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My Dear Mother

If you think that Ben and I have acted inconsiderately, and too hastily in marrying without your knowledge or consent, I hope you will forgive us. I love him, and rest assured I will use every effort to render him happy. I trust you will receive ~~some~~ ~~love~~ love me for his sake. I do not think either of us will ever have cause to regret our hasty step.

Your affectionate daughter
Emma