FOOTNOTES TO CHAPTER III


3 Gregory, Father's Legacy, p. 57.


5 George Washington to Eleanor Parke Custis, 16 January 1795, in Fitzpatrick, ed., Writings of George Washington, p. 93. Earlier in the letter he wrote "A hint here; men and women feel the same inclinations to each other now that they always have done, and which they will continue to do until there is a new order of things, and you, as others have done, may find, perhaps, that the passions of your sex are easier raised than allayed."


7 Mrs. Lucy Randolph to Ann Frances Tucker, 2 December 1798. Brown Coalter Tucker Papers. As a postscript to the letter, Lucy commented "(Wh)at a compound of curiosity is Man, surely the Holy-W(r)itings do our sex great injustice by supposing it was the original cause of all evil, for I begin to be of opinion that we are much superior. Take my advice Fanny and never be concerned with the Hes for you will find them at best a troublesome set of Beings."

8 Charles Carter to Mrs. Lelia Skipwith Carter Tucker, 25 December 1806. Tucker-Coleman Collection. Charles added "My advice to her is not to marry any one who has been long in Europe, and particularly in France, Tell her I have the most utter aversion to her uniting herself to what we call, in America, an accomplished man."

Greene, ed., Diary of Landon Carter, pp. 56, 720, and 799-800. Landon Carter referred to Reuben Beale as a "Monster" and to his daughter Judith Carter Beale as a "deluded child."


Eighteenth-century writers sometimes used satire to expose the foibles of the ideal matrimonial state. The Virginia Gazette (Purdie-Dixon), 22 October 1767, printed SOCRATISSA'S comments about marriage and the education of a fine lady. (See Appendix IV.)

B. W. Leigh to Frances Tucker, 28 May 1802. Brown Coalter Tucker Papers. Frances was married 5 June 1802.

George Washington to Elizabeth Parke Custis, September, 1794, in Fitzpatrick, ed., Writings of George Washington, p. 501. P. (Margaret) Davenport reflected this more realistic view of marriage in a report of a wedding she had recently attended: "They are an exact match, and will I doubt not jog on soberly, and serenely, till the grim tyrant Death, extends his cold arms, to receive one, or both of them - such pair's cannot I think, be said to be happy - yet they are as happy as they know how to be - & that I suppose is happiness to them," in "Letters Addressed to Miss Elizabeth Pelham, William Blagrove and William Pelham," p. 271.

Anne Randolph to St. George Tucker, 23 September 1788. Tucker-Coleman Collection.

Joseph Nourse to Maria Bull, 23 December 1783. Nourse Family Papers.

Hartless, Sarah Henry, pp. 137, 135.

Anne Blair to Mary Braxton, 21 August 1769. Blair-Banister-Braxton Papers.
20 Jan Lewis, in her article "Domestic Tranquility and the Management of Emotion Among the Gentry of Pre-Revolutionary Virginia," William and Mary Quarterly, 3d Ser., 39 (1982), p. 136, wrote "The private writings of the pre-Revolutionary Virginia gentry, men and women alike, disclose, however, that for them neither affection or self-expression was yet an unqualified value; both were managed and restrained in the service of a higher good, domestic tranquility."

21 Hartless, Sarah Henry, p. 136.

22 Countess of Carlisle, Rudiments of Taste, p. 87.


24 Hartless, Sarah Henry, p. 137.

25 Elizabeth Foote Washington, Diary, 1789. Nancy Shippen Livingston copied similar sentiments in her May 1783 journal. "This morning I read Madame de Maintenons advice to the D-de B-g. I will transcribe so much of it as it relates to the woman, because it corresponds so much with my Ideas on that subject ... 'Do not hope for perfect happiness; there is no such thing in this sublunary state. Your sex is the more exposed to suffer, because it is always in dependence. Beg of God to guard your heart from jealousy: do not hope to bring back a husband by complaints, ill humor, or reproaches. The only means which promise success, are patience and softness: impatience sours and alienats (sic) hearts: softness leads them back to their duty. In sacrificing your own will, pretend to have no right over that of a husband: men are more attach'd to theirs than women, because educated with less constraint.'" Armes, ed., Nancy Shippen Journal Book, pp. 143-44.

26 Hartless, Sarah Henry, pp. 135-36.


28 Hartless, Sarah Henry, p. 136.

29 Elizabeth Foote Washington, Diary, 1784.

30 Margaret Davenport Coalter to John Coalter, 10 May 1795. Brown Coalter Tucker Papers. (See Appendix V.)


33 Tinling, ed., *Byrd Correspondence*, p. 695.


APPENDIX I

SAMPLE LETTER OF MARIA RIND

Maria Rind to John Coalter, 14 July, ca. 1790. Brown Coalter Tucker Papers. See following page.
I was much more happy by your kind letters I received yours by Bish. Mayr on Saturday last. I am much obliged to you for your Father will have our Stewart is gone to New York so I do not know what I wrote but you must and will forgive me for this short one.

