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Dear Sir,

Lady Malcolm has mentioned a book destined for me. I cannot express to you how deeply I feel this kind recollection. I should attach high value to any mark of your remembrance, but your own poems shall be peculiarly prized, and I thank you from my heart. Believe me we recollect continually, with mingled pleasure and regret, the days you spent here. We dwell upon your visit, as an epoch of gratification, and cannot be persuaded that our personal knowledge has been so short; it is true we have known you well during the last six years, and owe to your pen much information and delight. Instead of Chateau en Espagne, we choose to build in Germany at present.

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