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Many thanks, my dearest Cousin, for your immediate and affectionate reply to my sad communication.

What you and Mr D. so kindly urge, is most natural, and, with the generality of parents, would be subject to no risk. But, I grieve to say, the feelings of the one in question, are at present, very peculiar. I received a letter from him, by the same post with yours, this morning, expressing of unchanged affection towards me, but peremptorily declining a meeting, unless I declared my conviction of the justice of all his opinions (you understand me). No one, my dearest Cousin, can judge so well as yourself, of the impossibility of that. Even were I impressed with the most unequivocal belief of it, such a declaration must give eternal offence to him with whom my life is to be spent; for, if two persons are diametrically opposite in their ideas, it is scarcely necessary to say, that

nothing but silence, can fail to offend one of them. I am really almost distracted with accumulated afflictions. My complaint (that you kindly and anxiously enquire after) is extreme depression and weakness, brought on by agitation of mind. The storm broke out, you may remember, immediately after I had had a miscarriage; which is, in itself, a great stress upon the constitution and nerves. There is no pregnancy in the case, now, thank Heaven.

As you are entitled to all my confidence, my dearest Cousin, I will mention, that my T. has explained in this last letter, his intentions towards me - which are, 100 £. per annum, being the interest of 2000 £. During his life, and, at his death (which God avert as long as possible!) the 2000 £ principal, to be paid off his estate. I told you that my H. ~~had~~ has remaining of mine, 1900 £. - to him, my T. says, he leaves it to make up the remainder of the 6000 £. I was promised ^{should be left me in future, with the interest of 4000 £.} at my marriage. - It is all the consolation my situation will admit of, to receive the kindness of

real friends; therefore, if not too troublesome, let me hear from you again as soon as possible. I could not, at any rate, go to Bath, for two or three days, because my mourning is making up. In the state of affairs I have described, I don't see the possibility, unless my finances were such as to enable me to go, to a lodging, by which means I should not obtrude myself as an inmate and could take my departure at a moment's warning, if I found myself unwelcome. I am not ashamed to confess to you, that this would be inconvenient to me. I need not tell you that the disposition of my T. is very determined; which increases the danger of giving offence by acting in opposition to his wishes. - I do not know the address of my Cousin, Mrs Orr - I only know that her residence is somewhere near Worcester - at least, was, the last time I saw her, which was at Cheltenham. - Mrs Mann requests me to present her best thanks for your obliging wishes to her; and to say, that her ideas would perfectly coincide with yours and Mr D's, but for the unfortunate

