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our late Judge Advocate, (Ellis Kent Esqr) and I were
very intimate. I esteemed him much, he was amiable
learned, wise, prudent, and as a judge, a just man
I had seen him sink into the Grave at the Age of 92
beneath the weight of Anxiety. I knew the State of
his mind, and what he suffered. One day when we
were alone, he related to me the following Circumstances.
In consequence of some unhappy Differences between him
and the Gov^r he had been much distressed for a long time.
One day the Anguish of his mind became intolerable.
He walked about for Relief; he took his Horse and rode out
and used every means the whole day to relieve his distress
but in vain. In the Evening he fell prostrate on the
Floor, in the Room where he was with M^{rs} Went.
In a very few weeks after this he sunk into the Grave.
With much feeling he described his Anguish of mind to
me. From various Difficulties I felt a similar Sensation
increasing in my Breast. At length my Anguish was
such as no Pen can describe - and corresponded with
the Feelings of my departed Friend, as far as one man
can communicate those Feelings to another. When
I retired to my Bed weary in Body, and mind, I found
my Sleep was departed from me; and I could truly
say in various nights were appointed unto me!
I had no pain of Body, but the vital Strings of the
mind were ready to break. I could not account for
the Anguish I felt: as nothing gave me Relief -
Some of the Psalms of David were precious. I
believed the Promises to be true, and that God w^d