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My dear

It has given me inexpressible satisfaction to receive a letter from Louisville. Doubts and fears began to oppress me apprehensive that my too sanguine disposition had been giving rapidly to sink into gloom and melancholy. The very few lines which you did me the honor to write to me have restored me to a happy temper which will enable me to endure with a brave spirit the time that must intervene before we meet. I do not say that your note is entirely such a one as I had hoped and expected to receive. It is dignified almost to formality and I sometimes ask myself, can I have gained the affection without the confidence of her to whom I have dedicated the free offering of my sincere attachment? - But do not suppose, my dear Julia, that I blame your discretion. Far from it. In the short interview that I had with you at the moment of your departure, the feelings that were mutually told, you may now think were not sufficiently