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Dear Aunt although you may think this little I had not ought to apply to you it is not the case for such you are to me although you may think I have neglected you in not mentioning your name but it was my mistak if I did not for it ^{was} to you ^{as} much if not more than the rest you also seemed to think I did not do ~~see~~ right when there that may be so for I am naturally of a jealous disposition and have always been crossed with poverty so that what may seemed to be neglect to me may not ^{be} anything but imarnation if you know it to be so thron- over it all the mantle of forgiveness for as the poet says (forgive and ^{the golden aprils left to de form} forget why the world would be lovely) if flowers but remember the chilling blasts and the and the fields gave no verdure for fear of the storm so it would be with life merely a void if we only remember the ill I dont know as I ever had up one had being any of your family Aunt any misfortune you may any of you suffer find a sympathy for in me if you do think otherwise I know you