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Dr. Dimmock

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I am persuaded ever this, you have concluded me greatly deficient in gratitude as well as common sense, in not having noticed the kind affectionate manner in which you have conferred your valuable Present. If the Jeweller was the cause, believe me my Heart is more sensible than my tongue can express, yet I was anxious to put your good nature to the test, in giving me the honour to accept of the enclosed Cornelian Seal Ring, you add another link to the Chain of Gratitude with which you have bound my Heart. you will easily perceive my motives are not perfectly disinterested, that I wish you to think frequently of me, that your good opinion is absolutely necessary to

make me think well of myself, I do not <sup>think</sup> you  
are very difficult to please. I shall comfort myself  
with the <sup>idea</sup> that you will not be too severe  
on the follies of a female who is with the most  
perfect gratitude and affection  
yours &c Mary Dobie