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My dear General,

I do not fail of writing to You previous to my leaving this town, & of acquainting You, that, I am setting out in a few Days for my father's estate Staden, & to go from thence to Frankfurt, when all the conscripted Sathers are assembled, to give a new head to our odd constitution.

However my dear General I am very far from being able, of continuing in a jocular stile, assuring You on the contrary, that I write this lines to You, with a heavy heart, & a mind filled with anguish, Thank God however, not on my own account.

The Subject I am going to enter upon, is a very delicate one, & I beseech You, not only to keep it secret, but also to act in it with the greatest caution & prudence, relying upon the friendships You always showed me, that You will not make it appear, having recieved any intelligence from me.

The fact is as follows Mr de Z... returned lately here under the pretext of buying Holstein Hares, & returning with them immediatly

over the Sea. In fact he came with secret orders to negotiate a large sum of money, & even in order to obtain it, with a plain pouvoir of selling here, as it appears in secret, the largest, & finest house in town. ^{a carrying its price over} You know that there are a good number of debts here, that some are immediately ^{entailed} upon the house, & you may easily guess the consternation, & the immediate loss of all credit which this rash step must occasion, the more so if the buildings, & the costly things ^{in it} should be given away infinitely under their value, as must probably be the case. We foresee here the most disagreeable consequences if this plan should be executed, the total overthrow of public faith, the loss of all credit, & good opinion, & a number of disagreeable, & disgraceful law suits, at the tribunals of the Empire. Besides the bad effects which such proceedings must have in the Dominions, contiguous to these here.

If some time ago, the plan of selling ~~publicly~~ ^{with} this house here, & of paying the debts of, with ^{its} price, could have succeeded, I should have thought it a very wise & good ^{one} ~~thing~~; I should have ^{done} all that could lay in ^{my} power to make it succeed, for you know that from the beginning I thought its acquisition useless, & now I look upon it as an incumbrance, being persuaded that it never will

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be habitated by its master. But to get rid of it in this way --- No
 my dear General I can not think of its being possible. The debts
 here are considerable, to be sure, but the Sums borrowed here, & sent
 over to England to purchase Stocks for it, make, by a very great
 deal, the largest part of, so as absolutely to bear ~~no~~ proportion
 with the rest, therefore these here can not be looked upon as spent
 here, & the more this has been done, the less I think the Creditors
 deserve to be treated in this way.

I do protest upon my honor my dear General, & You know, I never
 pawn it in vain, that my sincer, & warm affection & attachment
 to our common Master, ^{only, & no other reason whatsoever, the case is too important I overlook them all} makes me speak to You in the ~~strong~~ ^{strong}
 strong & open way I did do it upon this Subject, nay I look
 upon it as a point of duty to open myself to You upon it,
 & to beseech You to endeavour to save him from a Step, of
 which he must repent when perhaps too late. Believe me
 the ~~ne~~ contiguous Dominions must be managed with great nicety, &
 their Master must be very carefull, of not forfeiting their
 affection & esteem.

Now my dear General Your prudence will easily dictate to You
~~what You~~, what You can do in this occasion, & I only repeat here,
 that I compleatly

rely on the kindness You always showed me, on the reasons which
force this letter from me, that You will not expose me, of
experiencing any disagreeable consequences for having wrote it
Adieu, be happy is the Sincerest wish of Your most affec-
tionate humble servant.

Gd.