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My dear Ebbs

On going down to Philadelphia for a few days at Christmas, I received your friendly invitation to witness your marriage, but it was then wholly out of my power, and therefore instead of disturbing you at that critical with long letters, I thought it better to wait till your happiness was announced, and then offer you, as I now do most sincerely, my congratulations - I figure to myself that by this time you have become matrimonial & settled - you no longer talk of going to Russia - no thought of wandering about Europe - even the minerals are neglected for good solid substantial happiness. Where do you mean to live? what do you mean to do for some years to come? Tell me all this at full length. What I am doing you will see by some of our debates which have just come from the press - and a copy of which I put under cover to you - Run your eye over it, and if it would excite any interest among you at this time, some printer might make use of it in justifying if possible the public opinion on that important subject. Excuse me for writing more, for one of my colleagues who sits next to me is making a speech from which I seek