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My dear Leslie

I am just returned from Suffolk with my little girls.

Your note must have been written about the time that I left home. or you may be afraid there would have been no delay on my part in doing as you wished.

I missed you / on the
day we should have met
at the school of painting -
by about 1/2 an hour

Your Water looked
as it should look that
is colder than the original
the original seems - as
if painted in honey - so
mellow - so tender - so soft
& so Delicious - so I trust
Yours will be - but

be satisfied if you touch
the hem of his garment - for
this marvellous & exquisite
thing - would - vulgarize
even Rubens & Paul Vermeer.

I hope dear Mrs. Leston
is comfortable - and if
the little thing is unwell
so much the better -

My dear little girls are
all beautifully bronzed -
they have had a happy week
in Suffolk - we are all here
come to us tomorrow ^{morning}
3 o'clock Yours truly & affectionately
W 31 John Constable