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N.uis mi.

Sir.

I have need of the same comfort I suppose y<sup>e</sup> are expecting from me. Do esteeme y<sup>e</sup> loss to be mine as much as any body's, but y<sup>e</sup> selfe and who should not be interessed in the fall of such a flower. and who more then I in the raising of such a friend, such a totuli ornamentum, as once I did entitle her, and always have published her to be. But, S<sup>r</sup> when the last time we had the honour to see her here. I did <sup>find</sup> her so decayed and altered, that indeed I could scarce hope she could outlive me. and I make no question but from time to time y<sup>e</sup> have observed her going to her heavenly home: so that non improvise vulnere de celo tactus es. leaving the more reason to accept w<sup>th</sup> humble submission what God almighty hath been pleased to send upon y<sup>e</sup>. I hope he will balace this affliction w<sup>th</sup> many and perpetual prosperities and give me power and occasion to shew y<sup>e</sup> how earnestly I doe desire and begg the continuation of y<sup>e</sup> friendship, constantly resolved to be, as long as I shall be alive.

S<sup>r</sup>.

y<sup>e</sup> most humble ancient  
and faithfull servant.