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Mrs J. A. G. Phillips
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My dear Annan

During leisure I devote it in writing you although I fear I tire your patients by so often perusing my epistles but if you receive one half the pleasure in perusing as I do in writing you would never be tired. I presume you feel lonely at home even as I do while here and the only consolation I find is in writing you where I can pour out my soul by this little instrument ~~the pen~~. It is unpleasant even when surrounded by the many liquors of a city to think we are separated from one ~~we~~ whose occupies our constant thoughts and to feel that is one in this cold world whose truest happiness consists in making that of another. I know ~~anna & Annan~~ we are separated ^{even for a short time}. I know Annan your heart is warm and the red drops which encircle it flows for me. I will know your feelings and wishes dispositions - He. all are ingenuous frank, good, confiding and every quality which constitutes a Norman, but envy, malice, jealousy, Misrepresentation and Calumny has been used by my enemies and your pretended friends to set your heart against me, and can I establish that confidence in you which you should have in me it would be the happiest day of my existence. My situation will soon be different business and strict attention will soon enable me to be in a position where by I can contribute to your slightest wish only give

me an opportunity to ~~use~~ my faculties to bring
into use and practice those ideas which have cost
me much time and expense, then I shall be in a
situation to travel with you or in fact contribute
to every wish I look forward to that time as my halcyon
days when we or myself will not be assailed by sneers
and Calumnies of an idle people. You sometimes
complain of my being idle or as you say why don't
you go into a store or work in some office.

Armanah would you have your husband demean
himself or like a common labourer work for
pay when he has a profession which will bring
tenfold the profit and elevate his social
position class him with the learned of the day.
And I ^{am} very sure it would be more congenial to your
feelings to be and to see me in such a position for
your station in society will of course be governed by
mine.

Therefore I am governed by you for my future position
and happiness and success it is in your power to make
us both happy or me eternally miserable. Therefore
consider well as I hope soon to be able to
leave Boston ~~soon~~ to be with you.

I hope you enjoy good health for without that
the pleasures of life are diminished. Also I hope Mother
enjoys the great comfort and blessing of life affectionately
remembers me to her. Please read this letter to her and ^{as} much
as would give her pleasure. And believe me Yours &c
Boston Nov 22. 18 8 o'clock AM. J. S.

P.S. It would afford me unbounded pleasure to hear
from you at No 20. Washington St Salem Mass as I expect
to go every day, also to the care of Dr Robinson