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Believe me, my very dear Friend that  
this choicest blessing from the hand of our  
Heavenly Father shall never imbibe an  
evil spirit - Oh no! even to those who  
have named him "cut us off" his dear lit:  
Ale<sup>hand</sup> is offered whenever he meets them. Having  
a skilful coachman and four fine hays  
entirely at my command I sometimes make  
morning visits in the city to give Gouver.  
exercise - not long ago I had just been  
to return the call of a Lady from New  
England and before the driver could  
mount the box - The most bitter of  
the "cut us off" family approached as  
he was passing the street - I immediately  
I spoke, presented my child at the win-  
dow and desired him to shake hands  
with that gentleman - never never  
shall he have malignity infused into his  
charming temper - The Christian religion  
is perfect - but, if hospitality is asked  
to make an opportunity of setting ones  
house on fire - the unexpected flame  
must sparkle for a time - Thank God  
my husband and child are well and happy

Accept many thanks for your kind  
letter and advice - that part on the  
score of "spoiling", Mr. M. thinks very  
necessary - He unites with me in  
every respectful and cordial emotion  
toward you - Present me most affecti-  
onately to Mrs. Tucker and Polly.

I write in haste now merely to  
assure you of my tender attachment.

God bless you & yours  
your grateful A. C. Morris

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French China is not very high now