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Jessie → Nora

Dedicated to the memory
of

Miss Nora Crockett

After due deliberation and much meditation
and long consideration of the great reputation
You possess in the nation, I a great inclination
to become your relation, and if such oblation
Is worthy of observation and can obtain ^{com}mission
It will be an aggrandizement beyond calculation
Of the great exultation of a weak imagination
Which deserves the indignation and wise ^{ex}prosecution
And clear discrimination of a little moderation
I will close my oration without hesitation
And hope my infatuation has not given ^{consideration}
I am without dissimulation

Yours
J. B. S.

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