

to be wondered at. But friendships, formed by a sympathetic attraction, and, as it were, an intuitive impulse, are not so frequent. And yet, it was by some secret influence of this sort, that you became at first possessed of my esteem. That this attachment was not wholly void of vanity and self love, I am ready to confess: my first propensity towards it, having arisen from seeing, or thinking I saw, great resemblance of myself in you.

I have, in the opening of this letter, made known, that I had formerly sat in parliament with you; and am at present lamenting, but chiefly upon your account, that I did not, in despite of my misusage, keep my seat there. In such a scene of action, you might have had more ample
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