I am with the boys and hope you will to have as yet may known tells you. I will do better next time, and make you happy.

Mrs. Stewart is going well.

Mrs.
APPENDIX II

JEFFERSON'S SUGGESTED WORKS
FOR A YOUNG WOMAN'S EDUCATION

Thomas Jefferson to Nathaniel Burwell, 14 March 1818.
Woody, A History of Women's Education in the United States,
p. 275. Starred titles indicate these works were recommended,
or read by young women themselves in Virginia.

Les Voyages d'Anacharis
Gillies' history of Greece
Gillies' history of the World
Livy in English
Sallust, English by Gordon
Gibbon's Decline of Rome
Tacitus, English by Murphy
Suteonius, English by Thompson
Plutarch's Lives
Lempière's universal Biography
Histoire ancienne de Milot
Histoire de France de Milot
Russell's Modern Europe
Robertson's Charles V
Memoires de Sully
Vie de Henri IV par Perifixe
Louis XIV et XV de Voltaire
Baxter's History of England
Robertson's History of Scotland
Robertson's History of America
Botta's history of American Independence
Burke's & Girardin's history of Virginia
Joyce's Scientific Dialogues
Histoire Naturel de Buffon
Tully- Offices, English
Seneque par Lagrange
Morale et bonheur
Stanhope's Charron on Wisdom
* Economy of human life
Sterne's Sherlock & Allison's sermons
Sermons de Masillon et Bourdaloue
* The Spectator, Tatler, Guardian
Pike's Arithmetic
Pinkerton's Geography
Whateley on pleasure gardening
Pope's Iliiad & Odyssey
Dryden's Virgil

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Milton's Paradise Lost
Telemaque
* Shakespeare's plays
Dryden's tragedies
Moliere, Racine, Corneille, Don Quichotte, French
Gil Blas
Contes Nouveaux de Marmontel
Voyages de Campe
The Pleasing preceptor from the German of Vieth
* Pope's works
Thomson's seasons
Lowth's English grammar
Walker's pronouncing dictionary
Dufief, French & English dictionary
Dufief, Nature displayed
Novels: Evenings at home by Mrs. Barboald
Miss Edgeworth's works
Lettres sur l'éducation
* Vaillées-du-Chateau, Theatre d'éducation,
and Theatre de societe by Mme. Genlis
Godwin's Caleb Williams
APPENDIX III

NANCY SHIPPEN LIVINGSTON'S
DIRECTIONS CONCERNING A DAUGHTER'S EDUCATION


1 st. Study well her constitution and genius.

2 d. Follow nature and proceed patiently.

3 d. Suffer not Servants to terrify her with stories of Ghosts and Goblins.

4 th. Give her a fine pleasing idea of Good, and an ugly frightful one of Evil.

5 th. Keep her to a good and natural regimen of diet.

6 th. Observe strictly the little seeds of reason in her, and cultivate the first appearance of it diligently.

7 th. Watch over her childish Passions and prejudices, and labour sweetly to cure her of them.

8 th. Never use any little dissembling arts, either to pacify her or to persuade her to anything.

9 th. Win her to be in love with openness, in all her acts and words.

10th. Fail not to instill into her an abhorance of all "serpentine" wit.

11th. If she be a brisk, witty child, do not applaud her too much.

12th. If she be a dull heavy child, do not discourage her at all.

13th. Seem not to admire her wit, but rather study to rectify her judgment.

14th. Use her to put little questions, and give her ready and short answers.
15th. Insinuate into her the principles of politeness and true modesty, and christian humility.

16th. Inculcate upon her that most honorable duty and virtue SINCERITY.

17th. Be sure to possess her with the baseness of telling a Lye on any account.

18th. Shew her the deformity of Rage and anger.

19th. Never let her converse with servants.

20th. Acquaint her in the most pleasant and insinuating manner, with the sacred History, nor let it seem her lesson, but her recreation.

21st. Sett before her the gospel in its simplicity and purity, and the great Examples of Antiquity unsophisticated.

22d. Explain to her the nature of the baptismal sanction.

23d. Prepare her in the best manner for confirmation.

24th. Animate, and instruct her for the holy communion.

25th. Particularly inform her in the duties of a single and married state.

26th. Let her be prepared for the duties and employment of a city life, if her lot should be among citizens.

27th. See she be inform'd in all that belongs to a country life.

28th. Discreetly check her desires after things pleasant, and use * her to frequent disapppointments.

29th. Let her be instructed to do every thing seasonably and in order, and what ever she is set to do let her study to it well, and peacably.

30th. Teach her to improve everything that nothing may be lost or wasted, nor let her hurry herself about any thing.

31st. Let her always be employ'd about what is profitable or necessary.

