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My dear Miss Anderson.

It really grieves me that I must deny myself the pleasure of being present at your wedding, to which you so kindly invite me. Such certainly was my intention should I be invited, but unfortunately I am just now getting the second volume of my Life of Washington in through the press, and altering and correcting my manuscript, with the printers at my heels, so that I am tasked to the utmost and have not a moment to spare. I assure you I am heartily concerned to have to make this excuse; but I trust you will receive it with indulgence.

Wishing you all possible happiness in

your approaching change of ~~and~~ condition
and that the men of your choice may
prove worthy of you; and begging you
to present my salutations and regards
to your parents and sisters, I remain
my dear Miss Louisa

Your truly affectionate friend

Washington Irving

Miss Louisa Andrews.

