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On my arrival here I was most agree. astly surpriz'd in receiving a letter from you, you to own the truth: I began almost to fear my connexions and friends had entirely obliterated in my dear Mr. Randolph the remembrance of one who notwithstanding the distance which separated us, will always feel great pleasure in hearing from you. I hope it is almost unnecessary to add how greatly my satisfaction was increased in finding you now so happy. I wish that you may have also before this reaches you an addition to your happiness which I shall be glad to hear as well as of your perfect recovery. I am infinitely obliged to you for disposing with my writing a journal, as it must have appeared uncommonly dull without civille love letters or envoys from the east. I must own that indeed I for some time engaged the attention of most people in this town is the dispute between
The two Opera stories which must certainly entertain you very much, but you will there fore lament. Potidoeus cannot be even with the affect of the prophet at two places at the same time as you would have come chance of knowing the merits of each case. We had unexpectedly a visit from Miss Dashwood, she write to Caroline those once on the age to say she was to be married in a few days to Mr. Parker, Lord Macclesfield's son. She was then at this house in the country. The match is certainly put off as they are all come to town & she at present is with Lady Murray, which is not certainly a good thing for her. But her guardians, I hear say, they do not know how to manage Miss Dashwood, while I conclude to be the reason she does not live with either of them. I fancy Mr. Smith made her alter her opinion about Mr. P. as his elder sister has children, she will not be a Lord, which we know she would like better but I do not think it, by any means desirable for her to marry him. She is reckoned very fastidious & of a bad character, as she sold out of the army.
when his regiment was ordered abroad on the report of a war. But I must not forget to mention your favorite Mrs. Boutte five Madam & her daughter are all at Paris; they talk of returning in ten days just as they did when we knew them there two years ago. They live in the same style giving balls etc. They have received several proposals from the Airy & others of their partners, which have been all refused - but if it happens you are the least interested in any part of this stupid episode you must certainly be so in regard to the charming Mrs. Charlotte Dering, will have the humanity to file her misfortunes, which are no less than that she is returned to live in England with all her family & has lived ever since in the country. She never speaks anything but French; she wrote to Caroline 4 pages to complain of her true cost to live parmi les dames, which she has not answered & indeed I do not think it deserves to be, as it is very ridiculous & still more to pretend to have forgotten her own language, but lest you should wish one to pretend she came forgotten by taking so
much of your time, I shall conclude this with earnest wishes for your welfare & believe me, my dear Mr. Randolph, Yours very sincerely,

E. Tufton