

Fanny Burney

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Insensibility, of all kinds, and on all occasions, most moves my imperial displeasure

~Fanny Burney

I am ashamed of confessing that I have nothing to confess.

~Fanny Burney

Travelling is the ruin of all happiness. There's no looking at a building here after seeing Italy.

~Fanny Burney

But if the young are never tired of erring in conduct, neither are the older in erring of judgment.

~Fanny Burney

Credulity is the sister of innocence.

~Fanny Burney

I wish the opera was every night. It is, of all entertainments, the sweetest and most delightful. Some of the songs seemed to melt my very soul.

~Fanny Burney

to diminish expectation is to increase enjoyment.

~Fanny Burney

A youthful mind is seldom totally free from ambition; to curb that, is the first step to contentment, since to diminish expectation is to increase enjoyment.

~Fanny Burney

Nothing is so delicate as the reputation of a woman; it is at once the most beautiful and most brittle of all human things.

~Fanny Burney

I cannot sleep - great joy is as restless as sorrow.

~Fanny Burney

while we all desire to live long, we have all a horror of being old!

~Fanny Burney

I am too inexperienced and ignorant to conduct myself with propriety in this town, where every thing is new to me, and many things are unaccountable and perplexing.

~Fanny Burney

A little alarm now and then keeps life from stagnation.

~Fanny Burney

Generosity without delicacy, like wit without judgment, generally gives as much pain as pleasure.

~Fanny Burney

To despise riches, may, indeed, be philosophic, but to dispense them worthily, must surely be more beneficial to mankind.

~Fanny Burney

Unused to the situations in which I find myself, and embarrassed by the slightest difficulties, I seldom discover, till too late, how I ought to act.

~Fanny Burney

People who live together naturally catch the looks and air of one another and without having one feature alike, they contract a something in the whole countenance which strikes one as a resemblance

~Fanny Burney

O! how short a time does it take to put an end to a woman's liberty!

~Fanny Burney

the mind naturally accommodates itself, even to the most ridiculous improprieties, if they occur frequently.

~Fanny Burney

Misery is a guest that we are glad to part with, however certain of her speedy return.

~Fanny Burney

such is the effect of true politeness, that it banishes all restraint and embarrassment.

~Fanny Burney

To save the mind from preying inwardly upon itself, it must be encouraged to some outward pursuit.

~Fanny Burney

The Spring is generally fertile in new acquaintances.

~Fanny Burney

Wealth per se I never too much valued, and my acquaintance with its possessors has by no means increased my veneration for it.

~Fanny Burney

You must learn not only to judge but to act for yourself.

~Fanny Burney

But how cool, how quiet is true courage!

~Fanny Burney

To a heart formed for friendship and affection the charms of solitude are very short-lived.

~Fanny Burney

it has been long and justly remarked, that folly has ever sought alliance

with beauty.

~Fanny Burney

She [Evelina] is not, indeed, like most modern young ladies; to be known in half an hour; her modest worth, and fearful excellence, require both time and encouragement to show themselves.

~Fanny Burney

falsehood is not more unjustifiable than unsafe.

~Fanny Burney

How little has situation to do with happiness.

~Fanny Burney

Money is the source of the greatest vice, and that nation which is most rich, is most wicked.

~Fanny Burney

I'd rather be done any thing to than laughed at, for, to my mind, it's one or other the disagreeablest thing in the world.

~Fanny Burney

We continually say things to support an opinion, which we have given, that in reality we don't above half mean.

~Fanny Burney

Childhood is never troubled with foresight.

~Fanny Burney

the right line of conduct is the same for both sexes, though the manner in which it is pursued, may somewhat vary, and be accommodated to the strength or weakness of the different travelers.

~Fanny Burney

to be sure, marriage is all in all with the ladies; but with us gentlemen it's quite another thing!

~Fanny Burney

. . . men seldom risk their lives where an escape is without hope of recompense.

~Fanny Burney

The mind is but too naturally prone to pleasure, but too easily yielded to dissipation

~Fanny Burney

O, we all acknowledge our faults, now; 'tis the mode of the day: but the acknowledgment passes for current payment; and therefore we never amend them.

~Fanny Burney

I looked about for some of my acquaintance, but in vain, for I saw not one person that I knew, which is very odd, for all the world seemed there.

~Fanny Burney

an old woman ... is a person who has no sense of decency; if once she takes to living, the devil himself can't get rid of her.

~Fanny Burney

... there's nothing but quarreling with the women; it's my belief they like it better than victuals and drink.

~Fanny Burney

There si nothing upon the face of the earth so insipid as a medium. Give me love or hate! A friend that will go to jail for me, or an enemy that will run me through the body!

~Fanny Burney

Far from having taken any positive step, I have not yet even formed any resolution.

~Fanny Burney

don't be angry with the gentleman for thinking, whatever be the cause, for I assure you he makes no common practice of offending in that way.

~Fanny Burney

... it's vastly more irksome to give up one's own way, than to hear a few impertinent remarks.

~Fanny Burney

There is something in age that ever, even in its own despite, must be venerable, must create respect and to have it ill treated, is to me worse, more cruel and wicked than anything on earth

~Fanny Burney

Well of all things in the world, I don't suppose anything can be so dreadful as a public wedding--my stars!--I should never be able to support it!

~Fanny Burney

Never shall I recollect the occasion he gave me of displeasure, without feeling it renewed.

~Fanny Burney

We relate all our afflictions more frequently than we do our pleasures.

~Fanny Burney

But authors before they write should read.

~Fanny Burney

Concealment is the foe of tranquility.

~Fanny Burney

Tis best to build no castles in the air.

~Fanny Burney

Imagination took the reins, and reason, slow-paced, though sure-footed, was unequal to a race with so eccentric and flighty a companion.

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