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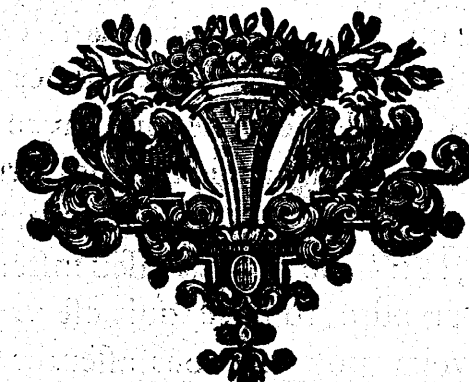


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LETTER

FROM A

FRENCH Lady at PARIS.

Giving a particular Account of the Man-
ner in which Prince EDWARD was
arrested.



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LETTRE de Madame de -----

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Monsieur de -----.

JE ne sçay, Monsieur, si je pourray vous donner un Detail aussi circonstantié que vous le souhaitez de ce qui s'est passé le jour que le Prince ED-OUARD fut Arreté : soit crainte du Public, soit honte de la Conduite que l'on a tenu, on s'efforce maintenant de jeter de l'Obscurité sur les faits : si les Premiers jours on les eut deguisé avec autant d'Attention, je n'aurois que des Bruits populaires à vous mander : je les ecarteray avec soin, et si je ne suis pas assez instruit pour vous apprendre tout ce qui est vray ; du moins vous pouvez vous assurer de ne rien sçavoir par moy, qui ne le soit.

Vous avez appris avec tout le Monde, que le Prince ED-OUARD refusoit de sortir du Royaume, soit qu'il se fondât sur un

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FROM A

FRENCH LADY, &c.

I Do not know, Sir, whether I can give you so circumstantial a Detail as you desire, of what happened upon the Day on which Prince EDWARD was arrested. Whether it proceeds from the Ministers being afraid of the Populace, or from their being ashamed of the Manner in which they have conducted this Affair, but at present they make use of all possible Methods to disguise the Facts ; and if for the first two or three Days, they had taken the same Pains, I should have had nothing to communicate to you but publick Rumours : But these I shall carefully avoid ; and if I am not sufficiently informed to give you all that is true, you may be assured, at least, of having nothing from me that is not true.

You and every one else have heard, that Prince EDWARD refused to depart the Kingdom. Whether he grounded his Refusal upon

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un Traité avec la France, soit qu'il comptât sur la Parole du Roy, ou sur sa Reconnoissance, il croyoit les Liens qui l'unifesoient à luy trop forts pour ne pas regarder, disoit-il, comme des Ordres supposées, ceux que le Roy ne luy signifieroit pas luy-même.

Cette Conduite ferme à laquelle on ne s'étoit point attendu parut extravagante à la Cour, on s'étonnoit qu'il osât résister aux volontés du Roy : une telle Résistance faisoit croire qu'il soutiendrait à l'Exemple de CHARLES Douze un Siège dans sa Maison : Il menaçoit, disoit-on, de tuer quiconque voudroit l'arrêter, et commençant par l'homicide, il devoit finir par le suicide. Monsieur le Duc de Gevres et plusieurs autres étoient cités comme Témoins de ces Discours, mais il n'y a personne, qui ne les désavoue, le Duc entre autres publie, que le Prince l'avoit toujours assuré, qu'il respecteroit tous ceux qui se présenteroient à luy au Nom du Roy.

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on a Treaty with France, or upon the Word or Faith of the King, he believed that the Bands of Union between his Majesty and himself were too strong, not to induce him to think all Orders supposititious (as he called them) except such as his Majesty should be pleased to signify from his own Mouth.

This steady Conduct, which they little expected, appeared extravagant to the Court : They were astonished at his attempting to oppose the Will of the King. Such an Opposition made them believe, that, after the Example of Charles the XIIth, he would stand a Siege in his own House. They gave out, that he threatned to kill the first Man that should offer to arrest him ; and that beginning thus by Murder, he would finish by Suicide : Monsieur the Duke de Gevres, and several others, were mentioned as Witnesses of these Declarations ; but there is not one of them who does not deny their having ever heard any such Thing. Among others the Duke declares publickly, that the Prince had always assured him, that he would shew a Respect to all those who should apply to him in the Name of the King.

