=PPZG>Miss&sp;Darcy</name> expressed on&H4 receiving similar

<lb n=P383.28>information, was as sincere as her brother's in&H4 sending it.

<lb n=P383.29>Four sides of paper were insufficient to&H9 contain all her

<lb n=P383.30>delight&H0;, and all her earnest desire&H0 of being&H1 loved by&H4 her

<lb n=P383.31>sister.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P383.32>Before&H3 any answer&H0 could arrive from <name who=PPK>Mr&point;&sp;Collins</name>, or any

<lb n=P383.33>congratulations to&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, from his wife, the Longbourn

<lb n=P383.34>family heard that&H3 the <name who=PPK1>Collinses</name> were come themselves to&H4;

<lb n=P383.35>Lucas&sp;lodge. The reason&H0 of this sudden&H2 removal was soon

<lb n=P383.36>evident. <name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name> had been rendered so&H51 exceedingly

<lb n=P383.37>angry by&H4 the contents of her nephew's letter, that&H3;

<lb n=P383.38><name who=PPQ>Charlotte</name>, really rejoicing in&H4 the match&H0;, was anxious to&H9;

<lb n=P383.39>get away till the storm&H0 was blown over. At such a moment,<pb n=P384>

<lb n=P384.1>the arrival of her friend was a sincere pleasure to&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,

<lb n=P384.2>though in&H4 the course&H0 of their meetings she must sometimes

<lb n=P384.3>think the pleasure dearly&H52 bought, when she saw <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name>

<lb n=P384.4>exposed to&H4 all the parading and obsequious civility of her

<lb n=P384.5>husband. He bore&H11 it however with admirable calmness.

<lb n=P384.6>He could even&H5 listen to&H4 <name who=PPR>Sir&sp;William&sp;Lucas</name>, when he complimented

<lb n=P384.7>him on&H4 carrying away the brightest jewel of

<lb n=P384.8>the country, and expressed his hopes&H0 of their all meeting

<lb n=P384.9>frequently at St&point;&sp;James's, with very decent composure.

<lb n=P384.10>If he did shrug his shoulders, it was not till <name who=PPR>Sir&sp;William</name>

<lb n=P384.11>was out&H5 of sight.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P384.12><name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Philips</name>'s vulgarity was another, and perhaps a

<lb n=P384.13>greater tax&H0 on&H4 his forbearance; and though <name who=PPV>Mrs&point;&sp;Philips</name>,

<lb n=P384.14>as well&H5 as her sister, stood in&H4 too&H51 much awe of him to&H9;

<lb n=P384.15>speak with the familiarity which&H61 <name who=PPI>Bingley</name>'s good&sp;humour

<lb n=P384.16>encouraged, yet, whenever she <hi r=Italic>did</hi> speak, she must be

<lb n=P384.17>vulgar. Nor was her respect&H0 for&H4 him, though it made her

<lb n=P384.18>more quiet&H2;, at all likely to&H9 make&H1 her more elegant. <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>

<lb n=P384.19>did all she could, to&H9 shield him from the frequent

<lb n=P384.20>notice&H0 of either, and was ever anxious to&H9 keep him to&H4;

<lb n=P384.21>herself, and to&H4 those of her family with whom&H61 he might

<lb n=P384.22>converse without mortification; and though the uncomfortable

<lb n=P384.23>feelings arising from all this took from the season

<lb n=P384.24>of courtship much of its pleasure, it added to&H4 the hope&H0 of the

<lb n=P384.25>future; and she looked forward&H5 with delight&H0 to&H4 the time

<lb n=P384.26>when they should be removed from society so&H51 little

<lb n=P384.27>pleasing to&H4 either, to&H4 all the comfort&H0 and elegance of their

<lb n=P384.28>family party at Pemberley.</q></p></div2>

<div2 type=chap n=19><p><pb n=P385>

<lb n=P385.1><q who=pp0>Happy for&H4 all her maternal feelings was the day on&H4;

<lb n=P385.2>which&H61 <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name> got rid of her two most deserving

<lb n=P385.3>daughters. With what delighted pride she afterwards

<lb n=P385.4>visited <name who=PPE>Mrs&point;&sp;Bingley</name> and talked of <name who=PPA>Mrs&point;&sp;Darcy</name> may&H1 be

