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My Good old Grand Marcus

It is with much pleasure
that I congratulate you upon your happy
change in life & wish you & your worthy
lady all the blessings found in time may
your pathway through life be strewn with
unalloyed matrimonial felicity. Is she pretty?
I need not ask you that, I know a dashing
husband in the Army soon will say Yes for
I have been married 10 years & if any body
new to ask me that question I should say
Yes most emphatically. & you know my
Jane is not very handsome. Well is she rich
Oh no! why do I ask that question what
does rich amount to with talents like yours
well is she amiable? worse still why do
I ask that question I know a young man
of your good sense & acute discernment &
excellent judgment would never have placed
your affections & given your hand & heart to
a young lady unless she was amiable lovely
& accomplished so I come to the conclusion
that your "Bon Friend" is every thing that a
good fellow like yourself can desire & ask
no more questions on that score.