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It is a fact, that cannot be denied, that all men seek happiness. No matter what may be their Station in life. nor under what climate Kind. providence may have placed them. this aim is the Same. The heathen rears him up a Log of wood or Stone. and calls it his God, and falls down thereto. and worshipeth. and in this he is happy. The christian casts his anxious eyes upwards and implores the God of heaven to protect and have mercy on him. and in this he is happy But aside from all this. there is a happiness that is sought after. with greater avidity. Namely—Riches honour national greatness. and a great name. These are the glittering ~~gems~~ gems that dazzel the eye and attract many attention. and after these the whole world has gone out. But in the midst all this where is ~~of~~ Africa

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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