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I have only a few minutes allow'd me to  
 thank my most beloved friend for his last testimony of  
 regard, which was beyond expression welcome. My anxi-  
 ety to visit you cannot be described, but alas! I am  
 now compelled to relinquish the only gratification  
 which has been left me for many years. However, I  
 will aim at entire resignation; it becomes necessary  
 tho' for me to vindicate myself. my being quite passive  
 has induced some persons to suppose that I merit the  
 odium so profusely bestowed on me. I must conjure  
 You to specify what my offence was. certainly my being  
 obliged to seek an asylum among those who were once  
 my avowed enemies, must be consider'd as some atone-  
 ment. ~~~~~ Would you believe it possible my dear Sir,  
 that your wishing me to remain at your house last  
 Summer five years, was said to arise from a convic-  
 tion that my presence was inimical to my Sisters

repose. I mention this merely, to give you some idea of my complicated distresses. I was told of F. C.'s informing her acquaintances that you were in her opinion actuated by that reason alone. Never can I forget your kindness at that, and every other time for nearly six years. Nor can I ever cease to regret my allowing the idea of my imposing on your goodness to have power sufficient to bring me at that particular period from your friendly host. Pardon this trouble from a friend whose heart is nearly broken. My Sister has known for some months that I would meet her here, with the intention of returning to Bizarre. I shall write to my beloved Mrs T shortly. I lament the necessity of writing the enclosed - nothing but cruel abuse could have induced me to mention what I am convinced proceeded from a sudden impulse of passion. Yours most affectionately, Ann C. Randolph

My dear friend  
I am  
yours

