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My Dear Sir,

You will perhaps not suppose how glad I was to hear from you - but you may judge how matters have gone with me when I tell you that after returning on Saturday afternoon, Mr. Webb & myself, in consequence of pressing invitation, thought it right to start off on Monday morning at 7h. 15m. to see a cousin of hers in a precarious state on the Isle of Wight! and we are returned much fatigued & unsettled, on Thursday night - & I have only got into harness again by this time. And now, of course, I have a whole load upon me at once - and consequently have too much neglected you! - for indeed I am particularly obliged by what you have so kindly done for Mr. With - and so I can see he will be - it is a most kind & satisfactory explanation, & quite within his "power" - I have not yet forwarded it to him, but hope to do so shortly. - I have been trying to test his speculation that Mr. Weston may have the best - but unfortunately my journey cost me 24 splendid nights, & those since, the