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My dearest mother

Here we are this delicious spring day  
in the midst of spring delights and  
in the midst of the far greater delights  
of a family happy as our own once  
was and united as they /were & \ are & I hope  
ever will be – thanks to you – mother  
in law of four Families – a higher title  
to respect than mother of any {Fatima}  
Sultan or Emperor than ever existed

How people can be so very kind to us  
as they are I cannot conceive. After be=  
=ing at Byrkly Lodge I was surprized  
& find that we could meet with  
such friendship in a person who was  
no ways connected with us as ~~xxx~~  
was shewn to us by Lady E Whitbread  
– House surrounds – carriage – advice  
sympathy every thing that her warm  
heart could give /was\ ours. – We thought  
we should be miserable in the change  
on leaving her. But the Hopes were so  
very good in that way that we were  
happy there and in the midst of their  
magnificence quite domesticated ---  
Their coming here afterwards was de=  
lightful. After all, that is comfortable  
in a house and home is far preferable