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he might have claim'd our particular attention, for
he found him a most agreeable intelligent companion,
Unfortunately too much a man of business to be able
to afford us has much of his society as he wished for-
I truly hope he will have a safe passage, & happy meeting
with his Wife & family, We also much regretted Mr Howards
hasty return, as from the little we saw of him, & the little
more, we have seen of Mr Pound, I was very fain of
the to specimen of well bred well informed Americans
compared with many of our Englishmen, who are affectedly
conceited coxcombs, & think every thing contemptable out of
their own Country — I have just finish'd a letter to
James your good Brother wherein I have spoken my
wishes respecting my Unhappy one, it will be a great
relief to my mind to be certain he wants no Rational
comfort it may be in my power to bestow upon him, &
I have entire reliance upon the good judgment that
will decide upon his necessities & the mode of relief —
I have also to him mention'd our dear Thomkins return
to us last summer, with a sweet little boy now 5 years
old, & certainly a very promising child, tho I can't
deny rans some small risk of being a little spoil-
Mr Pound will make report to you of him as also
my girls, who are amiable unsophisticated beings as ever
lived, neither of them so pretty as their brother, but
they will I trust, possess more permanent qualities to
secure their well doing both here & hereafter than that
soon fading commodity beauty — Their Fathers widowed
state makes us all one family, most likely so to
continue, till he may be tempted to enter the holy
pale again, a measure I should have no objection to, all things
suiting to his age & that of his children; he is at
present touring over the Highlands & Isles for North as
they land I believe; I rejoice at the good report you
make of my Sisters health, indeed my dear Niece in
that circumstance & the blessing of so good a brother
& amiable Wife & sweet children, you have much
left you to be thankfull for — I only wish our
Countrys were a little nearer, that we might live in
the hope of ever meeting in this world, our habits &
plans of life do not appear to be very dissimilar —
[illegible] is our principal scene of action
[illegible] Pound will tell you I am gay
[illegible] he met me at a Concert, but
[illegible] only very particular causes that
now ever tempts me into public, or indeed to anything
even private, from home, for the My dear Husband
is generally thought to look & be, as well as can be
expected at 70 years of age, having been ever a
very tender man, he is too much so now to risk night
air or hot rooms, therefore our winter parties are
wholly confined to our own fire side, where we are
ever happy to see our friends — & with music — a rubber
or a little Whist pass the time away very well —
Heretofore we have gone to some watering place in
the Summer, but now our own little Spot is finish'd
& we are surrounded with pleasant Neighbours &
very beautiful Country, we meant to stay quietly
at home — Moving with a large family we found both
troublesome & expensive — A small parcel under Mr
Brady's care

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