

William Van Landt Esq

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Indisposition has prevented
my replying earlier to your note and I
regret it the more as you appear by one
of your remarks to be under some great
error - "I'm say" that were had the commu-
-nication you have made me been necessary

Had your attentions to my daughter
ceased as soon as you were informed her
parents could not give their sanction
it would certainly not have been necessary
for me to write you or enclose the commu-
-nication I did - But tho, from more than
one source, you was made perfectly aware
of our views, still your manner openly con-

continued and report a thing I decidedly
dislike was daily getting me busy.

It then became my duty to my child
as well as an act of justice to you
to show you plainly the proper course.

It was done in no unkindness William
but your good mother is too honest in all
her way not to have done just as I did.

You were welcomed here almost as a
child of my own and truly did I rejoice
to receive you under our roof. As soon as
I saw your manner to my daughter, tho'
it pained me to do it, I took measures to
have you early informed it could not be.
At last, I had to vote you a stranger for
the time being and write as I did.

By and by, we will all be as if the thing

had never occurred and you will be at
home again at Farmwood. I enclose
you, your letter to me as I deem it best all
correspondence of this kind should be
in the possession of the writer.

Truly your friend

E. M. Thomas