

My dear W^m A.

I return your letter with many thanks for the unmerited confidence you have reposed in me - I have read them with great attention, and interest, and am struck with the fidelity and earnestness with which you appear to have examined the subject. - I cannot see any thing objectionable in the manner in which you have treated it - on the contrary, your candour, simplicity, and Christian temper, enable you to such a return as will obliterate the painful remembrance of the late unprinted letter, and which for your peace I hope you will receive; if not, there is a higher source of comfort!

which will not fail to sustain you
under every sacrifice you make
for conscience sake.

Yrs truly
J. S.

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and
John

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