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I thank you a thousand times my
 dearest dear Love for your very
 affectionate and kind Letter. how
 delightful to receive such charming
 proofs of your regard how charming
 to my spirits - Indeed my dear
 Mary I never never can change -
 my motto shall be perpetuous duration
 we will be happy in each other, we
 have the fountain of happiness
 within us - which cannot be materially
 affected by any worldly concern -
 It is unfortunate that we must be
 separated so long - but it cannot be
 avoided - how happy shall I be to be
 liberated ~~from my present situation~~
~~and~~ to return to the best of homes
 I believe I have hired a servant

But I shall have her determination
in an hour - She is a pretty looking
young woman about 19 - has been well
brought up - is clever with her needle
She has no objection to live in the country
which Mr. has just left - She is to have
some Instructions in handwriting - which
I promised to pay up if she lived
with you a year - the wages 16 guineas -

I like my Cousin very much - we have
not met for the last 22 years - it is
a pity that his Father has behaved
so ill to me - which prevents his
treating him with that cordiality I
could wish - it is hard that a son sh.
answer for the sin of his Father -

I return answers to Hershey - 9th
of the 10 - I received - the subject of it
had given me great uneasiness -
May doesn't feel advised God bless you
You know I am wholly your own
John Dickinson