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Cependant cette Intention supposée jet-
tant l'alarme dans le Conseil et reveillant la
prudence des Ministres leur fit prendre a-
près de meures Deliberations la Resolution
de se saisir du Prince EDOUARD par sur-
prise. Le Cul de sac de l'Opera fut choisi
comme la lieu le plus propre à l'arreter.
Le Prince EDOUARD se trouvoit chaque
jour dans la Foule, soit aux Promenades soit
aux spectacles : depuis quelque tems il y
alloit meme plus souvent qu'à l'ordinaire.
Il vouloit apparemment, si on se portoit à
quelque violence, qu'elle fut faite en Pub-
lic, et qu'on sceut, qu'il ne renonceroit pas
volontairement à l'Azile promis par la
France.

Le jour de l'execution etant pris, et la
Commission donnée à Monsieur le Duc de
Biron, Colonel des Gardes Françaises, il
se tint chez le Duc un conseil, la nuit du
Lundy au Mardi onze de Decembre,
composé des Officiers de l'Etat Major, et
de six Sergens : on concerta les Moyens
d'executer cette Enterprize : les Officiers
qui devoient y avoir part furent averti de
se rendre chez Monsieur de Vaudreuil a-
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*This supposed Intention, however, giv-
ing the Alarm to the Council, and furnish-
ing Matter for the Wisdom of the Minis-
ters, made them, after mature Deliberati-
on, resolve to have Prince EDWARD seized
by Surprise. The Passage leading to the
Opera-House was chosen, as the most proper
Place for arresting him. The Prince ap-
peared every Day in some publick Assem-
bly, either in the Walks, or in the Play-
houses ; and, for some Time before, he had
even frequented them more than usual ; be-
ing probably resolved, that if they should
attempt any Violence, it should be done in
Publick, that the World might see, that
he did not willingly give up the Azylum
which had been promised him by France.*

*The Day of Execution being fixed, and
the Orders given to Monsieur the Duke de
Biron, Colonel of the French Guards, a
Council of War was held at the Duke's
House, in the Night between Monday and
Tuesday the eleventh of December, which
was composed of the Field-Officers and six
Serjeants. They concerted the Methods
for executing this Enterprize : The Officers
who were to have a Share in it, were com-
manded to repair to Mr. de Vaudreuil's be-*

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vant le jour pour n'être point apperçu : le Duc de Biron s'y trouva ; il envoya acheter dix Aunes de Cordon de Soye cramoisi ; commanda douze cens hommes de son Regiment ; leur ordonna d'investir le Palais Royal : les Sergens du Regiment armez des cuirasses et des calottes devoient être dans le Cul de sac de l'Opera, et dans les Allées des Maisons, qui y repondent. Les Sergens des Grenadiers, comme les plus *intrepides*, eurent ordre de le saisir. Deux compagnies de Grenadiers occupoient la cour des cuisines, où Monsieur le Duc de Biron deguisé attendoit dans un carosse le succès de cet Entreprize. Les Mousquetaires eurent ordre de se tenir prêts à monter à cheval : le Guet fut distribué dans les Rues voisines : l'on plaça des Troupes depuis le Palais Royal jusqu' à Vincennes, et l'on commanda des haches, des échelles et des ferruriers pour prendre le Prince par Escalade, en cas qu'il se jettât dans quelque Maison, et qu'il voulût y soutenir Siege : Vernage Medicin et trois Chirurgiens eurent ordre de se tenir prêts pour penser les blesez.

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fore Day, in order to prevent their being perceived. The Duke de Biron went thither himself, and caused ten Ells of crimson silk Cord to be bought ; and having drawn out 1200 Men of his Regiment, he ordered them to invest the Palace-Royal. The Serjeants of the Regiment, armed with Cuirasses and Scul-caps, had Directions to be in the Passage to the Opera-House, and in the Entrances of the Houses bordering upon it. The Serjeants of the Grenadiers, as being the most intrepid, were ordered to seize the Prince : Two Companies of Grenadiers took Post in the Court-Yard of the Kitchens, where the Duke de Biron, disguised and in a Coach, waited to see the Success of this Enterprize. The Mousquetaires † had Orders to be ready to mount on Horseback : The Guet ‡ was distributed in all the neighbouring Streets : Troops were posted upon the Road from the Palace-Royal quite to Vincennes ; Hatchets, and Scaling-Ladders, were prepared, Locksmiths were directed to attend, in order to take*

* The Opera-House at Paris is in this Palace.

