

C. von Kott

Staden July 21<sup>st</sup> 1709.

My dear General,

I return You many & the most hearty thanks for Your two very kind letters, especially for the one in which You have the friendly attention, to give me the much desired intelligence of H.R. H's having happily got through the measles. You remember that he always dreaded this disease, & the intelligence I received from Hannover that he was very ill with them, filled my mind with the most melancholic apprehensions. Thank God that they were unrain, & a thousand thanks for Your kindness to relieve me from them.

I have taken the liberty of congratulating the Duke in a few lines upon his lucky recovery, adding an earnest prayer not to treat this disease en bagatelle, & rather to dread <sup>the</sup> ~~its~~ consequences, of its being too much neglected.

Giving You joy, on account of the acquisition You have made of a house, I not only shall get Rhine Wine for You with the greatest pleasure, but also offer my services in case You should  
want

any other things, let it be what it will. You remember that we are famous on the continent for China, & for Table Linens. Luckily I am in a situation of procuring you very good Rhine Wine, intending to take along with my Father, who is a perfect, & well broken in connoisseur, a trip into the Pfirngau, where the best wine grows, & where I can get you something very good, at a reasonable price. I suppose that one Ofm will be sufficient for you in the beginning, as it never contains under 100 Bottles, if however I can make a bargain, I perhaps may be tempted of sending you a larger quantity. You may however be persuaded that I shall manage your interest all well as if I did act for my own in this affair.

As you now turn to Housekeeping I entertain no doubt but that it will not be long before you get the best, & most valuable furniture of a House, a good & amiable companion for life, in which, as well <sup>as</sup> in every other circumstance

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of Your life. You have my heartiest, & best wishes.

The Duke has graciously promised me, to return me by the present Quarterly Messenger two Papers Signed, which are both of consequence. One is for Mr de Münch, & the other for me, the first concerning likewise H. R. H. If You could find the opportunity of putting him in mind of his promise You would oblige me very much. Entre nous the first concerns the debt the Duke owes to Münch, & the other is a Discharge for me of my Accounts till the last of December 1700. for which I asked in January 09. & which He promised me to send, having found my accounts true, after having examined them. I am setting out in a few days for Aix la Chapelle, in Company with my Uncle, Mr & Mad. de Dieden, to repeat the use of the hot baths there, of which I found so much benefit last year, that I almost entertain the hopes of a perfect cure, & of a total relief of all rheumatic complaints.

The greatest news of our part of the world are the continuations of the declined State of the Emperor's health, & although, we have

the fairest prospect of a very good harvest before us, the exporta-  
tion of Corn is so great to France, & to the Armies in Hungary,  
that every thing raises in price, for you must know that  
hereabouts Corn is the Standard by which the Price of every ar-  
ticle almost is regulated, & raises or falls accordingly.

Adieu my dear General, believe me to be with great respect, &  
sincerity

Your

most obedient servant

G. de Linc.

P.S. I almost forgot to thank you for your farther account  
about the fatal. Duck, & I think with you that the least  
there is spoken about it the better it is.

My Family is very sensible of your goodness to remember  
it, & returns you many & the best compliments