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her mind fully imployed, I really did not think it
possible I could make my self so happy in a place
where I assure you there is very little society but
it consoles me when I think I have been paying
penance for many sins which we all have to
answer for, even the best of us, you will say I am quite
religious grown of late but I always thought a person
could not begin too young to prepare for a different
state, and I am firmly of Blairs opinion that Gaiety
and dissipation will ever be a bar to reflection and
it is that, which points out to us our sins, however
I think I hear you say a truce to such morality
and so an end to it — It is impossible to tell
you how often I have wished for your company
if I could command what fairy tales tells of, wishes
caps &c &c we should not long be separated, I was
delighted to hear you have a coachee and hope
we shall be gratified by seeing you all here in the
spring I am certain it wd be of infinite service to
your dear fathers health and, your Mama with you
selves can want no other inducement than that
of seeing your friends in this part of the country
if solicitation wd have any effect we should have
seen you here long ago, but alas they have in every
instance failed, however if ever you do get here I tell
you before hand I shall look on you as my right
and shall claim you as such, tell your Mama not
to forget the promise she made me of being
sworn mother to you if ever you should
meet with her loss, you know what I mean
by that I have not the presumption to think that
I have gained more experience than yourselves but
I think it ~~would be~~ in my power to alleviate and
make you bear a loss of the kind with more fortitude
than people generally master, on those occasions, but may
heaven ever avert, at least as long is possibly com-