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- Suffice for me to tell you my friend, that I have
given up my most favorite scheme - I continue
in a situation for wth I have neither inclination,
strength of constitution, ^{nor} a sufficient stock of
spirits to support - I give up the society of people
who are dear to me - who are partial to me, who
would treat me with the utmost tenderness &
attention, & who were ready to receive me with
affectionate hearts & open arms - I love independ
ance & Liberty - I have no taste for the mere
parade of life - in short, I have already in one
instance proved I was sincere in saying I ^{would}

act up to the sacred character I had assumed.

I know y^r. will not betray
my confidence

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