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Darby

My dear Sir

I should immediately have replied to your obliging letter, and have informed you that it will give me great pleasure to attend to your request; but I felt afraid that you would entertain no doubts on that point. I now avail myself of a private and hasty opportunity, merely to say that a friend is endeavouring to procure the desired particulars respecting Genl Oglesby; and that I shall confide to your use all the autographs of which I can make prize. I understand that Dr Franklin's descendant, to whom you

allude, is at present in Paris.

Will you have the goodness to present my cordial regards to our worthy friend Dr Hollock when you write to him. I shall never forget my agreeable excursion into Wales in his society, and in that of your family and friends. It was the more grateful to me, as that little expedition occurred at a moment when my mind was harassed by many unpleasant circumstances.

My brother joins in kind remembrances to Mr Bolton, and to Miss Jay if at present of your household: nor do either of us forget your interesting little family. It is a satisfaction to both of us to know that Philip Van Winkle found favour in your sight. The sending of that vagabond into the world

~~world~~ was considered something of a
lottery; but he seems to have become
a general favourite.

I am dear Sir

very sincerely yours

E Irving

I inclose an autograph of Godwin,
the author of Political Justice, &c: a man
of visionary ideas on the subject of
moral duties you must disapprove;
but who seems to have been misguided
rather than ill-intentioned in his eccentric
doctrines.

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