observed to wonder met in the same wise; that our first Mother was beguiled by the price of knowing and that the height of capacity in Lucifer, only increased the fall of that son of the morning. All this is here. But shall we hence infer that the desire of knowledge well directed wisely applied is not likely to produce any worthy impressions.

You want to maintain your importance, & why not? Would you do it in the most effectual manner? Worth & understanding are the proper means. Hasty thoughts are always bitter, violence importunate; & prejudice the inconstancy of a child. Worth & understanding confer consequence, that is, seldom in danger of being despised. She who shows a just sense of what belongs to her as a Woman & as Christian, will engage respect without seeking to command it. From her a word a look expressive of virtues defect or pious indignation, will drive the basest offender, if not uncommonly obdurate indeed. Nor can she probably be often obliged to bear the company of a word weak who is proof against the lightening of excellence.
Is of reflection, & in the hour of guilty self not to lose sight of Wisdom. But can this be expected where the mind is wholly unimproved, when no external resources are secured in the days of youth, but all is left to nature neglected by Education & warped by fashion, or to the scanty supplies of which company news and accidents afford?

Imagine two young Ladies of whom one delights in elegant & virtuous studies, the other in passionate indulgences. Will you say, that the former equally in danger with the latter, of descending to vulgar or to vicious pleasures? as familiarity with persons of refined manners may be expected to communicate a corresponding refinement; is it probable not probable that intimacy with beautifull compositions will in the same way impart a beauty to the soul.

It is not to be denied that from the mind to hear the distance in a moral reckoning, is often intense that between Sublimity of Idea & Elevation of conduct there is no necessary connection, that the finest sentiments & the gentlest passions have been