† A Body of French Horse-Guards.

‡ A Body of Men kept for guarding the Streets in Paris.

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Les mesures prises avec precaution et secret furent cependant remarquées : le Prince reçut le Matin plusieurs Billets, qui luy en donnoient avis : il fut encore averti aux Tuilleries, et meme en passant dans la Rue St. Honoré pour aller à l'Opera : il entendoit une voix qui luy cria, *Prince retournez, on va vous arreter, le Palais Royal est investi.* Malgré les avis, il continua son chemin ; en descendant au Cul de sac il trouva la Garde doublée, la Bayonette au bout du fusil ; le Guet placé dans la Rue ecartoit les Passans, et faisoit defiler les Carosses ; les Sergens en habits gris l'entourerent comme des Domestiques curieux de le voir ; empressement, au quel il estoit accoutumé de la part du Public. Un Sergent en habit uniforme avança feignant d'ecarter la Foule ; l'estoit le Signal ; dans ce moment deux Sergens luy saifirent le Bras au dessus du Coude ; deux

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the Prince by a Scalded, in Case he should throw himself into some House, and there resolve to stand a Siege. Dr. Vernage, the Physician, and three Surgeons, were also ordered to be in Readiness to dress the Wounded.

*The Measures thus taken, with all this Precaution and Secrecy, were notwithstanding observed. The Prince received that Morning several Notes, giving him Advice of the whole Design. At the Tuilleries * likewise he was advertised of it ; and, as he passed through the Street St. Honoré going to the Opera, he heard a Voice call to him, Prince, return, they are going to arrest you, the Palace-Royal is beset. Notwithstanding these Advices he went on, and in alighting from his Coach at the Passage of the Opera-House, he found the Guards doubled, with their Bayonets fix'd on the Muzzels of their Muskets ; the Guet turning Passengers out of the Streets, and making the Coaches file off ; and he was surrounded by the Serjeants dressed in grey Cloaths, as if they had been Servants who were desirous to get a Sight of him, a*

* Royal Gardens at Paris, where the Nobility are allow'd to walk.

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les Poignées, un le milieu du Corps, et un autre les Jambes. En cet état ils le portèrent dans une Porte-cochère au fond du Cul de sac; cette Maison occupée par Monsieur de Matfar repond dans la cour des cuisines; Monsieur de Vaudreuil et les autres Officiers attendoient le Prince derriere la Porte; on l'ouvrit pour le recevoir. Monseigneur, lui dit Monsieur de Vaudreuil, *je vous arrete de la part du Roy mon Maitre.* Le Prince sans montrer d'Alteration, luy repondit, *La maniere est un peu vive.* On le transporta selon les ordres dans une Sale basse de la cour des cuisines, là ou luy demanda ses Armes; *Je ne vous les donneray pas,* leur dit-il, *mais vous pouvez les prendre.* On luy otât son épée, un couteau à deux lames, et deux pistolets. Il dit, *qu'on ne devoit pas etre etonné de lui voir des pistolets, qu'il en avoit toujours porté depuis son retour d'Escosse.* Monsieur de Vaudreuil le pria de n'attenter ny à sa vie, ny à celle des autres; il luy en donna sa parole, surquoi Monsieur de Vaudreuil alla au carosse du Duc de Biron pour rendre compte de ce qui s'estoit passé; il luy apprit que le Prince

