of view her outward woman was slightly distressing, rather conservative in her attachment to an exploded mode of dressing the hair (I dont mean the severely classic manner of plaiting in a knot, which always does a good head justice) & similarly neglectful of modern notions in other parts of her dress. Luckily for my paper & your patience every one else does not merit so minute a description, but merit has its priveleges & I have persevered even at the risk of boring you & leaving no room for any one else. The other 2 ladies were lights of a different sphere. 'There are women and women' runs a French proverb literally translated.

Miss Weston as the elder of the 2 deserves the first place & for other reasons as well. I cant tell you her age - all I know is she is young enough to think her youth requires her to dye her hair. But that is the worst I can say of her, as she has proved herself quite free from other affectations, & always good natured & ready to help in anything going on & I am sure she has the ship without having made an approach to an enemy. Of course her hs were rather a difficulty - but one cant help that. Her companion Miss Parsons if not so faulty in her hs, owes that advantage to the fact that affectation is the order of her being, & she manages probably to conceal