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My dearest, dearest, dearest Sister, Friend, & Friend

I return you ye sincerest thanks  
for yr Book I never have read it as yet,  
& shall peruse it over with ye greatest  
attention. You ~~know~~ know y<sup>t</sup>. whether  
comes to me from you always delights  
me, however I will fairly declare to  
you my opinion about it & will take  
ye liberty of marking with ink ye  
passages y<sup>t</sup>. strike me most. Oh may  
Heaven grant y<sup>t</sup>. this freedom  
friendship; & peace of souls to each  
other may never cease but without  
doubt, at least if it be in my power, <sup>shall</sup> I

I never as yet have read Julia de Rohan's  
epique, & I beg of you to be so good as  
~~you~~ have returned you ye. man of  
feeling you will lend it one, if you  
have it, if not I will get it.

Pray excuse ye. shortness of this  
little note, for I am acell, hurried  
as to time, if I was not you may  
depend upon it y<sup>t</sup>. I sh<sup>d</sup>. tire you  
with a longer Epistle, for I think  
I am never better employed, than  
when writing to you, except when

I am conversing with you. Adieu

May you enjoy every blessing ye  
almighty of his infinite goodness  
can grant you, & may you at last

Obtain his everlasting Kingdom, is  
my constant Prayer of yr,

sincerely affectionate Brother

Salomon Tongois de name

P.S.

Pray keep up yr. spirits when  
Playing with yr. little children. & don't  
exert yr. so much as to be exhausted.  
Inform I entreat of you whether you  
hear my respects about W. or  
are true or abt. You need not hurry  
yourself about yr. choice, only let me  
know it by my return on W. or M. or  
A. etc. Dieu le bon Dieu vous garde.  
Tongois de name  
Vobis Salomon.

*[Faint, illegible cursive handwriting on aged, yellowed paper with a red wax seal on the left side.]*