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My dear Henry,

I have ~~scarcely~~ seen you since you were almost an infant. but I have always hoped that you would strive to console your excellent father and mother for sufferings they have experienced from causes with which, young as you are, you are not doubt well acquainted. ~~At last~~ I have just received from your father's <sup>letter</sup> in which he speaks of your conduct in the most favorable and affectionate terms, and pronounces you and your sister the greatest consolation of his existence. I know your sister and am sure she merits, by the sweetness of her temper, and the gifts of her intellect, the commendations he has bestowed upon her. Your excellent Aunt and myself explore you to continue in the wise course of conduct in which you have commenced. Be good tempered, modest, diligent, and ambitious to excel - You inherit your father's name and if you do not inherit his genius, you are most highly favored with opportunities of instruction than he was at your age. His reputation will be an introduction to you on ~~the~~ <sup>not</sup> ~~life~~, but you must <sup>not</sup> depend upon it to sustain you ~~in~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>are</sup> ~~public~~ <sup>yourself</sup> ~~expectation~~ <sup>worthy</sup> of ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> public expectation.

Your Aunt has

good health for