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him I would at his desire. I then wish you would write one by the return of this post -- when you design to be here that I may inform the Gentleman [?] request I [?] that he may know whether he shall keep the place for you or not ----

Now I will give you my thoughts on the matter above as I should wish to have them myself was I in Florence if you on the spot, that is at Parma, I find the Picture [Parried?] in such a [stite?] that it is imposable more than to Dead Colour in the second place Viz. that if you come here a fortnight before I have finished will be soon enough to blend Colour if you should come sooner you with life your time, tho I should be happy to have your company [?] my oppinions of your [intend/evident?] agreeing [?] you had better [?] to come so soon as I shall find myself within a fortnight of finishing; you may depend on me to let you know [?] that time comes by a letter.

Since I wrote you last I have been in some [?] relative [?] using [?] Letter from England by which I find Mrs. Copley with three of my little ones [was?] in that place safely arrived, they increased greatly my impatience to be on my Journey back. She writes the most deplorable account of the infection of Britton of entered the whole Province that you can Imagine [?] thats in [Civilities?], but as I have many near and Valuable Friends in that place I am still exceedingly [?], I was in hopes you would [?] for me a Newspaper that I may know what the world [?] talked of for in this place [as?] nothing is to be harmed of the proceeding of the best of Mankind no more than the living are acquainted with the proceeding of [?] of passing the time among the Dead  
I am Dear Sir,

Your sincere Friend  
F. G. Humbolt Sert.  
John Singleton Copley

P.S. It is my oppinion that my [?] will take me once more from this town to [?] it, but you shall be in business if you [?] when [?] fellow [?]



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