32d. Let nothing of what is committed to her care be spoil'd by her neglect.
33 d. Let her eat deliberately, chew well, and drink in moderate proportions.

34th. Let her use exercise in the morning.

35th. Use her to rise betimes in the morning, and set before her in the most winning manner an order for the whole day.

When wisdom enters into her heart, and knowledge is made pleasant to her soul, "discretion shall preserve her, and understanding shall keep her."
APPENDIX IV

SOCRATISSA'S REPORT IN THE VIRGINIA GAZETTE

Virginia Gazette, Purdie Dixon, eds., 22 October 1767.

From a late ENGLISH PAPER
to the Printer

Sir,

Dining at Lady Ramble's the other day, it was proposed, after dinner, by her Ladyship's sister, to hear Miss, who is about 11 years of age, concerning some fine points she had been instructed in relative to her duty in life; which being agreed to, her Ladyship desired Miss to stand up, and then asked the questions, and received the answers, following; and as they may be of service to other young Ladies of Quality, I have transmitted them to you.

SOCRATISSA

L.R. - My dear! pray tell me what you was brought into the world for?

Miss. - A husband.

L.R. - O, my dear! you should say to be admired.

Aunt. - Well, I vow I think my niece has given a better answer, as she came to the point directly, and brought the matter home at once.

L.R. - What is the duty of a husband?

Miss. - To please his wife.

L.R. - What is the duty of a wife?

Miss. - To please herself.

L.R. - What are the principal objects on which a fine Lady should fix her attention?
Miss. - Dress and admiration.

L.R. - What is the chief use of a fine Lady's eyes?

Miss. - To stare and ogle at the men.

L.R. - What is the business of a fine Lady?

Miss. - To play at cards, go to routs, balls, plays, operas, etc. and carry on intrigues.

L.R. - What is the religion of a fine Lady?

Miss. - To pay her devotions at Court, and make her Curtsies in the Drawing Room.

L.R. - May a fine Lady ever go to Church?

Miss. - Very seldom, and then she must be sure to sleep there, or to talk very loud, and to slander some of her acquaintance.

L.R. - What is the best book in the world?

Miss. - Hoyle on Quadrille.

L.R. - From whence come the politest fashions and the best silks?

Miss. - From France.

L.R. - Who make the best servants?

Miss. - The French.

L.R. - Very well, my dear! you don't forget I find.

Aunt. - I vow my niece is very perfect in her education, and will make a fine accomplished woman.
APPENDIX V

LETTER FROM MARGARET DAVENPORT COALTER
TO JOHN COALTER

Margaret Davenport Coalter to John Coalter, 10 May 1795. Brown Coalter Tucker Papers.

You know what to expect from me, as you have seen my character of a good wife. Suppose I tell you now, what I, in my turn, expect, and how you may best please me and make me happy. - Thus then I begin -

Let me ever have the sweet consciousness of knowing myself the best beloved of your heart - I do not always require a lover's attention - that would be impossible, but let it never appear by your conduct that I am indifferent to you. That I may never suspect a diminution of your affection, the following things are necessary-

You must never, when I say or do anything you do not entirely approve, brood over it in silent dissatisfaction; but always tell me candidly of it. These little reproofs must be delivered in the gentlest terms and softened with all the tenderness you are master of. Any little weaknesses incident to the sex, and to me, who am the weakest of the weaker sex, must be smoothed with the tenderest indulgence and when I make a request not proper, or not in your power, to be granted, let the denial be gentle tho' decisive - Never praise too much in another woman any quality that you know I am particularly deficient in. This would hurt me more than you can easily imagine. Love my friends as you would your own, do not be too fond of company at home or abroad, in sickness redouble your soothing attention, and never speak harshly (unless she proves a vixen) to the wife of your bosom. If all this is observed by you, I can never suspect you of want of affection, but if any one article is grossly and continually violated, I should fear myself not as much beloved as I could wish.

And now for some other articles which regard not to your affection for me, but point more generally to your conduct as a husband. When I wish to consult with you on any matter I think of importance, or ever put a serious question to you, if you should not be in a humour to give me your attention, tell me immediately, and I will defer it until some other time, but never answer carelessly as if what I asked was a matter of no consequence. Give me a
decisive reply if in your power, if not, "tell me the reason why." Pray, I beseech you fester me not with unnecessary delays, and tell me not of two or three days, weeks, or months, when the present moment could be better - be decisive in all your words and deeds of any consequence, and ever preserve that energy which is necessary to keep in action those good qualities which were not given to us to lie useless and unimproved. In trifles, be trifling, to trifle agreeably is sometimes very pleasing, but in everything of moment be ardent, firm and decisive. All this I think you now are, continue but so, and I shall love you almost too much . . . .

I was in a scribbling mood and scarce knew what to write, or I should not have fallen upon this subject. However, I beg you will keep my documents that if when you transgress I may remind you of them . . . .
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