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by that affectionate Friendship you  
have ever shewn to his Wife and  
Children, to prove to your Brother  
the improbability of his request—  
yet, do it as gently as possible  
for his heart is too deeply engaged  
not for it to render him unhappy which  
weighs more heavily on me than any  
other consideration. Yet still I will  
do my Duty, it is therefore (painful as  
it will be to me) my intention to quit  
London as soon as my Child's Birthday  
is passed ~~and~~ which I trust in God  
it will be, for the longer I remain near  
your Brother, the more difficult  
I feel it will be for me to pursue  
the right line of Conduct

which I have ever felt support me  
through ten thousand miseries,

once more Sir, I implore your  
Royal Highness to make your Brother  
see the necessity of our Separation

and believe me to deserve your  
Royal Highness's regard will ever  
be the just wish of my heart

And I shall ever remain,

Sir,

your Royal Highness's most  
dutiful and affectionate servant

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