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My dear Dr. Morris

What a disappointment! I wrote to you on Friday morning asking Mrs Morris and you to dine with my daughter and myself at the Abbey on Saturday Evg. We brought Mr Joseph Patterson with us promising him a like gratification, which he looked forward to with great pleasure for he seems to have, like myself – poor weak mortals that we are –, an affection for you. We are here and you are not. We do not rave and swear because of it, but are rather thankful, since there is much to enjoy here even in the absence of our friends. My impression is that you are to sail 21st and consequently I did not doubt I should find you here. As a consolation, the

I do not think them many, or hard to be borne, yet I feel that the decline of life should be passed in the shade and retirement of one's home. It seems to me that I shrink now that myself as in the decline, not that I feel my strength diminishing or my judgment impaired, but I have been brought to look at these scores and ten as a mark which determined it. And as the desire for honor, it is unwise to say so for others may find it difficult of belief, it has never had the slightest influence on my actions, and if any thing I have ever done has caused me to feel in the eyes of my fellow men I value it only as the opposite of dishonor, from which I pray that I may ever be protected by Him who I trust is my guardian and my guide. Commending you to God's Holy keeping. With kind remembrances to all my friends at home I am affly

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