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A thousand thanks, my beloved Mary
for your kind Letter, with the Papers con-
tained in it, which I receiv'd yesterday
in perfect safety; but which I had not the
moment to acknowledge until now. The
long Paper I do ~~not~~ mean to keep, unless
you should wish me to retain ^{it} for you,
for you yourself to preserve, & in which
case, should you desire me to do so, I
will send ^{it} you back by return of Post.
With respect to the remark you have
made, of not having set down with
the rest, what pass'd between you &
Charlotte in your subsequent letter
& late conversation with her, it shall be

exactly as You please, & I do not think
it is any way very material (provided
You make a separate Note of that)
whether it makes a Paper of itself, or
is embodied with the other conversations.
Though I have some little doubt, about
upon the footing upon which, You &
Charlotte & myself stand, & the
Understanding which ~~prevails~~ ^{exists} between
us, through all these conversations, of
their ^{being} perfectly frank, open & voluntary
without any reserve or concealment in
any of the Parties, consequently that there
is, & was, no secret, nor any thing that
was to be kept back or behind; & as I do
had a tête tête communication with
Miss Innes, whilst You was left alone
with Charlotte, & the whole of which
conversation

think I stated verbatim to you & Charlotte
 when I returned to you both in the room
 when I had left you. I repeat that I
 have ~~no~~ therefore some little doubt whether
 upon this statement, & with this consid-
 eration, it would not be more desirable
 & preferable to keep the whole together
 than that Charlotte should have room
 to ~~say~~ ^{it is possible} ~~suppose~~ that either I ~~was~~
~~was~~ ^{was} ~~principal~~ ^{principal} ~~at~~ ^{at} ~~Peru~~ ⁱⁿ ~~our~~ ^{first} ~~interview~~
 any reserve or concealment upon this
 particular subject, or in whatever
 relates to it, from you, or that there
 can or ought to have any such ~~with~~
 notion or feeling towards me. But,
 after having ^{now} just suggested this to you
 my beloved Mary, I shall not trouble
 you further upon it at present, but let
 you turn it over in your mind at your
 leisure, & then decide upon it as you think

upon further consideration, is best & most
eligible, & with which ^{whichever day that may be} decision on your
part, I do agree. Now, I shall be most
perfectly satisfied, as no one can entertain
a higher opinion than I do, of your
solidity, accuracy & integrity, of your
good sense, judgment & understanding
in all immenities of life, as I have had
so many proofs of them, which have
long made me make up my mind com-
pletely upon these heads. And now bid
my dear Angel ^{1st} I have been too shut
a time here to have any thing either of
novelty or interest to tell you from home,
I shall not therefore say any longer upon
you, but conclude with every assurance
of how truly & sincerely I am,
Brighton. ever, your most affectionate
Brother
Jan 20. 1815. my best duty & love. George C. C.
1815. where you know I wish
them to be presented.