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and Mr. Temple's friendship; I will not give up the claim I have to the same favor.

My little farm will induce only friends to visit us: and it is not less pleasing to me for that circumstance: one of the misfortunes of a very exalted station, is the slavery it subjects us to in regard to the ceremonial world.

Upon the whole, I believe, the most agreeable, as well as most free of all situations, to be that of a little country gentleman, who lives upon his income, and knows enough of the world not to envy his richer neighbours.

Let me hear from you, my dear Fitzgerald, and tell me, if, little as I am, I can be any way of the least use to you?

You will see Emily before I do; she is more lovely, more enchanting, than ever.

Mrs.