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| Here I find myself once more in  my native place after misfortune unlooked for  & unsuited & two years of anxiety and in settling our  affairs, the disgraceful conduct of our attorney (Baily)  & his clients, proceeding from ignorance & infidelity, I believe  caused the delay, but which however has ended  by the various amendments & and alterations in the deeds  suggested by Webb & myself, much more to the advantage  of ourselves & all parties, than could possibly have  been anticipated at the commencement. I now  trust this is the beginning of a new life, where in its  course will be attended with prosperity & happiness  both to my brother & myself & that he may soon have it  in his power as I’m sure it is his wish & intention  to “render unto every man his due” he may have committed  errors but this I know, they have been errors of the head  not of the heart. If he had a fault, it was too great a  desire to serve others without perhaps prudently asking  himself whether he could do so, without committing  an act of injustice to himself his family or those who were  next to those connected to him by the means & dearest  ties, however “Expereentia docet”. Here’s obligation to the past & may prosperity attend the future. As for myself, I feel as every ... | | “Experience is the best teacher” |

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