

[Julieto Julia Smith]

Madam

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You will excuse, I hope, my troubling you  
so soon with another letter after my last.  
The excuse for it is your first last letter  
to Mr. Smith, which accidentally fell  
into my hands, he having left his first copy  
of it open lying upon his room.

I can't speak thank it would be necessary  
to mention any thing about what he writes  
concerning me, because I may be sure  
you will not judge against me by his  
misrepresentation of matters without ha-  
ving made further enquiry. But as you  
and Mr. Smith live so distant from this  
place, and as his letter might give you  
the idea that he is living <sup>here</sup> without <sup>any</sup>  
inspection, I hope I need not fear your  
number a misinterpretation being misun-  
derstood by you, when I lay before you  
humbly before you what I have to answer