

## Outside the Box

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Last Night I received your truly obliging letter dated July 10<sup>th</sup> & am wholly at a loss for expression, to convey my thanks for all the trouble You have taken in my commission; the description of wh. (as far as paper admits of) appears all I can wish; for I know Your good taste & thus You would not purchase but what really is good & worth having. In Sèvres I am aware how dear an Article this is & yet when once Sèvres [sic] is known all other China (Dresden excepted) is mere trash. You will say I talk very big & that what am I to do if I am so Grand in my ideas. This, I allow, but the beauty of Sèvres is unique. In minor Articles I would thank You to get me some pretty ornament in Ormoulu or Nacre de perle for holding Seals - so many nice & pretty things are made for this purpose - I [?understand] any Old Buhl [Coins?] for the [?corner] of [?Rooms.] is difficult to meet with but perhaps You c[oul]d enquire; sometimes they are to be picked up; but when I say this I am not so youthful as not to know that such a commission or purchase [of] a Buhl Trunk

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must be included in the original Sum -  
I only mention these things as they occur.  
Many thanks to dear L[ad]y Howe for the direction of the shop for Beads. How kind you are both in Your Enquiries after my health -- I am much recovered but not quite [?stout]. What horrors as I hear of daily both public and private. [?Conscious or Curious] of poor Mrs Gascoigne the Wife of Bamber Gascoigne dying in less than three days of an Inflammation in her bowels, & William

Baring drowned on board his Yacht off Lulworth  
Cove – his wretched Wife saw it from the  
Window & is near her time; & Dr Bone has  
lost a Son also on board & the Sisters were alas  
eye witnesses of this dreadful event -- Thank  
God I know none of the parties, but a Heart of  
Stone would feel it. I hope dear L[ad]y Howe  
continues improving in health & spirits – I was  
rejoiced to hear L[ad]y Curzon is going on so well –  
My affect[ionate] Love to your better half & after requesting  
you would accept my grateful thanks again  
for all Your kindness I will take my leave  
subscribing myself as usual Your truly sincere  
Friend Sophia