Although I have not time to answer your letter at length, my dearest Mother, yet the subject of it is so interesting, that I write a few lines merely to let you know that I have received it. Thank God the most urgent of my dear father's debts can now be paid off, and after the sale of Vania we may yet look forward to years of peace and comfort. The seal with the little episode struck me when I first saw it and knowing how much you admired letters of this kind, I made use of it on purpose that you might remark the impression I little thought that your mind was in such a state of anxiety to make you hail as ominous what was almost accidental; if I had had any suspicion of the kind, the letter in my letter would have given place to feelings of alarm and anxiety, but your tenderness has saved me. In every circumstance of my life I can trace your influence, every anxious feeling, every correct principle seem to be derived from your maxims and example; to you I am indebted for everything, and I can only repay you by an affectionate letter expressed than described.

I am quite recovered from my rheumatism, although the attack was severe and confined me some days to my room. Write to me again, dearest Mother, for your letters afford me a much greater pleasure than any that can be derived from the gay scenes in which I am on earth; they produce a beneficial effect upon my mind, they strengthen and confirm my good resolutions, they comfort me for every trifling mortification & remove every uneasy feeling.
by making me remember that although I'm seeking for amusement, I may be sometimes disappointed, I am not dependent for happiness upon any of those by whom I am surrounded.

I have, hopefully neglected poor Camellia's request of making out a list of the books which I read under Grandpapa's direction, so I have not time to do it now but by the next post the whole receive it. Adieu, a great deal of love to all the family, not forgetting "Dolly Lots" and her charming mama. In letters for the music books for N., and in case I should not be able to procure one, Miss Lindsey has one which belonged to her sister Mrs. Maddox. Virginia might borrow it and copy whatever she wanted. I am not desirous of you seeing more of my letter.