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Dear General,

I had the pleasure of receiving your last letter a few days ago here in this town, where I am since the 11<sup>th</sup> instant; on which day all the Electoral Ambassadors having at last met, they went in great ceremony to open the first Session of the business they are sent for, from their respective masters. Their Suite & Equipages<sup>& Liveries</sup> are more or less magnificent, & fashionable; Our Ambassador shines much more with his Horses, Coaches & Liveries, than with his wife & daughter, as you will easily believe, & upon the whole he surpasses in these Articles all the other Ambassadors, & there is only one voice in this respect, viz: that Hannover beats them all.

I can assure you the whole is very grand & magnificent & imposing; there is a great luxu displaying here, & such a feasting that there is hardly a getting through.

I have however got little enough of all this as yet, for the Seventh day after my arrival I was laid up, by a pretty severe

fit of the gout, which at last has declared itself, & will as I hope deliver me of those rheumatic pains, which now have tormented me these four years. Instead of enjoying here all kinds of amusements & a great deal of good company I have been confined to my bed, & am as yet not able to stir out of my room, which the time the place & the circumstances render still more unpleasant.

My dear General I have followed Your advice about the affair with L. even before I wrote to you upon the Subject, & immediately after he had told me of it. - I only saw him once, & then he told me the least part of his projects, shunning me as much as possible ever since. My letter to the Duke was wrote in strong & respectfull terms, & as I expected I have recieved no answer upon it. My conscience is free in every respect on this account. I can prove by my accounts that it was impossible for me to pay more debts of then I have done, for you must know that of late the revenues of the Bishoprick have decreased, & that: I had the first years of the Duke's absence, such sums to send abroad for things ordered on all sides, that I could hardly pay any Capital of. Besides this the Interest of such a Capital, & the number of Servants take away

a large sum every year. However if it was not for the  
111,800 of ready Cash borrowed, & sent over to England to  
buy Stocks, the remainder would be soon paid of.  
Mr de J. had many more Schemes which I know only on gross as I could  
not stay at Hannover. One of the Secretaries, whom he hoped to bring  
over to his side, & whom he tried to catch a bribe, by monstrous  
promises Mr H. knows them all; he has compleatly pumped him,  
as he had not coolness, & head enough to keep the most dangerous  
part of them to himself. We have in this respect also, taken our  
measures, that we can never be called to any account for whatever may  
happen, & I shall finish this disagreeable Subject after having told  
You upon my honor, & without any <sup>other</sup> view, than the Duke's own best,  
that he has put his interests in very dangerous hands, in such hands as  
are not altogether free from selfinterest, & that he is on the brink  
of ruining, of feathering himself for ever, of rendering himself quite de-  
pendant, & of falling compleatly out with his Subjects.  
I feel with You how difficult it is for You, to write to H. N. H. upon  
this Subject, & lament the Duke in this moment for being deprived  
of Your advice & assistance; taking I. Strong assertion to me, that You  
had lost almost all credit with the Duke, that he never listened to  
Your advice, for what it really is, for a falsehood, told me, to prevent

my writing to You particularly upon this affair. Believe me my dear General I never judg'd this man too severely; he never should have entered the least in the world into the Duke's confidence.

I thought leaving this Subject, I must however add something more upon it. You remember my dear General that it was through your kindness, that my Brother Charles got H. R. H. leave to put a Lodging in his House for himself in order. He did do it at no small Expence on his side, & though he will gain considerably at this bargain if he remains for any time in this Lodging, he will loose every advantage, both, of being well lodged, & the expences he has been out of pocket to arrange the rooms, in case the House should be sold, through Mr de L. exertions. In this case, I hope You will stand his friend a second time, & engage the Duke of refunding him what he has laid out to build & arrange the Rooms he now occupies in his House.

At last My dear General. I have a favour to ask for myself, being the more reluctant of doing it, as You know, that I never have yet asked any thing of H. R. H. for myself. However I am compelled to do it, & yet I only wish to obtain it through You, & in case You should approve my asking for it. If the Duke's House is sold, I shall of course  
lose

my apartments in it; the best quarter in town. This however can not be helped in this case, <sup>as</sup> I cannot bring myself to ask for any De'domagement for all the Agreements I have had, & those I am going to have, I hope the Duke will at least leave me the furniture I have now in my use, to assist me in furnishing my new lodging with it. I do not think I am asking too much, the more so, as I never have received of him a present of any value, never even any thing, that I might show as a token of his Satisfaction with my Services, although I am almost the only one of his German Court establishment who did him Services. If I had a Bed a Chair a Table, Sheets a Towel, I should not ask for this favour even now, but of these things I have nothing, & yet my dear General, if I can not obtain this furniture now in my use, through You, if You do not like to ask H. H. H. to favour me with it, if You do not approve <sup>at all</sup> my asking for it, I am ready to drop the Subject, & You will be kind enough to forget my ever having troubled You about it.

Mr. Van Axen at Hamburg gave on his own accord, without my know-  
ledges

the Draught of 14 L. 10 S upon You to Capt. Meier; telling him  
however as I heard that in cases it should be protested, he would  
pay its amount to the Capt. at his return. The case is this: The  
Grooms Lindsey & Butcher wrote to their wives to come over to Eng-  
land, & they were glad to go, notwithstanding my representations.  
I advanced them as much towards their voyage as I could answer for,  
& sent the account of it to the Duke. When these poor creatures  
arrived at Hamburg, were I begged Van Aken to take care of them  
their children got the measles, & they could therefore not go  
directly on board the first vessel. This delay & the Expence after-  
wards occasioned this Bill of 14 L. 10 S. & as I wrote to Van  
Aken, that I could not be answerable for any Summs he might  
advance to these women, he has tried if he could get repaid  
through You.

Adieu my dear General, pardon me for having tired your patience  
with so long a letter, & believe me to be with great truth &  
sincerity Your most affectionate humble Servant

G. de Löw.

Your Silence upon the Rhine wine makes me almost fear,  
that I have not chosen it, to your taste.