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popular Curiosity to which he had been much accustomed. One Serjeant in his Uniform advanced, under pretence of dispersing the Mob, which was to be the Signal. At that Instant two Serjeants seized him by the Arms behind, two seized his Hands, one seized him round the Middle, and another seized his Legs. In this Condition they carried him to a great Gate at the End of the Passage, belonging to Mr. de Matfar, which opened into the Court-Yard of the Kitchens. Mr. de Vaudreuil and the other Officers waited for the Prince behind this Gate, which they opened to receive him. Monseigneur, says Mr. de Vaudreuil, I arrest you in the Name of the King my Master. The Prince, without the least Change in his Countenance, answered, The Manner is a little too violent. According to their Orders, they carried him into a Hall upon the Ground-floor, where they demanded his Arms: I shall not deliver them to you, says he, but you may take them. They took from him his Sword, a Knife with two Blades, and two Pistols. He said: They must not be surpris'd at seeing him have Pistols, for he had constantly carried

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Prince étoit defarmé, et ne faisoit point de Résistance : le Duc de Biron jugea cependant qu'il étoit nécessaire de le lier pour plus grande seureté; le que Monsieur de Vaudreuil executa en faisant au Prince des excuses, l'assurant qu'on prenoit ces précautions par attachement à sa Personne uniquement, pour que son A—— R——e n'attentât pas sur elle même : *Je ne suis pas accoutumé à des pareils procedez,* luy repartit le Prince, *j'ignore s'ils sont bons ou mauvais, mais la honte n'en peut être pour moy, elle est toute pour votre Maître.* Monsieur de Vaudreuil ne cessoit, en le faisant lier, de luy temoigner le chagrin, qu'il avoit à executer une semblable Commission. *Elle est bien humiliante pour un Officier,* luy repartit le Prince : On continua : ses bras, ses jambes furent liez, et on le chargea de tant de liens, qu'il dit en les regardant d'un air dedaigneux, *En trouvez vous bientôt assez ?* Pas encore, repondit Monsieur de Vaudreuil : à ces mots le Prince luy lança un regard foudroyant. On le postat dans un carosse de remise, qui attendoit dans la cour des cuisines : Monsieur de Vaudreuil se plaça à coté de luy, deux Capitaines

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a Pair in his Pockets, ever since his Return from Scotland. *M. de Vaudreuil begg'd of him, not to make any Attempt either upon his own Life, or that of any other Person ; the Prince gave him his Word he would not.* Then Mr. de Vaudreuil went to the Duke de Biron's Coach, to give an Account of what had passed : He informed him of the Prince's being disarmed, and of his having made no Resistance. The Duke judg'd, nevertheless, that for the greater Security, it was necessary to have him bound ; which was executed by Mr. de Vaudreuil ; who in doing it, made his Excuse to the Prince, by assuring him, that these Precautions were taken out of Regard to his Person, and solely to prevent his R——l H——s from making any Attempt upon himself. I am not used to such Proceedings, replied the Prince, and I shall not say whether they are justifiable or not, but the Disgrace cannot affect me, it can only affect your Master. Mr. de Vaudreuil, while he was causing him to be bound, never ceased declaring, how much he was chagrined at having such a Commission to execute. It is very mortifying for an Officer, replies the Prince. They proceeded

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Capitaines sur le devant, un Officier à cheval de chaque côté ayant la main sur les portieres. Six Grenadiers montoient derrière la Bayonette au bout du fusil; le reste des Soldats entoura le carosse à pied: le cortège prit la Route du fauxbourg St. Antoine: le Duc de Biron apres l'avoir vu partir, de son carosse monta dans sa chaise pour aller rendre compte du tout au Roy.

Le Prince se laissa conduire sans qu'il luy echapât un mot, qui ne fut digne de l'ame la plus ferme, pas un reproche, pas une plainte: Le carosse arreta aux fauxbourgs St. Antoine; il etoit attendu par un

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ceeded, however: Both his Arms and Legs were tied, and they bound him with so many Cords, that looking disdainfully upon them, he asked, Have you not enough now? Not yet, answered Mr. de Vaudreuil; at which Words, the Prince darted a menacing Look at him. They then put him into an hired Coach that waited in the Court-Yard of the Kitchens; M. de Vaudreuil placed himself by his Side, and two Captains over-against him. Two Officers on Horseback rode with a Hand upon the Door on each Side of the Coach; six Grenadiers, with their Bayonets fix'd, mounted behind, and the rest of the Soldiers surrounded the Coach on Foot. The whole Train took their Way through the Suburb of St. Antoine; and the Duke de Biron, after seeing them set out, stepp'd from his Coach into his Chaise, to go and give an Account of the whole to the King.

