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No power on earth shall detain me in a situation where the smallest speck is liable to be thrown upon it - I will not be satisfied with myself but the world must do me justice.

I know a way to avoid its baneful censures by retiring for ever from it - To you who are just entering on yr. pleasures of life this detour from a young person may appear strange - but believe me yr. sacrifice will cost me little regret & as

as I desire your visit Professor will come only w<sup>th</sup> the ostensible reason on Thursday's with the Brig Rosejay - Advice my mind is now tranquil & I am not at present unhappy  
Adieu Professeur la même

but remarks I must have been made by  
some silent observer of y. Windsor party  
- a person whom I must ever look on as my  
Friend after having told me what was said to me  
had been said of me - "I think if I am not  
"deceived in you you would be very sorry to  
"become the Topic of common conversation  
"when by your future conduct you may  
"avoid it" - After this you will not be surprised  
if I say I hope I shall not go again to W -  
I am & ever will be your friend, & as my friend  
you must be tender of my fame & honor I  
have repeatedly told you it is dearer to me than  
life - No promise (I made of not going fr<sup>om</sup> this family)