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My dearest Wife

It would greatly enhance my present felicity to be able to express to you, (who are the Cause of it) in terms equal to the warmth of my feelings, how sensible I am of the Blessings I enjoy from an Union with You.

Franklin would be still more attached to this earthly State could every Individual reflect the experience of more than four or five Years, with equal sincerity & satisfaction as myself, had with joy the return of that day on which his Wife was born — May you most amiable of Women & Best of Wives live many Years, and continue to afford to our Daughter a bright Example of every amoral Virtue, unaffected Religion & perfect Consistency of Character & thus around you cheerfulness & agreeable rational pleasure to those who are so happy as to enjoy your society

and I would almost add perfect Bliss to the
Man who dares upon ^{Man} whose greatest
Pride is to have it in his power to subvert
himself. Yours affectionate Husband
John Dickinson

W^m. Dickinson to
 Mr D. on the
 1st anniversary of
 their wedding.

To
 Mrs. Dickinson