<lb n=P385.5>guessed. I wish&H1 I could say, for&H4 the sake of her family,

<lb n=P385.6>that&H3 the accomplishment of her earnest desire&H0 in&H4 the

<lb n=P385.7>establishment of so&H51 many of her children, produced so&H51;

<lb n=P385.8>happy an effect&H0 as to&H9 make&H1 her a sensible&H22;, amiable, well-informed

<lb n=P385.9>woman for&H4 the rest&H01 of her life; though perhaps<pb n=P395>

<lb n=P395.10>it was lucky for&H4 her husband, who&H61 might not have relished<pb n=P385>

<lb n=P385.11>domestic&H2 felicity in&H4 so&H51 unusual a form&H0;, that&H3 she still&H5 was

<lb n=P385.12>occasionally nervous and invariably silly.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P385.13><q who=pp0><name who=PPC>Mr&point;&sp;Bennet</name> missed his second&H2 daughter exceedingly;

<lb n=P385.14>his affection for&H4 her drew him oftener from home than

<lb n=P385.15>any&sp;thing else could do. He delighted in&H4 going to&H4 Pemberley,

<lb n=P385.16>especially when he was least expected.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P385.17><q who=pp0><name who=PPI>Mr&point;&sp;Bingley</name> and <name who=PPE>Jane</name> remained at Netherfield only

<lb n=P385.18>a twelvemonth. So&H51 near&H2 a vicinity to&H4 her mother and

<lb n=P385.19>Meryton relations was not desirable even&H5 to&H4 <hi r=Italic>his</hi> easy

<lb n=P385.20>temper, or <hi r=Italic>her</hi> affectionate heart. The darling wish&H0 of

<lb n=P385.21>his sisters was then gratified; he bought an estate in&H4 a

<lb n=P385.22>neighbouring county to&H4 Derbyshire, and <name who=PPE>Jane</name> and <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>,

<lb n=P385.23>in&H4 addition to&H4 every other source of happiness, were

<lb n=P385.24>within thirty miles of each other.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P385.25><q who=pp0><name who=PPG>Kitty</name>, to&H4 her very material&H2 advantage, spent the chief

<lb n=P385.26>of her time with her two elder sisters. In&H4 society so&H51;

<lb n=P385.27>superior to&H4 what she had generally known, her improvement

<lb n=P385.28>was great. She was not of so&H51 ungovernable a temper

<lb n=P385.29>as <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>, and, removed from the influence&H0 of <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>'s

<lb n=P385.30>example, she became, by&H4 proper attention and management,

<lb n=P385.31>less irritable, less ignorant, and less insipid. From

<lb n=P385.32>the farther disadvantage of <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>'s society she was of

<lb n=P385.33>course&H8 carefully kept, and though <name who=PPH>Mrs&point;&sp;Wickham</name> frequently<pb n=P386>

<lb n=P386.1>invited her to&H9 come and stay&H1 with her, with the

<lb n=P386.2>promise&H0 of balls and young men, her father would never

<lb n=P386.3>consent&H1 to&H4 her going.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P386.4><q who=pp0><name who=PPF>Mary</name> was the only daughter who&H61 remained at home;

<lb n=P386.5>and she was necessarily drawn from the pursuit of accomplishments

<lb n=P386.6>by&H4 <name who=PPD>Mrs&point;&sp;Bennet</name>'s being&H1 quite unable to&H9 sit

<lb n=P386.7>alone. <name who=PPF>Mary</name> was obliged to&H9 mix more with the world,

<lb n=P386.8>but she could still&H5 moralize over every morning visit&H0;;

<lb n=P386.9>and as she was no&H2 longer mortified by&H4 comparisons between

<lb n=P386.10>her sisters' beauty and her own&H2;, it was suspected by&H4 her

<lb n=P386.11>father that&H3 she submitted to&H4 the change&H0 without much

<lb n=P386.12>reluctance.</q></p><p>

<lb n=P386.13><q who=pp0>As for&H4 <name who=PPP>Wickham</name> and <name who=PPH>Lydia</name>, their characters suffered

<lb n=P386.14>no&H2 revolution from the marriage of her sisters. He bore&H11;

