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My dear Mrs G

I should deserve, from you, a severer reprimand than I have already received from a friend of yours [illegible] I longer to delay answering your very kind affectionate & believe very [illegible] to add & to a married lady too, July 18th. Were I not assured that your considerate goodness would urge a better excuse than I can frame on the occasion, I might plead that of my visit to Boston & the various engrossing cares & thoughts which of late have occupied my mind so as almost to exclude every other object — But it is not too late for me to express my warmest thanks for your good wishes & the pleasure I feel in the prospect of cultivating a friendship which has hitherto been to me a source of so much pleasure & improvement — You rely too much upon my magnanimity if you suppose I can very readily forgive your even hunting the probability of any change of name producing a change of feeling towards one from whom I have received every evidence of the most disinterested attachment & for whom I have ever entertained feelings as warm, if their nature has not been the same — I have always been aware of the interest you both felt & expressed for me, and although the first might have been premature I could not be insensible to the motive which occasioned it — The human face divine is to your penetrating glance an open book