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Mr Pitchland

Sir

Permit me through the
 pleasing acquaintance I have with
 your estimable daughter to address
 you a few lines upon a subject
 of much importance to each of us.
 Did I pursue the course of my feelings
 I should say much about the main
 object of this letter. But without further
 preliminary I will state frankly
 and candidly the reason of it! I
 love your daughter. To get that
 feeling reciprocated is the most earnest
 desire of my heart. To have it
 sanctioned by the approval of an
 affectionate father is another
 approximating desire. Some thing
 more than twelve months since
 first I saw ^{her} Some months ago during
 her vacation I formed her acquaintance
 and paid her several visits.
 As you live at some distance I
 thought advisable to write you in

relation to the matter and seek
from you her Father and best
friend an approval or disap-
proval of my attention to your
daughter. The iron rule of a College
though prudent it may be forbid my
advocating in any manner the favor
of your daughter. In relation to
me or to my family I know of no
one ^{to refer you to} with whom you are acquaint-
ed save Mr. Harper of Covington
with whom your daughter boards
and the Rev. W. P. Darrow of
Ga. Trusting you will think of this
kindly and that you will write
me at your earliest leisure.

Remain very Respectfully yours
P. R. P. Hamrell

I reside in Eatonton Ga but
write you from Morgan where
my Father Doct. Hamrell lives,