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My dear Friend,

I am not a little surprised that you should have neglected | writing to me for so long a time, and it is only lately that I have |⁵ been told that you never write except when written to. I am sorry | that you should have formed to yourself such a resolution, as | it must deprive you of many communications, besides the | hard task you impose upon your friends of always beginning a | correspondance, and thereby forcing them to rest with your replies, |¹⁰ which though ever so agreeable, cannot always be what is most | desired. Everyone is bound in civility to answer a kind letter, but | friends neglect always to write and answer each other alternately | without waiting for formalities. |

I have then long expecting a letter from you but am up to this |¹⁵ moment disappointed. However I was rejoiced to hear a few days ago | that there were letters from you in Port-au-Prince, and that you | and Madame Toussaint | were well and remembered me. |

I beg to return you sincere thanks for your kind inquiries and |²⁰ wishes for me, and rest assured that I am equally solicitous | for your health and happiness and of my kind friend Mrs | Toussaint. As to myself, my health, thank God, is excellent, but I am by no | means satisfied with the State of the Church here, and I am | long and anxiously waiting to see if Dr. England exertions |²⁵ can be effective in bringing about the most desired and

/f1v/ most wanted, but of wich I now beging almost to despair. Should | this change not take place, I of course cannot remain here. |

I am much anxious to hear of or from Dr Power. I wrote to him | about three months ago, and another letter to him a long time before, but |⁵ he has not answered either. I hope he got my letters safe and that | [he] was not ill. I write to him again today, and for fear he should not | have received my letters, please to tell him and present him my best | respects and wishes. |

Remember that I expect you will write to me, whenever you find |¹⁰ a vessel coming to Port-au-Prince and for goodness sake don't be | waiting for me to write to you – My duties and my distance | from Port-au-Prince hinder me from writing even to my family | and about business as often I wish – I have not heard from | my family for the past six months. |¹⁵

Please give my best respect to Mr John Plêt, his mother, [...] | and family, also to Mr Martin Crass and all who may inquire for | me. Mr and Mrs Moya send you and Mrs Toussaint their | respects. Their little girl is very bad in health. |

Give me all the news you can and as soon as you can, about how |²⁰ things are going on, or likely to go in the United States. |

I am much anxious to hear that you and your family are in good | health and happiness. Earnestly wishing you all this |

I remain, Dear Friend, |

Very sincerely yours |²⁵

Geo. J. Paddington. |

I promise you please God that my next letter to you shall be in | French for I am beginning to understand and speak it tolerably though | I have no opportunity of studying it, and the Creole confuses me here in the mountains of La Coupe.