<lb n=P386.15>with philosophy the conviction that&H3 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> must now

<lb n=P386.16>become acquainted with whatever of his ingratitude and

<lb n=P386.17>falsehood had before&H5 been unknown to&H4 her; and in&H4 spite&H8;

<lb n=P386.18>of every&sp;thing, was not wholly without hope&H0 that&H3 <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>

<lb n=P386.19>might yet be prevailed on&H5 to&H9 make&H1 his fortune. The congratulatory

<lb n=P386.20>letter which&H61 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> received from <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> on&H4;

<lb n=P386.21>her marriage, explained to&H4 her that&H3;, by&H4 his wife at least,

<lb n=P386.22>if not by&H4 himself, such a hope&H0 was cherished. The letter

<lb n=P386.23>was to&H4 this effect&H0;:

<lb n=P386.24></q><q who=PPH>

<lb n=P386.25>&dq;MY DEAR&H21 <name who=PPA>LIZZY</name>,</q></p><p><q who=PPH>

<lb n=P386.26>&dq;I wish&H1 you joy. If you love&H1 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> half as well&H5;

<lb n=P386.27>as I do my dear&H21 <name who=PPP>Wickham</name>, you must be very happy.

<lb n=P386.28>It is a great comfort&H0 to&H9 have you so&H51 rich, and when you

<lb n=P386.29>have nothing else to&H9 do, I hope&H1 you will&H1 think of us. I am

<lb n=P386.30>sure <name who=PPP>Wickham</name> would like&H1 a place&H0 at court&H0 very much, and

<lb n=P386.31>I do not think we shall have quite money enough to&H9 live

<lb n=P386.32>upon&H4 without some help&H0;. Any place&H0 would do, of about&H4;

<lb n=P386.33>three or four hundred a year; but, however, do not

<lb n=P386.34>speak to&H4 <name who=PPB>Mr&point;&sp;Darcy</name> about&H4 it, if you had rather not.

<lb n=P386.35>&dq;Your's, &amp;c&point;&dq;

<lb n=P386.36></q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P386.37>As it happened that&H3 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name> had <hi r=Italic>much</hi> rather not,

<lb n=P386.38>she endeavoured in&H4 her answer&H0 to&H9 put an end&H0 to&H4 every<pb n=P387>

<lb n=P387.1>intreaty and expectation of the kind&H0;. Such relief, however,

<lb n=P387.2>as it was in&H4 her power to&H9 afford, by&H4 the practice&H0 of

<lb n=P387.3>what might be called economy in&H4 her own&H2 private&H2 expences,

<lb n=P387.4>she frequently sent them. It had always been evident

<lb n=P387.5>to&H4 her that&H3 such an income as theirs, under the direction

<lb n=P387.6>of two persons so&H51 extravagant in&H4 their wants&H0;, and heedless

<lb n=P387.7>of the future, must be very insufficient to&H4 their support&H0;;

<lb n=P387.8>and whenever they changed their quarters, either <name who=PPE>Jane</name>

<lb n=P387.9>or herself were sure of being&H1 applied to&H5;, for&H4 some little

<lb n=P387.10>assistance towards discharging their bills. Their manner

<lb n=P387.11>of living, even&H5 when the restoration of peace dismissed

<lb n=P387.12>them to&H4 a home, was unsettled in&H4 the extreme&H0;. They were

<lb n=P387.13>always moving from place&H0 to&H4 place&H0 in&H4 quest of a cheap

<lb n=P387.14>situation, and always spending more than they ought.

<lb n=P387.15>His affection for&H4 her soon sunk into indifference; her's

<lb n=P387.16>lasted a little longer; and in&H4 spite&H8 of her youth and her

<lb n=P387.17>manners, she retained all the claims to&H4 reputation which&H61;

<lb n=P387.18>her marriage had given her.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P387.19>Though <name who=PPB>Darcy</name> could never receive <hi r=Italic>him</hi> at Pemberley,

<lb n=P387.20>yet, for&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>'s sake, he assisted him farther in&H4 his

<lb n=P387.21>profession&H01;. <name who=PPH>Lydia</name> was occasionally a visitor there, when

<lb n=P387.22>her husband was gone to&H9 enjoy himself in&H4 London or

<lb n=P387.23>Bath&H01;; and with the <name who=PPI2>Bingley</name>'s they both of them frequently

