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My dear Joseph,

Your letters are pleasing to me, as proofs of your affectionate and dutiful regard; but, how much more pleasure should I feel, could I see them well written, and free from grammatical errors, also your expressions more free & correct, as well as your spelling. - I am truly sorry that your Father so detains you from school, but I hope, after the Holidays, he will again permit me to intercede with him, for, at least, another twelve months, for without rigid attention to your studies for that time, I fear you will be exceedingly deficient, even, of a common education. I am glad to hear that <sup>you</sup> are obedient & attentive to your Father's commands in the Shop - but, my dear Joseph endeavour to keep your own place, remember you are yet a Boy, and not a Man, therefore never attempt to assume any thing, but, always strive to learn in humble submission; self conceit and pride always appear very odious. think of this my dear, experience will teach you the truth of these remarks. May the blessing of the Almighty constantly rest on you - prays your very affectionate Mother

at all times I shall be glad to receive your letters -  
 Mother  
 your Mother