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should neither have nor enjoy this little paternal property, I have therefore bid farewell to it, and have left it to return no more. I am now very thankful even for this. I had been too fond of it. When a local attachment stands in the way of a man's usefulness or happiness it is extremely injurious to him; and the recollection of the joy mingled with weeping with which my mother received me at my last interview with her, and the chief occasion of that joy, will I hope continue to bear down in my mind every other consideration which compared with this is not worth a moment's concern.

I have now had the happiness to enjoy the inestimable privileges of public worship and Christian communion here for upwards of seven years, and it affords me great comfort and satisfaction, that I have had so many opportunities (private and public) of receiving the most important instruction and information from you, and my pious friend the Rev. Mr. Ham. I trust that the sense of these blessings which extend to my family as well as to me, will always be treasured up in our