How often when in N.Y. have I shrunk from the information it expressed & of which I scarcely felt the consciousness & which I dared not acknowledge even to myself while there — But all my doubts & fears are now at an end & the future presents to my view nothing but happiness unclouded save by the separation from my family to which the connexion I am about to form will condemn me — We think & feel so much alike on every subject connected with domestic feeling that to you it is unnecessary to dwell upon it. My dear Father even now does not meet me without tears in his eyes — he is so entirely dependent upon his children for his happiness that on his account I dread the event that will deprive me of his affectionate care & protection — Parting from the rest I can bear to think of, but he is on the decline of life and a thousand namelessness crowd upon mind but thanks Heaven his health is still firm & he promises to see me in N.Y. before the expiration of a year

I ~~C~~ mentioned that he read to you the passage in his letter intended for your perusal, which expressed my regrets for the loss of your letter, owing, perhaps I should say to your husband having too much to remember instead of his forgetfulness. I suppose my Lady had various other commissions more important for him to attend to & he thought no more of his, as the Philosopher says, "Hanoverian Possessions" I hope my dear Mrs G to receive from you a long letter containing those of your experiences by which I may profit, previous to taking orders, both