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of the letter (Sep. 23. 1791)
and the name of the person to whom
it was addressed (General Pitt Rivers)
and the name of the person who wrote
it (General Pitt Rivers)

Dear General

It was with great Pleasure I received
your kind letter but was at the same time sorry
to find it that you had Reason to be dissatisfied
with some disagreeable Events. I have taken the
greater Share in them as there seems to me little
Room left for altering them. All that can be hoped
is that these disagreeable Lessons will serve as
a Guard for to defend young Minds from being
imposed upon by Vicious and ignoble People
only interested from mere private Ends.
They caused me the more Uneasiness

could easily see the Pain they would cause the Poor
 King. Poor Man are His Sons to be a Torment to
 Him. At a Moment Where Every Thing bids fair
 to make him happy, when a Reconciliation
 has taken Place when a Marriage seems to have
 been formed according to His Wishes such a
 shocking Affair breaks out to wound His Heav
 again. Lord what do I not feel for Him. How
 do I not pity at the same Time the involuntary
 Instrument of it which at that Moment
 thinks to be working for its own Happiness and
 is digging a Ditch into which it falls itself.
 What must not such a Villain feel who is
 the Ruin of the Peace of Families who for its
 own private Ends tries to raise in a young
 Breast inordinate Desires, the Ruin of ones
 Health and Happiness. When I consider this
 I am lost in Amusement the most Violent
 Indignation seizes me. The Most Cruel Punishment
 can not expiate such a Crime, or the other

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Hand Pity calls me to cast an Eye upon a ~~unfor-~~
 -tunate Wife and two helpless Infants only born
 to see and bewail the Crimes and Punishment
 of their Father. Lord how dreadful is not this
 but how much worse would it not be were
 such a Man to be allowed to ~~live~~ ^{live}. better is it
 for three Individuals to suffer than that a
 whole Nation should cry out for Vengeance
 on the Head of a Merciless Villain. He must
 and he will be punished I think. Let me
 add only that should any Notes be found
 in my Name I disown them publicly.
 I would willingly continue but my Mind
 is so taken up that I will here conclude
 with begging to be remembered to your Son
 I have the Pleasure to be Dear General
 Your much obliged
 Very Sept. 27. 1791. Augustus Frederick