The Prince suffered himself to be thus conducted, without allowing one Word to drop from him, which was unworthy the Greatness of his Soul; never uttering so much as the least Complaint, or one reproachful Expression. The Coach stopp'd in the Suburb of St. Antoine, where a Detach-

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un detachment des Mosquetaires, on y prit des relais. Le Prince voyant ces Preparatifs dit, *Où allons nous, à Hanovre? Monseigneur, dit Monsieur de Vaudreuil, on mit de nouveaux Chevaux au Carosse afin que votre A——e R——le ne resta pas si long tems en chemin.* Le Prince continua sa Route sans parler d'avantage; on le conduisoit à Vincennes. Monsieur le Marquis de Chatelet, qui en est connu et aimé, venoit de recevoir l'Ordre de le mettre au Donjon. Le Carosse arrive, passe le Pont, et dans l'instant le Pont est levé: A peine le Prince apperçut Monsieur de Chatelet, qu'il luy dit, *Je voudrois vous embrasser, venez à moy, mon Ami, vous voyez que je ne peux aller à vous.* Monsieur de Chatelet apperçevant ses liens jettât un cri d'Horreur; il courut à luy, le fit de lier, le delia lui même, tremblant et pouvant à peine se soutenir. *Allons, Allons, mon Ami,* lui disoit le Prince, en l'encourageant et montant cinquante marches, qui conduisoient à la Chambre qu'il devoit occuper. En entrant il considéra froidement cette demeure dont l'emmeublement consistoit dans une chaise de paille, un mechant lit de fangles; *Cela n'est pas magnifique,*

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ment of Musquetaires waited for it, and where they put fresh Horses to the Coach; and upon seeing these Preparations, the Prince ask'd, Where are we going, to Hanover? Monseigneur, says M. de Vaudreuil, they have changed Horses, that your R——l H——s may not be kept too long upon the Road. The Prince continued his Journey without saying a Word more; and they conducted him to Vincennes. The Marquis de Chatelet, who was known to the Prince and beloved by him, had just received Orders to put him in the Tower. The Coach arrives, and passes the Bridge, which was that Moment drawn up. As soon as the Prince had a Sight of M. de Chatelet, he calls to him, I should be glad to embrace you, come to me, my Friend, you see I cannot come to you. M. de Chatelet perceiving he was bound, cried out with Horror, and running to him, caused him to be unbound, and assisted in it, trembling, and scarce able to support himself. Come, come, my Friend, says the Prince, encouraging him, and so walked up the Stairs (which consisted of fifty Steps) to the Chamber appointed for his Lodging. Upon entering he coolly surveyed his Apartment, the Furniture of which consisted of a matted Chair, and a wretched Camp-Bed. This, says he, is not very magnificent; and then ask'd, what was the

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nifique, dit-il, et demanda ce que c'étoit que des Caractères dont il voyoit les murs de la Chambre couverts. Monsieur de Chatelet luy repondit, qu'ils étoient de la main d'un Prêtre qui avoit fait un long séjour dans cette Chambre. Monsieur de Vaudreuil dit, que son A——e R——e n'avoit pas été fouillée à fond. Monsieur de Chatelet demanda au Prince, s'il ne luy restoit plus rien, avec quoy il put attenter sur luy même : Il rendit un compas, et donna sa parole, qu'il n'avoit que cela. Monsieur de Vaudreuil tira Monsieur de Chatelet à l'écart : Ils parlerent quelque tems bas ensemble, revinrent au Prince, le fouillerent, et le fouillerent si exactement, que Monsieur de Vaudreuil porta ses recherches jusques dans les endroits les plus secrets de son habillement : Il parut un mouvement, d'Indignation sur le Visage du Prince, mais il ne profera une Parole. On luy trouva une porte fouille ; je n'ose presque vous dire, qu'on le luy à pris. Cela fait, Monsieur de Chatelet observa, que la Chambre du Prince étoit fort petite, qu'il ne pourroit s'y promener, et qu'étant accoutumé à beaucoup d'exercices, il pourroit tomber malade d'être renfermé dans ce pe-

