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Friend Mary

Now will, no doubt, think it rather strange, that I should write you a letter on the same day, on which we parted; and I can only account for it by supposing, that seeing you lately makes me think you of you more than usual, which at our late meeting we had but few expressions of thought.

You must know that I can not see you, or think of you, with entire indifference, and yet, it may be, that you, are mistaken in regard to what my real feelings towards you are. If I knew you were not, I should not trouble you with this letter. Perhaps any other man would know enough without further information; but I consider it my peculiar right to prevent ignorance, and your bounden duty to allow the plain I want in all cases, to do right; and not particularly so, in all cases with women. I want, at this particular time, more than any thing else, to do right with you, and if I knew it would be done right, as I rather suspect it would, to let you alone, I would do it.

The purpose of making this matter as plain as, now drop the subject from me has any from me answered, without me from me. And I now say, that you can never, and leave this letter arising from an accusing mind will ever go further, and say