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Madam

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Your friendly offer on the subject of my daughter, which I this moment receive, merits & meets my warmest thanks. I have unfortunately but a choice among difficult & disagreeable things for her. of the plans practicable in my situation I have been obliged to adopt that which presented the fewest objectionable circumstances. she is at present engaged in courses of music, drawing &c. in which she has yet made a progress by no means sufficient. I am unwilling therefore to interrupt these, & the nearer as neither her nor my return to America are ever considered as very distant, tho' I fix no time. these considerations induce me to think it best for her to continue her present pursuits, otherwise I should have been happy in confiding her to so good hands for showing her those countries which of all others I have ever thought most worthy of being seen. I have therefore to repeat my thanks to you for your goodness, and according to your desire re-enclose your letter, which, while you prohibit me from mentioning it to others, shall ever be remembered by him who has the honour to be with sentiments of the most perfect esteem & respect, Madam your most obedient & most humble servant

W. Jefferson

P.S. I am in hopes your departure will not be so sudden but that I may have the honour of your company to dinner on Thursday next.

Mr. ~~Montgomery~~ ~~Montgomery~~ Montgomery