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the Meaning of those Characters which he observed upon the Walls of the Room : M. de Chatelet answered, that they were the Handy-work of a Priest who had made a long Abode in that Chamber. After some little time M. de Vaudreuil said, that his R——l H——s had not been thoroughly searched ; upon which M. de Chatelet ask'd the Prince if he had any Thing remaining, with which he could make an Attempt upon himself ; whereupon he gave them a Pair of Compasses, and declared upon his Word, he had nothing more. M. de Vaudreuil took M. de Chatelet aside, and after whispering some time together, they returned to the Prince, and searched him so strictly, that M. de Vaudreuil thrust his Hands even into the most secret Parts of his Garments. Upon this the Prince shewed in his Countenance a Mark of great Indignation ; but he uttered not a Word. They found a Pocket-book, which, I am almost ashamed to tell you, they took from him. After this, M. de Chatelet observed that the Prince's Chamber being very small, he could not take a Walk in it ; and that having been accustomed to a great deal of Exercise, his being inclosed in such a little Room, might be pre-

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fit Espace; *Au lieu d'un Tour j'en ferois quatre*, lui dit le Prince. Il y à, reprit Monsieur de Chatelet, à coté d'ici une grande Chambre; on en ouvreroit la porte, si son A——e R——le vouloit donner sa Parole——
Non, interrompit le Prince, sans lui laisser le tems d'achever, *je ne la donneray pas; je l'ay donné une fois, on n'y à pas cru, je ne vous la donneray plus. Je suis au desespoir*, s'ecria Monsieur de Chatelet en tombant à ses pieds et fondant en larmes, **MONSEIGNEUR**, *ce jour est le plus malheureux de ma Vie*: Le Prince le regardant avec douceur lui tendit la main. *Votre Amitié pour moy est connue luy*, dit-il, *je ne confondray jamais l'Ami avec le Gouverneur. Allez, faites les devoirs de votre Charge dans toutes leurs etendues*. Le soir, on demanda au Prince, à quelle heure il vouloit souper? Il repondit, *qu'il avoit beaucoup dîné et fort tard, qu'il demanderoit à manger, quand il en voudroit*. Il s'informa du Traitement, qu'on avoit fait à ses Gentilshommes. *Avez vous aussi lié mes ANGLOIS*, leur dit-il, *un ANGLOIS n'est point accoutumé à être lié, il n'est pas fait pour l'être*. Un moment après, il revint encore à ses Gens, *Si vous avez traité le*
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judicial to his Health. Instead of taking one Turn, I shall take four, *says the Prince*; to which M. de Chatelet replied, *that there was next to that a large Room, the Door of which should be opened, if his R——l H——s would give his Word——but without giving him Time to finish, the Prince interrupted him, by saying, I shall not give my Word; I have given it once already, and it was not taken; I shall therefore give it no more. I am undone, cries M. de Chatelet, falling at his Feet, and pouring out a Flood of Tears, Monseigneur, this is the most unfortunate Day of my whole Life. The Prince, with great Tenderness, gave him his Hand, and said, I know your Friendship for me: I shall never confound the Friend with the Governor. Do the Duties of your Office. They ask'd him at what Hour he would sup; he answered, that he had dined heartily, and very late, and that he would call for something when he had a mind to eat. Then he inquired, how they had treated the Gentlemen his Attendants; Have you, says he, bound my ENGLISHMEN, as you did me? An ENGLISHMAN is not used to be bound; he is not made for that Purpose. A little after, he re-assumed the Discourse about his People, thus: If you have treated the*

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Chevalier Harrington, comme moy, je plains bien le pauvre homme, il est fort-gras, et il aura beaucoup souffert. En fin voyant qu'on luy refusoit de luy apprendre le sort de ses Gens, il n'en parla plus. Il se promena dans sa Chambre traitant avec bonté et politesse les Officiers commis pour le garder. Monsieur de Vaudreuil fut le seul, auquel il n'adressa pas la Parole. Après s'etre promené long tems il se jettât tout habillé sur son lit; eut quelques peines à s'endormir; il s'en dormit enfin: il s'agita extrêmement; les Officiers de Garde effrayez coururent à son lit, mais ils le trouverent dormant. Il continua à dormir jusqu'à six Heures qu'il s' éveilla, demanda l'heure qu'il estoit, on le lui apprit; Il me semble que les nuits sont un peu longues icy, dit-il en sous-riant: En se levant il se promena dans sa Chambre causant librement avec les Officiers de choses indifferentes, les traitant comme s'ils eussent été à luy.

