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Miss Buckland

I hope you will excuse
the liberty I have taken in
writing but I do so under friendship
protection — I wish to ask you
if you are in the same mind
as you were the other evening
if so I think I may hope
for a favourable reply
I need not say my intentions
are honorable as you are already
aware of that —

Miss B. you told me that
you are or had been engaged
to a Gentleman. that you
could never be happy with
& then you say it is the
wish of friends that you should
become his wife — allow me
to say that they cannot be
~~your friends who would destroy~~
your happiness. if I think
if your welfare was considered
by them they would leave
you mistress of your actions
in an affair where so much is
at stake

I. will now leave you
to follow the dictates of your
own heart & feel sure it will
guide you right —

Ever Yours.

Henry Mitchell

P. S. I. will call this evening
if you have no objection

Holt.