<lb n=P387.24>staid so&H51 long, that&H3 even&H5 <name who=PPI>Bingley</name>'s good&sp;humour was overcome,

<lb n=P387.25>and he proceeded so&H51 far as to&H9 <hi r=Italic>talk&H1;</hi> of giving them

<lb n=P387.26>a hint&H0 to&H9 be gone.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P387.27><name who=PPJ>Miss&sp;Bingley</name> was very deeply mortified by&H4 <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>'s

<lb n=P387.28>marriage; but as she thought&H1 it advisable to&H9 retain the

<lb n=P387.29>right&H0 of visiting at Pemberley, she dropt all her resentment;

<lb n=P387.30>was fonder than ever of <name who=PPZG>Georgiana</name>, almost as

<lb n=P387.31>attentive to&H4 <name who=PPB>Darcy</name> as heretofore, and paid off every arrear

<lb n=P387.32>of civility to&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P387.33>Pemberley was now <name who=PPZG>Georgiana</name>'s home; and the attachment

<lb n=P387.34>of the sisters was exactly what <name who=PPB>Darcy</name> had hoped

<lb n=P387.35>to&H9 see. They were able to&H9 love&H1 each other, even&H5 as well&H5;

<lb n=P387.36>as they intended. <name who=PPZG>Georgiana</name> had the highest opinion in&H4;

<lb n=P387.37>the world of <name who=PPA>Elizabeth;</name> though at first she often listened

<lb n=P387.38>with an astonishment bordering on&H4 alarm&H0;, at her lively,<pb n=P388>

<lb n=P388.1>sportive, manner of talking to&H4 her brother. He, who&H61 had

<lb n=P388.2>always inspired in&H4 herself a respect&H0 which&H61 almost overcame

<lb n=P388.3>her affection, she now saw the object&H0 of open&H2 pleasantry.

<lb n=P388.4>Her mind&H0 received knowledge which&H61 had never before&H5;

<lb n=P388.5>fallen in&H4 her way. By&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>'s instructions she began

<lb n=P388.6>to&H9 comprehend that&H3 a woman may&H1 take liberties with her

<lb n=P388.7>husband, which&H61 a brother will&H1 not always allow in&H4 a sister

<lb n=P388.8>more than ten years younger than himself.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P388.9><name who=PPL>Lady&sp;Catherine</name> was extremely indignant on&H4 the marriage

<lb n=P388.10>of her nephew; and as she gave way to&H4 all the genuine

<lb n=P388.11>frankness of her character, in&H4 her reply&H0 to&H4 the letter which&H61;

<lb n=P388.12>announced its arrangement, she sent him language so&H51 very

<lb n=P388.13>abusive, especially of <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, that&H3 for&H4 some time all

<lb n=P388.14>intercourse was at an end&H0;. But at length, by&H4 <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>'s

<lb n=P388.15>persuasion, he was prevailed on&H5 to&H9 overlook the offence,

<lb n=P388.16>and seek a reconciliation; and, after&H4 a little farther

<lb n=P388.17>resistance on&H4 the part&H0 of his aunt, her resentment gave

<lb n=P388.18>way, either to&H4 her affection for&H4 him, or her curiosity to&H9 see

<lb n=P388.19>how his wife conducted herself; and she condescended

<lb n=P388.20>to&H9 wait on&H4 them at Pemberley, in&H4 spite&H8 of that&H62 pollution

<lb n=P388.21>which&H61 its woods had received, not merely from the presence

<lb n=P388.22>of such a mistress, but the visits of her uncle and aunt

<lb n=P388.23>from the city.</q></p><p><q who=PP0>

<lb n=P388.24>With the <name who=PPN1>Gardiners</name>, they were always on&H4 the most

<lb n=P388.25>intimate&H2 terms. <name who=PPB>Darcy</name>, as well&H5 as <name who=PPA>Elizabeth</name>, really loved

<lb n=P388.26>them; and they were both ever sensible&H21 of the warmest

<lb n=P388.27>gratitude towards the persons who&H61;, by&H4 bringing her into

<lb n=P388.28>Derbyshire, had been the means&H0 of uniting them.</q></p></div2></div1>