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Miss Mary Amanda Valley
Phoenix Hill Warwick
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Esteemed Friend

You will I trust
pardon my want of politeness in not
writing you earlier this the apology I have to
offer in the hurry of business, but you will say that
I should not prevent a gentleman from fulfilling his engagements
with the Lady, & you will be right in so saying
for I am of the same mind a gentleman should
not let business prevent him from any engagements that
he may have with the Lady, you will please
forgive me for this want of politeness & for the failure
will be careful how I err hereafter. This side
from you please back to Providence was good & we enjoyed
our excursion, or I should use the personal pronoun
in this case, & enjoyed very much my visit with
you, & believe me when I say it will afford
me great pleasure to renew the visit
again, I am fearful you will chide me for
writing so formal a letter, but had I
time and if the custom did not so often
interrupt me I could & would write more
fully & untrammelled, but forgive me for this in regard
you shall read the enclosed with your wishes
I shall write you for a reply from you on

I shall be most happy to hear
from you at any time if you feel
you wish to receive attention

J. R. Duff

Please direct your letter to my Room at City Hotel
on the morning I go to New York & shall expect
to find a letter from you on my return in my Room

To Miss A. Swally