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I received your letter my Dear Mother by this morning's Mail, and hasten to answer your enquiries: I believe I did not say, Mr Clark had nothing; his pay as a Lieutenant, is 700 dollars a year; and he has between two and three thousand, in the bank at Washington; if we go to house-keeping, it is probable, I shall have decent furniture at least; given me, yesterday, we dined at Mr Baylston's, in Jamaica Plain, directly opposite where he lives, is a beautiful little spot, with a convenient, neat house, belonging to him, which is unoccupied: I half in jest, and half in earnest, asked him, how he should like me for a Tenant? "Oh, of all things he answered, if you will come, & live in it I will fit it up delightfully, and be the best neighbour in the world"; I thanked him, and he made me promise, when Mr Clark arrived, that I would bring him over to see it: it is three miles from Boston, a pleasant neighbourhood, and every thing very neat about it. My Grand Father, dear Mother, is much attached to Mr Clark; after he left us, in the fall, Grand Mother, said to him, "poor Charles, I have sent him away with a heavy heart, for he entreated to be married before he left us, and I refused him"; did you, since Grand Father, he would not have found me so hard hearted: he has often told me of the high estimation in which he holds my friend; I have not said any thing to him, as it respects our being united this Summer, but thought it best, to wait Mr Clark's return; I do not wish for pomp, or show; all I require is enough to live comfortably; Mr C's, character is very domestic, his home would be his chief delight, and when he is called away, his Sister, will be with me; she is a lovely, amiable girl, enthusiastic, in her affection for her brother, and ready to sacrifice every thing, for the promotion of his happiness; she writes to me constantly, and her letters are dictated by the most devoted attachment.