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My dearest Child,

Whatever my Family
 may have known ^{of your marriage} I have
 never given them, any spe-
 cific authority to impart
 to You what my private
 Opinions are on the Subject
 to which your Letter of the
 20th refers. It surpris'd
 me therefore to find, that
 you understood from them
 that it was still my Wish
 to revive your alliance
 with the Prince of Orange.
 I can assure you that
 however near my Heart
 it is to have you settled
 in Marriage, & however
 I may prefer that Alliance
 for reasons most obvious
 as they respect your
 Happiness & Tranquillity
 & as the matter regards
 the safety of your repu-
 tation I am willing there

sense of what is so essential
 - ~~unity~~ ~~between~~ Parent
 & child, & which my most
 affectionate anxiety for
 your wellfare, ^{as well as} ~~now~~ ~~your~~
 regard to my own happiness
 induce me to hope, will
 never again be broken
 in upon.

As you have now so
 - instantly & unexpectedly
 brought the subject under
 my consideration I am
^{in consequence} bound out of love for you
 & in fairness to myself,
 as well as ^{in justice} ~~in justice~~
 to the family, to lay my
 most deliberate & anxious
 views of the subject, with
 - ~~the reasons~~ before you.

This is not the effect of
 prejudice, nor dictated
 by any spleen² or
 - prospective feeling upon
^{painful} the unfortunate occurrences
 - ^{of the last year} ~~of the last year~~ ~~of the last year~~
 of any communication with
 my confidential servants,
 for they are entirely igno-
 - rant of our ^{present} ~~present~~ correspondence.

(2.)
 a temper ^{was} ~~was~~ to operate
 now, which prevail'd when
 You so earnestly & so ardently
 compell'd Me as it were, to
 betrothe You to the Prince
 of Orange, all these notions
 which make You consider
 the whole Happiness of your
 Life, & your Well being as
^{your interest} resting upon the Abandon-
 -ment of that Union, would
 be dispell'd.

That this may be the
 case, seems to Me, to depend
 entirely upon the facts,
 which You may be inclin'd
 to give your Mind, as no
 circumstance has ever
 occur'd, (certainly none
 to my knowledge) which
~~could~~ ^{could} have created
 the failure last Year or
 the continuance of that
 disinclination which
 your Letter expresses.
 On the contrary, his
 Character & conduct
 have been prov'd through
^{& subsequent} ~~various~~ trials, to continue
 as amiable, as respectable
 & as unblemish'd, as ~~it was~~
 they were

interest must at least, ^{be} ~~continued~~
~~most experience~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{power} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~shudder~~ ^{to} ~~say~~
with increasing severity.

Our Station, compels us
no doubt, to enter into
~~matrimonial~~ ^{connexions} ~~alliances~~
guided, by a superior sense
of the Duty which we owe
to the Country, & if we are
so far fortunate, as to be
allied ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~Virtues~~ it is
prov'd by experience that
the comforts of matrimonial
Union will follow in such
a reasonable degree, as to render
Life, comfortable, & the
high Station which we
are destin'd to fill, respectable
in that relation.

You have no reason
to apprehend in a Union
with the Prince of Orange
~~the~~ ^{the} ~~greatest~~ ^{greatest} ~~infamy~~ ^{infamy} ~~which~~ ^{which} ~~I~~ <sup>I ~~can~~ ^{can} ~~possibly~~ ^{possibly} ~~experience~~ ^{experience} ~~from~~ ^{from} ~~a~~ ^a ~~Marriage~~ ^{Marriage} ~~with~~ ^{with} ~~a~~ ^a ~~Princess~~ ^{Princess} ~~whose~~ ^{whose} ~~Character~~ ^{Character},
we have had occasion so
recently, so fully & so publicly
~~to~~ ^{to} ~~discuss~~ ^{discuss} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~public~~ ^{public} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~from~~ ^{from} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~contents~~ ^{contents},
of which, it is
so much my wish, always
to abstain.</sup>

Thus then I view this
most serious & important

means which you have dis-
 -closed to me, she so unfor-
 -tunately proposes, to enable
 Her, to make your impu-
 -dence, ~~public~~ & total-
 -ly ~~ruin~~ your Reputation, ^{and}
 In such a predicament
 when I am gone, you can
 have no Protector, but a
 Husband, & that Husband
 can not be a Protector,
 unless He shall have a
 Name, a Station, & a Charac-
 -ter in Europe, calculated
 to repel, what may be,
 & what you & I, ^{you do clearly see} ~~have no~~
 doubt, will be attempted.

^{can be}
 there ~~is~~ no doubt.
~~the husbandly part~~

Even this, imperative as
 the Topic is become, by
 what you have ^{totally} ~~expressly~~
 urged to me, would not
 have ~~been~~ ^{been} from me, any
^{high} communication, as to your
 marriage with the Prince
 of Orange, unless your
 Letter had ^{expressly} ~~required~~ ^{called upon} me
 to break through my
 resolutions of silence on
 this subject. Sub being
 the situation in which
 your Letter has placed
 me, every sense of public
 Duty, my parental love
 for you, the hazards &

