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Degree of felicity on Earth as one might Reasonably Suppose it would take off in some Measure that Relish we Shall certainly have for ~~that~~ ~~state after leaving~~ exquisite pleasures after Leaving all World when so Small a portion of it comes to our Share, ~~[illegible]~~ I shall begin to think Wife, you have not so much Pride or Vanity as is generally allowed ~~[illegible]~~ ~~Have~~ for if that is not the Case Would any one in New Town particularly ~~[illegible]~~ hope, that Mr William Carmichael would ~~[illegible]~~ Rate the intrinsick Value of his Sweet Person, exclusive of the little extrinsick helps, which are absolutely necessary, to hope, Indeed the only Consequence of Many, So Very low, as to ~~suppose~~ be so far Convinced of the ~~[illegible]~~ considerable figure he Should make ~~on the Road~~ on the Road ~~from~~ Annapolis to Baltimore mounted on the back of Baldface as to induce him to deny his friend the satisfaction of enjoying his Company & himself the pleasure which I'm again convinced he feel in participating of that good humour which now has the Ascendant & would be Offner if You were by to ~~Relight~~ kindle the ~~[illegible]~~ burnt out; I've a great notion Will, both of us wouldn't be so much the prey of low Spirits, if we were constantly together and if there is a Chance pray don't think that yr Consequence depends so much on ~~the~~ the Beast you ride ~~or the~~ where you are known, ~~then~~ Since it makes no Difference, & when You are not what Signifies it, if People wh Judge of the man, why ~~[illegible]~~ by such ~~appearances~~ take it for granted ~~[illegible]~~ if they had one that the horse was so much better brute than its Master, so be even with them in their own Way, or if that would ~~[illegible]~~ do, Satisfied with my own importance