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To what will you attribute my silence? to any cause, My Dearest friend, but a diminution of affection that is a conclusion you can never make with justice the little interview we enjoyed in George town, only served to augment my regret at our Dwellings being so separated Mama's, I assure you equals mine. your delicate health renders me very anxious; you think your Constitution very strong, but permit not that Idea to make you careless of it your Opinion entirely coincides with mine, in regard to Ossian. I have read but little of him, in that little found some beautiful Metaphors but so crouded that a very few pages were all, I could peruse with sufficient attention to understand I had heard nothing of the Report relative to Mr. Hollingsworth & Mrs. Sterett 'till I received yours, his being easily consoled after her indifference does not surprise me, as I believe the most susceptible of his Sex, bear such disappointments with true, Christian Fortitude The poets who have represented the little Deity's Arrows as being so infallible, were either Enthusiasts, or allowed themselves too much of the "Poets Licence" For the first time, I wish impatiently for Winter's approach, as then you & your valued Sister have promised to accompany Mrs. Howard to us with what delight do I antici

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