

G. von K^{ön}igHannover April 18th
1780.

Dear Sir

I beg You will accept my warmest thanks for the kindness with which You recieved my english letter, as well as for the indulgence with which You treated it. If I go on with this my english correspondence, & if it should become tedious to You, it will be greatly Your own fault, Yourself having encouraged me, continuing writing in that language, which certainly will prove a very good practise to me, especially, as, to my great sorrow, a ~~little~~ short conversation now & then with General Wallmoden excepted, I have not an opportunity of talking a single word of english.

Gen. Freytag will be so kind as to take care, that this letter will be

safely delivered in your hands, without fear of being opened. The same person who delivers you this letter, will receive your answer, & forward it safely, to the General, from whom I am to get it. We may therefore be a little more open.

It is not with a small degree of concern that I see in your letter my dear General, that every thing does not go on, as it should on your side of the water; & I can not find ~~terms~~ terms strong enough, to express what I feel, hearing the different reports ~~that~~ of things which have happened, nor in what degree

I dread those which may happen in future. I readily believe that these things have been outré, I flatter myself even with the hopes of it, but even the remaining true parts, though ever so small, must grieve me to the very heart, which you will easily believe, knowing me, my way of thinking, my true & real attachment . . . & the hopes we had at your setting out.

So for God's sake my dear General give me, as much as you can a true account of all this, relieve me of the great anxiety & uncertainty in which I am, & rely entirely upon my secrecy, & prudence, as well, as on the assurance, that I never shall

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 worse happen, the thing I dread more, than any thing else, it would
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 tell me it has not taken place yet, & it is not likely to do
 it at all. Give me leave however to venture some advice upon
 this subject, which perhaps may be useful. Beware of a certain
 short little person, & advise others to beware likewise of him.
 He has very great & ambitious views, he has business to do, for
 very great people, he sees them often, & alone. The greatest
 friends can not always be of the same way of thinking. Single
 words may change the sense of ^{whole} phrases entirely, which may very
 easily breed misunderstandings. Private & ambitious views may
 know no bounds, to get sooner or later the object of their wishes.
 I have received a letter from the Duke of Sotman Muth. He
 writes me that he is miserable, that he knows, his housekeeping
 & family going not on here as it should, his wife being too young,
 & having not experience enough to be on the head of it: that he must
 be entirely ruined if his absence should last long, & that he wi-
 shed nothing so much, as to obtain his masters leave to return he-
 re, desiring me of getting it for him. In the report I send to day

to H. R. H. of his Servants, I mention to him that Muth's family,
circumstances requires his presence here, & in a letter to Muth
I tell him, that this is all I can do for him, advising him to
be cautious, what he does in this affair, & to beg the favour
of Your interesting Yourself for him, taking the liberty here to
ask the same thing for him.

Be assured of my best wishes for Your ~~health~~ health & happi-
ness, & believe me with great truth & sincerity, my dear
General Your most faithfull & humble Servant. L.