both of which attachments you have done me the

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I just now received your first letter of yesterday, by the careless negligence of the Penny Post. — Clarinda, matters are grown very serious with us: Then seriously hear me, and hear me Heaven — I met you, my dear [illegible] by far the first of womankind, at [illegible] to me; I esteemed, I lov'd you at first sight,

honor to return; the longer I am acquainted with you, the more innate, amiableness and worth I discover in you — You have suffered a loss I confess for my sake; but if the firmest, steadiest, warmest friendship; if every endeavor to be worthy of your friendship; if a love, strong as the ties of Nature, and holy as the duties of Religion — if all these can make any thing like a compensation for

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the evil I have occasioned you, if they be worth your acceptance, or can in the least add to your enjoyments — to help Sylvander, ye Powers above, in his hour of need, as he freely gives these all to Clarinda!

I esteem you, I love you, as a friend; I admire you, I love you, as a Woman, beyond any one in all the circle of Creation: I know I shall continue to esteem you, to love you; to pray for you — nay to pray for myself for your sake. —

Adieu, my dearest Madam — I remain ever, My dearest Madam, yours most entirely —

Sylvander