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near, when you find you begin to leave it intirely
to him, as it is our duty, not to desire happiness any
other way or time, than the supream disposer of
it thinks fitt to bestow it.

ad eandem
from Oxford. Madam

I was glad to find by your letter, that you had some
reason not to repent staying at home, when your Rela-
tions came down hither. You are designed for nobler Con-
forts, than their journey could procure unto them, and
the more steady you keep to that resolution, to seek your
comfort onely in submitting to the Will of God, the more
you will find, how far his rewards exceed any of the har-
dest and longest sufferings, whereby he refines our na-
tures, that as new vessels we may be fitt to contain the
new Wine, which has strength of eternal life. If God
should put too much of it into our souls, before we are
humbled sufficiently, it might easily puff us up, and
burst us into destruction by taking upon us, and as-
cribing to, or seeking for ourselves any thing in it,
which would prove a Satanical trespass of inroa-
ching upon Gods Glory.

Pray never mention any thing to me, as if you thought
me past that danger, I am very far from being in
Gods eyes, what I seem to be in yours, and I hope,
you love me too well, to do my ennemys office, who

^{to put upon me}
 hath no worse trick than to trepan me into a good
 conceit of my own being or doing. Believe me, it is
 not so easy as people imagine to do any good by word
 or deed with such purity, as to be fit for the acceptance
 of the most holy. But there is a far greater danger still
 in reflecting upon the good, wherein we were any way
 instrumental. That perverseness; which hath poi-
 soned the very center of our Soul, and through w^{ch}
 the unconceivable powers of Darknesse work upon us.
 That perverseness, I say, often prompts us to a Way
 of thinking, which is contrary to the giving God alone
 the entire glory of all, that is good within us or comes
 from us. Whereby we often provoke God to withdraw
 his help, that supported us, and to let us feel to our
 cost, how miserable we are and how sly and dread-
 full an enemy we have, whose malicious nature de-
 lights in nothing so much, as to increase our misery.
 So that upon a full consideration you are in less danger
 of shipwrack under your afflictions, than some persons
 under all their abilities of doing good, whereby they
 often seek themselves rather, than him, who is the be-
 ginning and end of all, what is really good. God in
 his infinite mercy instruct, guide and strengthen us
 to walk that Way, wherein his servants move, act and
 live in, by and unto him, through our Redeemer and
 Saviour Christ Jesus.

