

N.º 13 Chapel Street
Grosvenor Square Nov: 21. 1808

My dear Sir

I have the Honor to receive your Letter,
of the 9th Inst: - and regret that I have
been prevented answering it sooner -
but the death of a Brother in Law obliged
me to leave Salisbury - I am concerned
to find by your Letter. that my Conduct
towards Mrs H. should create your Displeasure
and can assure you that nothing can
wound my feelings more. than the
Idea of my having done any one thing
intentionally to the Prejudice of a
Person I feel so sincerely attached
to - to create such a Suspicion in
your mind - and when you are acquainted
with the peculiar Situation I am
placed in - I trust you will not think
that I have acted dishonorably -
however appearances may be against
me in your opinion - It was my

Intention to have gone to Guernsey
when at Weymouth, ^{but} I received a Letter
from my Solicitor - informing me that
Mrs P. had made some objections in
respect to the Disposal of a Property
which related to her Settlement, altho'
a Separation has a long time taken
place between us, which deprived me
of the means of going abroad at that
period - and I thought the best plan, I
could pursue was to return to this place
to arrange matters - as well as I could - it
was my opinion that such a line of
conduct - was more candid towards Mrs K.
than keeping her in the dark, respecting
my private concerns - and I can most
solemnly assure you, Sir, that I never
had the most distant Idea of any
Connection taking place between Mrs K.
and myself - but such as would prove
both permanent and safe - which I believe
she is convinced of - from the assurances
I have made to her - and the proof I

am willing to give of marrying her - should
it ever be in my Power so to do -
My allusion to a Temporary Separation
related only to the arrangement of my
private concerns - which I am at present
endeavouring to accomplish - I hope
Sir, this Explanation will prove to you
satisfactory - and convince you that
the Confidence Mrs K. placed in me
was such as I never wish to betray

I have the Honor to remain
my dear Sir,
your obedient & able Servant
W. M. Spencer

P.S. I have the pleasure to inform you
Mrs K. is very well - I have every
Apology to offer for the length of this
Letter - which I hope you will excuse

General Bude'—