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My dear Friend! it is literally impossible for me to say above two words to you at this instant tho' I intend writing you a letter in a few Days if I am allowed to take the time that will require - but my Friends here are all so kind to me that I am never left a moment alone - I found your letter, or at least received it soon after my return here i.e. a few days ago - you dated it the 6th of August but I guessed you meant October - well thank God. I shall see you with some prospect may certainly of comfort on the 10th of November, for some time we shall all be most happy to receive you both then & little Louisa - I have been at Norton & Leonard's since I saw you, & very well & very happy - enjoying the heavenly weather & the beautiful country & the society of my dear family & my kind Friends - I have been very much shocked & am extremely distressed by the Death of Col^l Cathcart & its influence on the happiness & prospects of my Friend Mr Young, who has lost in him every thing that was dear, every thing that was of value to him in this world! adieu my dear Friend I am going to Town to day for tomorrow's Drawing room & return here on Friday - & on Monday I go to the Lodge to stay.

till the 29th — God bless you my dear Friend
remember me to Mr Dickenson & to Mrs Donnan
Let my Benney desire their best Compl^{ts} to you
adieu adieu — the 10th we shall meet!

Thank God! most affec^{ly} & sincerely yours

C. M. Gunning

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