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My Dearest Love,

My inclination would lead me at all times to coincide with your wishes, and I am sorry that in the present case it is not in my power to do so. To act conscientiously towards others, as I would wish another to act towards me, has long been my motto; but, how far I have gone by this rule you are the best judge with respect to inviting Henry to return; you well know that I hate compliments, my maxim is sincerity: if he comes back he must sleep in ^{my} room, and I must dress wash and comb him myself; as your daughter says she will not be Mrs T's servant any longer; his ~~time~~ also I must wash myself for our new dairy woman has given me a sufficient specimen of her washing. she says, it cannot be expected that she can wash with four young children; so that I shall be under the necessity of applying to Mrs German; I think you very well know, that I will submit to any possible inconvenience in order to save expence, but, my poor debilitated frame sinks under the most trifling exertion, and shrinks through the fear of increased suffering; since I had the pleasure of seeing you, I have been very poorly in body; and my spirits have been much

depressed; my way is the way of heaviness; of late, I do not
rise above my complaints; but sink under the weight
of them - O, that patience had its perfect work in me
I want to be more spiritually minded which is life and
peace; I want to give myself up to God without reserve,
I know not that I live in the commission of any sin, but
I fear that I omit some duty yet I do pray that the Lord
would teach me his will and impart unto me his
grace to perform all that he requires of me; I desire
to renounce all reasonings; all reflections on my state;
looking unto Jesus for faith, by which, I may glorify his
most blessed Name - my happiest moments are when
I can pour out my heart to the Lord, and confess all
my sins at the footstool of infinite mercy; O, that
the remainder of my life may be entirely consecrated to
the divine will; but I need a clean heart, to be saved from
evil tempers, thoughts, and desires, I want to have my own
will lost in the will of God - a variety of distressing
years perplex me, with regard to my dear children, lest
they should not be properly trained - will they not be
required at our hands - what an awful charge is
committed unto us - thank God for an helpmeet - let
us, my dearest love, continue in sincere ^{prayer} for direction,
that our hearts may be always disposed to do, and to love
the will of God. may we live to God every moment, and de-
vote every power to his service - your truly affec^ted Wife
my sincere love to the Dr. & yours
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