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My darling wife:

I received three of your precious letters yesterday I will not attempt to describe the pleasure it gave me to read them. They were like your own dear self, everything that I could wish them. I have never been able to express half my love for you, and, am not going to attempt it now, but if it gives you any pleasure to be told that you are dearer to me than everything else in the world, you shall not be denied that I am sure. You never did think half enough of yourself, my darling, and your letter in which you spoke of the family party at Emily's made me feel quite unhappy for you, for I knew how ~~un~~uncomfortable you felt. But you are doing my sweet, loving, good little wife injustice, and that <sup>is</sup> wrong. I am sure you know Emmy. that I never wished for a wife, in any way different from my own dear Emmy, who is I am perfectly sure, the most perfect treasure of a wife that ever a man possessed, and never since I knew you, have I ever been in any company with you, where I did not consider my darling superior to any girl or woman in the company. Now if you can not be satisfied with my opinion of you. what can make you feel confidence in yourself.

But I know that is not what troubles<sup>les</sup> you. You have <sup>never</sup> felt that your husband did not esteem <sup>your</sup> good qualities sufficiently, but you have always felt that my family did not think as much of you as I do, but that is impossible, for no one in the world can know you as I do. but you are very far wrong if you suppose that they are not satisfied with my choice of a wife I know that my mother is thankful that I have got so good a wife. and I am sure that she loves you as well as any of her children, and I am sure that all of my brothers and sisters think just as much of you as they do of each other, but you know that they never make much show of their love for each other, But I will send you a letter that Julia sent me, but you need not let her know it, If you could know how much they all think of you I am sure you would feel much better when you are with them.

But my fingers are cold and I cannot write any more now, I meant to have given you a good long letter this time but I will write again very soon.

I expect to be paid this week

Send me some handkerchiefs if you have got any money that you can spare. Silk ones are the best here. Direct your letter as this letter is headed.

Yours

Leander