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Joseph Delaplaine has written to me, proposing that I should sit for my Portrait, to be presented to him, & to furnish a sketch of my Life, to be introduced ~~into~~ his Repository.— It is out of the question for me to write any thing about myself to be published at this time,— all I can do, is to furnish a copy of Stuart's Portrait, to be made by Vanderlyn or Farris in New York. I do not know whether the work is of such a character, as to render it proper, to incur this Expence.— In the