

A. L. to Ad. North

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Windsor Aug 20th 1781.
to H. G. A. G.

I am sorry to be obliged to open a subject to Ad. North
that has long given me much pain, but I can rather do it
on paper than in conversation; it is a subject to which I
know he is not quite ignorant. My Eldest Son got last
Year into a very improper connection with an Artisan and
woman of indifferent Character through the friendly
Assistance of Ad. Alder. a Multitude of Letters past
which she has threatened to publish unless he in short
bought them of her; he had made her very foolish
promises which undoubtedly by her conduct to him she
entirely cancelled; I have thought it right to authorize
the getting them from her and have employed Lieut.
Col. Kotham on whose Discretion I could depend
to manage this business; he has now brought it
to a conclusion, and has her consent to get these
Letters on her receiving 5000. L. undoubtedly an
enormous sum, but I wish to get my Son out of this
shameful scrape; I desire you will therefore see
Lieut. Col. Kotham and settle this with him. I am
happy at being able to say that I never was personally engaged
in such a transaction which perhaps makes me feel this the stronger.

[Faint, illegible handwritten text on aged paper]