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Respected Lady

I take my ~~surprize~~ ^{pleasure} to inform you
of my health which is very good and
hope these few lines will find you
enjoying the same blessing I do not know
as I have any news worthy of relating but I
~~could~~ thought I would write a little ~~to you~~ ^{and I have}
about concluded you have forgotten me the reason
of my thinking you had forgotten me was because
you did not write to me as I thought I would write
a few lines to you to let you know that I have not
forgotten you, I feel sometimes as though I had not
a friend in the world it seems to me that I never
had so much trouble in my life ^{as have had of late} do not expect I
have seen any ^{troubled} I shall if I live, I want to see
you very much never wanted to see you so much in my
life as I do now for I feel as if I had ^{got} a friend in the
world it is you and a friend I have always put a great
deal of confidence in and I hope that things I have said
in your company never will go any further not that
I ever have heard a word of you or telling any
thing that I did not want you heard but there
is some people in this vicinity that have appeared to
be very friendly with me and now I consider
them my worst enemy not that I ever have
thought them to be a great friend to me nor a
friend that I could put ^{any} confidence in and now
I am thankful that I never did take them as a friend