

(A Schmelzner 8) (29) 1  
A Madame Maria  
née Smeling a Berlin  
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Madame

4<sup>th</sup> Hist. Lit.  
[Schmelzner, G. E.: 13  
(Paris)]

Supposing that neither the  
dazzling lustre of glory You live in  
nor time and vicissitudes of life  
can have ~~brought~~ You to cancell'd  
out of Your <sup>good nature</sup> mind Your sincerest  
friends abroad I venture to  
remind me to Your remembrance  
by heartfelt congratulations and  
wishes. 'Tis no courtiers  
bow paid to beauty and talents,  
in highest favour. No. 'Tis  
friendship gladden'd by ~~the hap-  
piness of greatest man~~ Your happi-  
ness and the greatest man's living  
~~particular applause~~ flattering  
applause; and 'tis friendship  
~~participating~~ sharing Your satis-  
faction in every respect, and emu-  
lating in benevolence to You even  
with the laurell'd Hero at San-  
souoy and the man You like most.