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[?]W you in a short notice by
Mr Ingram in the Lincoln [?]

Thank you Sincerely
for your most kind letter
My dear Mrs Smith – Altho'
it is a great disappointment
to me that you cannot
find the letters you thought
you could lay your hand
on - I am very glad to
have this you so kindly
enclosed to me – Must I
give up all hope of the others

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 many years that I had
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who would be likely to have
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who would let me have
them & at the same time
If nothing of my [?] – I
should be so much obliged –
if you would let me know
-- I know it is a good
deal to ask of a busy
woman – & yet you have
shown so much friendly
kindness to me that I do
not hesitate to ask you.

I think you would
be straight[?] with my brother
about [?] to his father.

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With kindest thanks
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Most gratefully yrs
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