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unregarded into the Grave? The *Russians* will be obliged to their great *Czar* for whatever Advances they may hereafter make in the Arts, and for their future Figure as a Nation; and how bright a Lustre must this throw round the Memory of that Monarch, even to the remotest Ages!

The Pleasure, Sir, which you take in promoting the liberal Arts, is evident from the Zeal with which you animate and encourage all such Performances as may be of Service to the Public. And whilst too many of the Great shut their Doors against the Learned in general, they are allowed the most benevolent Access to your House, of which you have the Humanity and Discernment to think them no inconsiderable Ornament.

I shall not enter into the most shining Parts of Your Character, as being