

is utterly unworthy of the consideration  
of all honorable men. & therefore  
should give you but little trouble.  
The gratitude of an obligation  
is paid so soon as the demand  
is made. I am as, my own  
must be, who knows you as I think  
I do your friend  
J. W. Morley

of  
Mr. Kane  
52 Park St.

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Dear Widow

I learn with not a little  
surprise from Mr. Whittier & B. M. that you  
have done yourself the injustice & me  
the wrong - to painfully brood over, the  
unguarded, & certainly the unmeaning remarks  
I made since we were in our apartments  
at the City Hotel - Unguarded, because it  
would have been unfeeling and certainly  
~~unpleasant~~ unpardonable, to have  
said, under my own roof, to any one,  
that which was disagreeable, and  
much more so, that which was  
offensive & insulting - Unmeaning, because  
no gentleman ever did design to in-  
sult a female & much less a lady -  
- & that, I did not promptly say so to  
you, the first time we met there -  
after - was, that I could not allow myself  
to believe for one moment, that



you of all others, could suppose me capa-  
ble of the sentiment and feeling towards you  
which the preface & declaration it seems  
conveyed to your mind - I even feared,  
that an apology might appear to admit  
the design imputed - I admit, that  
when I found you seemingly timid  
and very guarded in your remarks,  
I feared, you might lay too much  
stress upon what you necessarily  
regarded as the delicacy of your  
situation towards the parties - and  
that you might subject yourself  
to the imputation of being actuated  
by feelings of policy - to avoid any  
ground for just suspicion. I did  
wish to rouse you to a full  
appreciation of what was due to  
yourself, and ~~that~~ relieve you  
from a charge which was  
as unworthy of you as it was  
unjust - too much regard

for the feelings others, is too often  
misconstrued, and placed to a wrong  
account - The practice of self respect,  
by showing that independence, which every  
high mind must appreciate, is the  
true ground to stand upon - If I saw  
not mistake - you the right before the  
last, suffered, as I feared you would, by  
a misunderstanding of your character -  
- which encouraged an unwary attempt,  
to take an advantage at which  
high minded delicacy should have  
blushed - I will not trust myself on  
this subject - The shake does you  
honor - the disgrace very where  
it should - I will not take  
up more of your time - other  
than to say, that while I admit the  
delicacy of your situation, that,  
those who do not guard and expect  
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