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October 2<sup>d</sup>.

Dr. Sir,

I received your letter dated July 14<sup>th</sup> - & I must say that I was much distressed at its contents, I was <sup>most</sup> deeply disappointed. but as you have not returned my letter to <sup>the</sup> emperor, my hopes have to a certain degree revived; as I have thought that it was possible, that you had found some channel to have it placed in his hands. If such is the case, I write if only one line, & relieve my mind from the anxiety I now suffer. I do not wish you to make any exertion & shall not expect long letters very few words will be sufficient. -

I should have written to you before this, but you mentioned the enormous expense of postage, & I have waited patiently until all patience <sup>is</sup> exhausted. However I thank you for having written at all, as it gives signs <sup>& good feeling</sup> of life, tho' I deeply regret that your health ~~that you be still continues so delicate~~. I am <sup>in</sup> grieved that your health still continues so delicate, <sup>for</sup> I have lost so many friends that those that remain ~~are~~ are infinitely prized by me, & among others I cannot afford to lose you, therefore take care of yourself for in some things I think you are imprudent, sometimes you are too thinly clothed, at others too warmly, you act according to the feelings of the moment, when you ought to ~~be~~ act <sup>systematically</sup> ~~systematically~~ on the subject, nothing is of more importance especially in such a climate as Prussia

excuse my giving you advice, & if I am wrong be assured  
that it is from the ~~sincere~~ <sup>I feel</sup> interest in your restoration to  
health, you have suffered sickness, but you have not  
had to encounter grief heart rending grief, you have not  
had anything to weigh daily & hourly on your mind, as  
I have experienced, & I pray that you may be spared the  
misery of such feelings.

I do not know who of those I formerly knew, are  
now at St Petersburg; but I should suppose that Politice  
if those would not refuse to present the letter, Count <sup>the</sup> Woron,  
& Zoff, was an intimate friend of my father during his  
5 years embassy in England: but I suppose he is dead, as  
all are, who could be of service to me. ~~my~~ much of human  
life my friend is spent in lamentation & in inaction, but  
that is not <sup>my</sup> character, I will do all I can to sustain myself  
& if I fail, I can only feel that I have done my best  
life is to short for delays, so if you can aid me in this  
affair, do it at once. adieu, & believe me with

Every sentiment of sincere  
Respect & esteem  
& Th<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Hay.

With regard to how I have been circumvented, it would  
many pages to give you any idea of the management &  
intrigues ~~that~~ that were <sup>& I am</sup> not able to write it  
resorted to for the purpose. M<sup>r</sup> G.  
has ruined himself by gambling in stocks, horse racing,  
betting ~~in~~ & in other ways. My father was persuaded  
by him & those who M<sup>r</sup> G. ~~had~~ <sup>had</sup> ~~surround~~ <sup>surround</sup> him ~~not~~ <sup>to</sup>  
plead

Delay making his will until the last moment;  
& then, I do not think that he was from fever, &  
great Debility able to make such a one, as he  
~~ought~~ <sup>ought to</sup> have made if at an earlier period. However  
~~was~~ I must remain quiet until the thing is brought  
before Court; <sup>but fortunately the estate remains, & it is for my share that I am concerned</sup> ~~yet~~ I have to give up half of my small  
income for Logers opinions, which <sup>pinches</sup> ~~puts me much~~ <sup>dreadfully</sup> ~~at~~  
this moment. To give you some idea of the affair G. would  
not record the will, & after a while he said, that it was  
lost, he was ignorant of the laws of Virginia, & found  
that unless he ~~could~~ he did produce it, that he could not  
sell <sup>the slaves</sup> ~~any thing~~ on the estate. he insisted that I had perjured  
it, I had never seen it but once & that such being the  
case he <sup>did bring it forward, but in the mean time he</sup> ~~produced it~~; ~~but~~ he had made way with most  
valuable property, & to a great amount, which can never  
be recovered. to end, it was a very black business, & one  
from which a deep stain will be fixed on his honor; if  
I had been rich I would have given the affair up; <sup>to save him</sup> but I  
could not give up my support, & the interest of my grand  
Children.