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16 Chyne Walk
Chelsea

Dear Shields

I cannot easily thank you enough for so much friendly understanding in such trying & troublesome circumstances. I now regret extremely that I did not write on receipt of your former letter, as I meant to do, to beg you to take no further trouble in a matter which presented such unexpected obstacles. But I delayed doing so through excessive preoccupation at the moment & then thought that it was no use ~~doing so~~ ^{writing} as further steps were probably already being taken. I can now only say that I could never have conceived from Mr. Mitchell's very straightforward conduct on former occasions, that he was capable of so much change.