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Dear Beverley

A Firm yet gentle tie binds me always to you — some hard ropes pull me in a harsh way — I have given offence to my own relations, about two years, by positively refusing to join in that confounding Will of Jack's — nearly all my kin expect to be provided for from that source — Mr. Brookerbrough's Son, my Nephew William, who has dissipated a handsome fortune, given his wife, by her excellent Father, above all, my brother William, last year he expected \$15000 now he calculates on \$20,000 — "exactly the sum he wants" I have toiled hard indeed and thereby secured independence for my noble boy — my conduct in an estate which had against it the constant cry of insolvency gains the applause of all good people this way — the entire business was thrown on me as my co-executor, so named, loudly declared the property to be more in debt than it was worth, credit was prostrated by my husband's blindness to Lyden — but, my dear Beverley, I took my course and laboured night <sup>and day</sup> with the papers, and managing this farm — I looked to God for aid, to your most noble Father for Counsel, he recommended the celebrated Richard Harrison, now no more — tho' it gratified me vastly to see his Son following his foot steps — he has suits, most intricate, in Chancery, from Le May's creditors

in Europe

— Still my pen has not yet taken  
up what cuts me most deeply - those awful libels on your generous  
benevolent, honorable parent whose memory I adore - questions  
were put to me lately, I said the charges were invented by  
a malignant madman, furnished by a youth destitute of all  
principle - and brought before the public by a person  
who disgraced the subject —

When I lean forward to attempt writing  
I find that the pain I have long been subject to is too distressing  
to be borne many minutes

God bless you always your truly  
affectionate Friend A. C. M.

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