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I would not have you my
D^r. friend become calous to
y^r. opinion of y^r. world - The P. S.
of your note has, upon a reper-
sal, hurt me extremely - you say
my Friend "you despise all
"foolish reports as beneath
you" - Oh consider what you
owe yourself - consider what
likewise heaven has amply
endowed you with talents, &
every requisite to become
the ornament, y^e. example,
the glory of a Nation - I
again tell you my friendship
y^e. affection for you is
great & sincere ~~and~~ ~~and~~
does not this deserve some
little return, & surely my
friend w^d. not hesitate to
grant it when he cannot be
convinced I have no ostensive
self interested motive, do not
then, O do not for my sake af-

²/if not for your own lay your-
self open to y^r. world in a
character to which you would
blush to sign your name —

If I have said too much
impute it to that friendship
I feel & w^h. I have honestly
dared to avow to you —

Do not answer this till you
have time to do it fully

Heaven guard — preserve
I direct you prays your
sincere & tenderest friend

Adieu

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