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I am extremely concern'd, that any thing should have disturb'd the cordiality, which I flatter'd myself subsisted between you & my Son; I felt myself happy in the idea of his being plac'd with a Gentleman whose character I esteem'd, as much as I respect'd. - Shall I confess to you, Sir, that your letter surpris'd me more than the young Man's in his, I discover'd the impatience of Youth to know of the return of a Governor, in yours, I observ'd a degree of Anger, which I think on reflection, you will deem unworthy of you, when you consider, that all Boys are eager to become Men, over-rate their own abilities, & think themselves capable of regulating their Conduct & Affairs, long before they are. As, in his letter, he asserts nothing but what you confirm, I entreat you to see it in the same light that I do; pardon the hastiness of Youth, & do not discard from your Friendship a heart that is naturally good, tho' perhaps in this, as well as many other respects, faulty. - Forgive my adding, that the reading a letter not