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Knowing you so well Dear Mrs Clayton, I think I can adress my selfe no where so well as to you, to doe people service, your inclination agreeing so well with it, I think I am obliged to doe my best, to justify Doctor Douglas, who I should be mighty sorry to have less well thought on, for what has lately hapend to me, I must say, y<sup>t</sup> he always doubted about y<sup>e</sup> condition I was supposed to be in, since I came to Callais, which is very probable, since he never gave me the least incouragement. To believe it, I should be very glad when occasion serves, you would be so good, as to

answer this to persons who will maybe, be ill Natured enough, to lay hold of any thing, that may be hurtfull to another, I hope by this time, you will have been so good, as to have forgot whatever you may have disliked in Divers conduct, & that you will in time join with me, to doe her service, when she will want it, I certainly have all reasons imaginable, to be satisfyd with her service, and should be very sorry to part with her, if it was not her own choice, so shall doe whatever lyes in my power, to Chenevix able to keep her, so as y<sup>t</sup> she may thinke