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Sir

Mont^o. Apr. 20. 24.^{4.}

I have just now received your favor of Mar. 31. and with it the book you have been so kind as to send me, but I cannot promise that I shall read it. 600 pages ~~at~~ at the age of 81. ^{are} a formidable undertaking. the subject too is one on which had I not made up my mind before this age, I should be inexcusable indeed. and having done this in the vigor of body and mind, a change under the wane of both would be more likely to produce than to correct error.

I will remember the merits of the Prospect before us, and the subsequent demerits of the miserable publisher. he was a ^{poor creature} ~~miserable being~~ sensible, hypochondriacal, drunken, ^{penny} and unprincipled. I learn with satisfaction that your separation from him dated with his deflection from the path of merit, and that you are entitled to so much of the credit which had been given to him exclusively.

The correspondence with Rich^d Richardson gave me reason to believe he had a considerable sugar estate of land & negroes in Jamaica but encumbered with large debts. The sudden discontinuance of his letters left me without a doubt of his death.

Accept the assurance of my esteem & respect

H. J.

Robert Richardson. Union village. Ohio.

Richardson Robert, Apr. 20. 24.

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