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N.uis mi.

Sir.

I have need of the same comfort I suppose y^e are expecting from me. Do esteeme y^e loss to be mine as much as any body's, but y^e 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^r when the last time we had the honour to see her here. I did ^{find} her so decayed and altered, that indeed I could scarce hope she could overlive me. and I make no question but from time to time y^e have observed her going to her heavenly home: so that non improvise vulnere de celo tactus es. leaving the more reason to accept wth humble submission what God almighty hath been pleased to send upon y^e. I hope he will balance this affliction wth many and perpetual prosperities and give me power and occasion to shew y^e how earnestly I doe desire and begg the continuation of y^e friendship, constantly resolved to be, as long as I shall be alive.

S^r.

y^e most humble ancient
and faithfull servant.