

Dear Aurelia

I received your truly welcome letter on the 9<sup>th</sup> and can readily pardon you for not previously writing and more readily since you assured me you had not forgotten me which I certainly began to think you had done and I said in my heart surely there exists no such thing on Earth as true friendship so you can imagine me a little of the pleasure your kind letter gave me it thrilled my heart with joy to hear and know that you are happy but before proceeding further allow me to congratulate you on your happy union may peace and happiness be your lot and may the bonds which have joined two loving hearts together each day you live grow stronger I know your love is sincere and that (your husband) is all you will care or you would not love him The news of your marriage did not much surprise me not as much as it affected me for I could not help from shedding tears when I read your letter yet some thing within ~~me~~ led to one's conscience that you were no more Aurelia But I fear you will think me superstitious when I tell you that I think there can no very remarkable event happen to an absent one that we sincerely love without some kind of presentiment previous to receiving real or written news and this fact I