alarming ~~intention~~
 Pinnacle on which you
~~stand~~, ^{compel} ~~me~~ me to state
 without reserve, that I
 see no matrimonial alliance
~~to be proposed~~ ^{desirable} in any aspect
~~of this~~; that if there were
 any, the risk of delay in
~~your situation~~ ^{presenting difficulties} your situation, is ~~great~~
 peculiarly indeed, for the
 Princess of Wales, has ^{but} ~~now~~
 to make known the Com-
 ments so unfortunately
 in her possession, to render
 it impossible, for you to
 form a marriage alliance
^{only} not with the Prince of Orange
~~only~~, but with any other
 Prince of Character, Power
 & Respectability, & then
 reflect my dearest Child
 how the whole Happiness
 Credit & Honor of your
 Life will be destroy'd, & how
 the very means of your
 discharging your allotted
 Duties, ^{& executing} when I am no
 more, will not only be
 embarrassed but entirely
 frustrated. I repeat ^{repeatedly} ~~repeatedly~~
~~I repeat~~ ^{repeatedly} ~~repeatedly~~ ~~repeatedly~~ ~~repeatedly~~
 I concur with you

in your observation, that
 We can not marry like the
 rest of the World, for both
 our elevated Rank, & our
 Religious Faith limit
 our choice to few indeed;
 How fortunate is it then
~~now~~ ^{under} these circumstances to
 find Youth, Character,
 Power, Rank, ^{consequence}
 national ^{actual} interests, & par-
 ticular alliances all united
 in one, as they are in the
 Prince of Orange; & how
 impossible it is to ^{again} ~~hope~~
 hope, much less ever to
 expect to attain so fortu-
 nate a combination of
 circumstances for you, &
 for the country, in the Power of any other.

Surely then, it is your
 Duty to use every effort
 to reconcile your mind,
 to what at one Period
 was your own voluntary
 choice, & you can not fail
 to see, how unfit it is, to
 permit any unwaranted
 Prejudice, or unguarded
 Declaration (which ^{perhaps}
 may have, ^{imprudently & unthinkingly} made to others
 & which you from erroneous
 & ^{unjust} ~~unjust~~ Ideas ^{you} may
 deem a Pledge) to influence

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 mind
 melonks
 you go
 I say;

but they have ~~not~~
~~not~~ become far more decided
 & indeed conclusive in my
 mind since ^{my receipt of the letter} the confirmation
~~of your government last~~ ^{of your government} ~~last~~ ^{to me}
 day;

You against a measure (4)
 so obviously essential to
 the ~~very~~ vital interests &
~~the~~ welfare & happiness
 of the Kingdom & of Yourself
 as well as so congenial
 to the wishes of your most
 affectionate ~~parent~~ ^{parent} & of
 his best ^{& most anxious} feelings towards
 you.

These have always
 been my ~~own~~ ^{clear} moderate
 & decided opinions ^{that they}
 have not been the subject of
 communication, as I have
 already said, either with
 my own confidential servants
 or to the Prime of France,
 & it is ^{the} your open commu-
 nication of your sentiments
 to me, which alone has
 rendered it ~~my duty~~ ^{then binding}
 upon me ^{in return} to be thus candid
 full & explicit ^{in my} ~~in my~~
 statement upon this
 most momentous subject.

You will now have it
 in your power deliberately
 to peruse & consider again
 & again my views with
 cool & repeated attention;

I want to discuss them with
 a ~~my~~ friend (notwithstanding
 the injunction of Private
 & confidential at the top
 of this letter) who ^{may be, already} ~~is~~ ^{is}
 acquainted with, & truly in-
 formed ^{by you} of your story, together
 with all the circumstances
 of your present mysterious
 & most unexampled situation.
 If then you allow such
 a Person, whom you may
 have thus entrusted with
 the ^{whole} knowledge of these ~~very~~ ^{very} properly
~~and~~ delicate subjects, to
 give you a fair, honest
 & unobtruded Opinion,
 & do not either avoid or
 refuse hearing that Opinion,
 or deter them from giving
 it; The case appears to
 me, to be ~~so~~ ^{such}, that
 I feel quite confident
 that you will not &
 can not receive, ^{that opinion} ~~any~~
~~and~~ ^{from a Person so}
 informed, ^{& perhaps} ~~any~~ ^{even}
 in a shadow from mine.
 But if, on the other hand
 you were to submit the
 consideration of it to ~~any~~
~~one~~ ^{any} ~~who is ignorant of~~ ^{Person} ~~of~~

& fully
 not thus performed,

consideration, ^{of nature,} public &
private, it ^{ought} ~~is~~ ^{to} be to
me, ~~the~~ ^{my} ~~desire~~ ^{that it} I am
convinced, can only flow
spontaneously from the
Parties themselves.

With the warmest
feelings of my heart, with
the most earnest & anxious
wishes for your Happiness,
& with my most fervent
Prayers that Providence
may direct you to a right
& due consideration of
your situation in these
awful circumstances
in which you are placed
I remain, my dearest
Child, ever

Your most truly
affectionate

Father

J.P.

P.S.

Although I had often
& anxiously thought
this subject ^{over}, yet I never
~~found it so interesting~~
~~till now~~ ^{before} ~~it~~
was committed to Paper

over
I therefore had to considerate
this subject ^{at some times}
it most deliberately, ^{with}
with the interposition of the
Council, ^{and independent}
Service, & ~~the~~ multiplicity of
other public business in
the course of ^{last} ~~the~~ ^{few} ~~the~~ ^{days} ~~only~~
account to you for my
not having been able
to forward this Letter
any sooner

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