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After parting with you, I arrived at the farm about half after two. I am happy in stating that Mr M. had proposed the step which I suggested to you as proper, and that the papers are drawn and to be executed before the final step. As this was proposed by him, leaving entirely to the judgment of friends the extent of the limitation, with an avowed satisfaction in whatever might be thought best, his character is elevated in my estimation; and will, I presume, change your [illegible] It is evident that attachment is real, and that interest is not the governing principle. — I wish it were in my power to see and converse with you, as I could say more than I can commit to paper.

I cannot refrain from observing, at this time, the importance of union in the family. As the business is decided, & the important step fixed, opposition would now be fruitless, and could only give pain to one of the best of mothers and to sisters, who have been to you all you could wish. And, as the steps taken on his part are all that could be asked, it would savour of an improper biass, still to frown on the step. Indeed, I hope, my dear nephew, that an appeal to you as a son will decide you not to be tenacious of ground, which would bear a root of bitterness in the family, and insure pain and sickness to a mother who loves you too well. She lives in her children — surely then, all should combine to make her last days happy. — I again regret that I cannot converse with you, as, I know the heart of a parent, and I should speak more ardently & affectionately than my pen can express. — Do come, and join the family