

Weymouth Nov: 3rd 1808.

Dear Sir,

you will I fear conclude that my not addressing you sooner - has proceeded from Inattention, on my part - but I can readily assure you that has not been the Cause - but that it has originated from a variety of Circumstances - most unfavorable to my Wishes - or even Thoughts - that alone has been the cause of my not doing myself the Honor of writing to you, on a Subject which you are not unacquainted with - I can only assure you, my dear Sir, that no one Event in my Life - has ever given me more anxiety of Mind - as I find on the Separation, between Mrs. S. and myself - there are some pecuniary difficulties, which compel me - for the present, to

relinquish - the object so deserving by
dear to me - and those who are acquainted
with her merit - I have only to regret
that my Fortune at present is such, as
to preclude me from doing what I wish,
and what a Man of Honor ought - had I
that Independance it would enable me
to prove the sincerity of my wishes,
and what the Person in question has
every claim to - I only hope that any
precepitate Step - that may have taken
place - will not lessen, the Person in
your estimation, as that Idea would make
me, if possible, more unhappy than I
am at present - if any blame arises,
I am the Person on whom it should rest -
and I trust you will view it in that
light - I hope our separation is only
a temporary one - as I hope some
Favorable Event may yet turn up,

to prove to you, that my conduct in
this affair has proceeded from necessity
and not from the most distant idea
of ~~injuring~~ wounding the feelings of the
person most dear to me - and I much
fear my fate will be to quit this
Kingd. - but that is a proposal,
I could not make to Mrs. S. - having
heard her say - that nothing would
ever induce her to quit this Count
as long as a Friend, so dear to her
as yourself remains in it -

I remain dear Sir
with all possible respect
your sincere & obliged
humble servant

W. M. Spencer
P. S. I shall hope for
the Honor of hearing
from you - my address, at Mrs. Spencers End, S. L. Salisbury

General Bude—

