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L E T T E R CXXVI.

To Miss FERMOR, at Silleri.

London, Feb. 17.

My dear Bell,

**L**UCY, being deprived of the pleasure of writing to you, as she intended, by Lady Anne Melville's dining with her, desires me to make her apologies.

Allow me to say something for myself, and to share my joy with one who will, I am sure, so very sincerely sympathize with me in it.

I could not have believed, my dear Bell, it had been so very easy a thing to be constant : I declare, but don't mention this, lest I should be laughed at, I have never  
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