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My dear Manning

Birmingham Nov 7 89

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I hope you are not very angry with me, if you are I can bear it, but not to part with you neither & I value your kindness exceedingly,
and I have always considered your writing to me as a mark of great affection and a seldom met with humanity — I assure you I am the same Robert as when you saw me last, open to all the feelings he was then, and as I said before, you can conceive a human Being failing like ^{me} to be built on a ^{man} foundation — I don't wish to be spared from guilt for soon it — nor do I take my suffering hard, nor do I wish, because I conceive mine an exception to deliberate ^{man} will with regard any particular favour

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of character so that I keep from him what
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will never make out — I may judge him
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without the least suspicion, let me

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to talk to you — I am still hanging about
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person will make them subside —
No I have committed too many after I feel
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away — State all for the best I know ~~what~~
I have passed through and each day has
its peculiar and heavy grief so that my
journey hitherto has been tho' a steep path,
but I hope to breath soon clearly on the summit
of a pleasant hill surrounded with happy prospects
Our family are all well — My father often thinks
of you with great regard and my Mother too —
We shall hope again to have you to company
and it shall be our endeavour to make our
abode as agreeable as we can to you

I hope you find Charles well and kind to
you, and with laure one may you never
want the salut of our friendships —

Thomas Manning Esq
of British
Cambridge



H. Thomas Manning Esq
of British
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at all times desirous of hearing from you, especially
now, before me your affectionate friend

M. May Jr

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From Robert Lloyd

Letter XVIII.]

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Mr. Crisps

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