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shire till our marriage took place ; I felt the propriety of this step, and therefore would not oppose it : she pleaded having some business also to settle with her relation there.

My mother has given back the deed of settlement of my estate, and accepted of an assignment on my half-pay ; she is greatly a loser ; but she insisted on making me happy, with such an air of tenderness, that I could not deny her that satisfaction.

I shall keep some land in my own hands, and farm ; which will enable me to have a post-chaise for Emily, and my mother, who will be a good deal with us ; and a constant decent table for a friend.

Emily is to superintend the dairy and garden ; she has a passion for flowers, with which I am extremely pleased,