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Cadix. May 2<sup>th</sup>

Dear Mr. M. M. S. L. &amp;c. &amp;c.

I have at last received a letter from you all  
 dated May 6<sup>th</sup> and acknowledge the receipt  
 of the Misses I am therefore in sufficient  
 good humour with you. to write again some  
 than I should otherwise have done for a  
 two months unqualified appetite for letters.  
 Sad made me give way to a resentful  
 feeling towards ~~you~~ you. which however I  
 have now overcome. We have had  
 a kind of picnic on board here at Portu-  
 gal. General Bacon (an Englishman) and Lady  
 Charlotte Bacon (his wife) & some 30 or 40  
 we though came and reposing in  
 a not very pretty hole under her with  
 &c. yet with a very sweet and  
 melancholy & pensive countenance. we  
 so sea sick that she could not  
 enjoy herself in fact they were all -

more or less affected. she the  
 Joannes and a very pretty girl at Miss  
 Aldham had been early in consequence  
 the others went with me for a sail  
 in the launch (one of our boats)  
 I was forced to go and spend the evening  
 at their house but in consequence of  
 their sickness, fatigue &c. I had to  
 put sufficient self caution on myself  
 to decline, some dry weather was  
 the General was in possession of 10 or 11,000  
 a year but got through it all.  
 and is now very poor, he was considered  
 a very handsome man in his young  
 days, and was a very gallant soldier  
 his Lady was a Harley I think  
 they are very agreeable eating people  
 not my style. too much dancing

but very agreeable. occasionally  
and under certain circumstances  
is a book for instance where they could  
~~conveniently~~ conveniently indulge themselves  
in such an amusement.

You talk of a new temple but I am  
not aware that there is any chance of  
our going there at least we have  
heard nothing about it. I shall have  
no objection certainly its Jewish  
to see all I can we have been  
very fortunate hitherto. and if we  
had a good whip (forty cent) might  
be every comfortable ship -

I shall not fail to procure the bits  
on my return to Malta. Annie  
Sophia must send and order anything  
they want in that line. In fact make  
as much use of me as you can

I don't know when the Lid stones will  
 reach you but let me know how  
 they fit and answer, and by the way  
 to some time. We shall start  
 on return to Gibraltar, tomorrow  
 or next day, touching at Tangier  
 on way. I have a good sketch  
 of "the rock" or "old fort" as it  
 called. —