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To Mrs. TEMPLE.

Rose-hill, Sept. 18, Morning.

I HAVE this moment, my dear Mrs. Temple's letter : she will imagine my transport at the happy event she mentions ; my dear Rivers has, in some degree, sacrificed even filial affection to his tenderness for me ; the consciousness of this has ever cast a damp on the pleasure I should otherwise have felt, at the prospect of spending my life with the most excellent of mankind : I shall now be his, without the painful reflection of having lessened the enjoyments of the best parent that ever existed.

I should be blest indeed, my amiable friend, if I did not suffer from my too
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