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March 2^d 1812.

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from excess of happiness. It
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to live only a few hours
ago. I thought it impossible
for me to have a stronger
affection for you than I have
had for some months; but
I was entirely mistaken. Your
intellectual powers always delighted
me, your moral virtues always
improved me & exalted my
ideas of human nature; but

I was not fully acquainted
with the noble elevation
of your character, your
dignified candour & exalted
disinterestedness. The great
future object of my life
will be your happiness. My
views & conduct shall be
govern'd by your wishes.

I cannot express my feelings;
they are too intense for words.

What a felicity that
such varied & delightful
emotions should flow from one
pure source; esteem
admiration, love & gratitude.

I am My dear My charming
Friend for ever your devoted
H. Darcy.

- Pray give me a single
line - & say that he
lets know how he had no
bad effects.

I shall come to you only
when you command me to
come - My happiness will
be entirely in your will.

Transcripts (sic) of Davy Letters

RI HD/25/24/a – Humphry Davy to Mrs Jane Apreece

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I have passed a night sleepless from excess of happiness -- It seems to me as if I began to live only a few hours ago. I thought it impossible for me to have a stronger affection for you than I have had for some months; but I was entirely mistaken. Your intellectual power always delighted me, & your moral virtues always improved me & exalted my ideas of human nature; but I was not fully acquainted with the noble elevation of your character your dignified candour & exalted disinterestedness -- The great future object of my life will be your happiness. My being & conduct shall be moulded by your wishes.

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H Davy

Pray give me a single line & say the late hour had no bad effect.

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