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My darling, — Yesterday morning I made a mistake in saying that I had expected that the antenuptial contract alone was to be signed before marriage. I was wrong in saying so, — because I myself had first proposed that the money should be tied up in hands of trustees, out of our power. My mistake arose in their afterwards making the arrangements so very different from what they had led me to expect first, — ~~though they~~ as I told you, if from the beginning they had proposed such stringent arrangements I would have said nothing against it. But the (I cannot help saying it) unfair treatment I have received in this regard from their hands, makes me the more I consider it, the more lose confidence that the arrangements as proposed by them will work ~~well and that the~~ well, and that they may not abuse the power granted to them by it. Forgive my saying this — of course your feeling may be quite different, — but I owe it you to tell you what my impression is. The great discrepancy between the Articles of Agreement as forwarded by them and ~~the~~ your instructions, gives us a fair right to upset the whole, if we ~~wished to do~~ thought it better to do so, and I am not sure whether this would not be the better way. I am so afraid all this leading to disagreements and quarrels afterwards, that I feel more and more disinclined to have anything to do with it. What I ~~I want~~ now wish to ask you is whether if I should think it the right and proper way for us ~~to marry without~~ not to have either a marriage settlement ~~for~~, nor even an antenuptial contract between us, — you would ~~have~~ have the trust and confidence that I asked it for good and real reasons. I do not say, however, that I shall ~~ask you~~ think this the best course. Neither must ~~you~~ consider ~~it~~ — ~~of~~ I need of course, not tell you that ~~in~~ these considerations I shall ~~be~~ be led by any advice of Mr. Fairbridge's, — but by ~~my~~ our own sense of right and wrong, ~~and by such~~ ~~guided by~~ faithfully striving as we both shall to do so right, I wish you, however to ~~be guided~~ have the advice of an honest, straightforward lawyer, and I believe as such I can really recommend Mr. Reed, ~~to~~ to whom I ~~to~~ Therefore, I think you should at all events write at once, and consult with him regarding this matter. × I shall tell Fairbridge that we have not yet decided what to do, ~~in the matter~~ My reasons for and against it, will be explained to you, when we meet ~~again~~. ~~But I~~ It is quite possible that I may see the ~~to~~ plan ~~proposed~~ proposed yesterday to be the right one; ~~but the~~ though ~~many objections~~ liable to many objections it appears at present to me. ~~Warm admirers~~ I send you here your Uncle's ~~and Henry's~~ letters. The last one you have yourself. ~~Please~~ Tell me darling what has and when I shall come this morning. If you wish to see me before I go to Fairbridge's, it must be before 10 o'clock. ~~I shall not ask to~~ You will probably ~~advise~~ hear from Mr. Fleak. How are you, and how is Lou? ~~to give this~~ afternoon a report from Mr. Fleak. She and Dr. Fleak very kindly offered to do what they could for us, wished to find out what

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