Voila, Monsieur, ce que j'ay appris d'un Officier aux Gardes de mes amis; il estoit avec Monsieur de Vaudreuil derriere la Porte au fond du Cul de sac. Il vit apporter le Prince, le conduisoit à Vincennes, et

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Chevalier Harrington in the same Manner you treated me, I heartily pity the poor man: He is fat, and must have suffered a great deal. At last finding that they refused to give him any Account of the Fate of his People, he spoke no more of them; but walked about his Chamber, treating the Officers, appointed for his Guard, with Familiarity and Politeness, M. de Vaudreuil being the only Person to whom he did not direct his Discourse. After having walk'd a long Time, he threw himself upon the Bed in his Cloaths, but it was with Difficulty he could compose himself. At last, however, he fell asleep; but his Sleep was so disturbed, that the Officers of his Guard being frightened, run to his Bed-side, where they found him still fast asleep. He continued sleeping till six in the Morning, when he awaked, and ask'd what it was a Clock. Being told; he with a Smile said, The Nights seem here to be somewhat long. He then got up, walked about in his Chamber, talking freely with the Officers about indifferent Matters, and treating them as if they had belonged to himself.

This, Sir, is what I have learned from an Officer, who is a Friend of mine, and was one of those upon the Prince's Guard. He was with M. de Vaudreuil behind the Gate at the Bottom of the Opera-House Passage.

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et ne l'a point quitté que le lendemain à dix heures du Matin. Mon Ami vouloit d'abord disconvenir des liens ; mais voyant le Fait averé et public, il en fit l'aveu avec Douleur : il étoit pénétré de Respect et d'Admiration pour le Prince EDOUARD. Jamais il n'y eut un si grand Homme, me disoit-il ; dans ces momens affreux il ne luy est pas échappé un mouvement de Foiblesse : Il monroit dans ses discours autant de Moderation et de Noblesse, qu'un grand Homme en pourroit avoir au sein même de la Prosperité. Il sembloit dans sa Prison le Monarque de l'Univers, et nous des Sujets faits pour recevoir ses Ordres.

Officiers, Sergens, Soldats en revenant de Vincennes tous parlerent comme mon Ami, ils ne crurent pas devoir renfermer leur Admiration. En moins de quatre heures Paris fut instruit de ces details. Le Prince EDOUARD y est aimé ; on y respecte ses Vertus ; on croyoit, qu'il avoit meritè un Asyle en France. Le Public, déjà consterné de le sçavoir arreté, joignit l'Indignation du Traitement aux autres Sentimens, qu'il avoit pour luy ; et le Dechainement devint general et sans Menagemens.

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sage. He saw the Prince brought in, conducted him to Vincennes, and did not leave him till next Morning at ten o'Clock. My Friend would at first have denied the Prince's having been bound, but finding that the Fact was averred, and made publick, he with Grief acknowledged it. He had conceived the highest Respect, and was struck with Admiration of Prince EDWARD. There never was, said he, so great a Man : In his greatest Distress he did not discover the least Weakness : In all his Conversation he shewed as much Temper and Magnanimity as any Man could shew in the Height of Prosperity : Even in his Prison, he appeared the Monarch of the Universe, and we seemed to be his Subjects born to receive his Commands.

*Both Officers and Soldiers, upon their Return from Vincennes, spoke the like Sentiments as my Friend : They thought it their Duty not to conceal their Admiration. In less than four Hours all these Circumstances were spread over the whole City of Paris : Prince EDWARD is there beloved : They respect his Virtues : They think he had merited an Asylum in France. The Publick, already in a Consternation at hearing of his being arrested, shewed the utmost Indignation at the Treatment he had received ; their Discourse was outrageous and without any Restraint. This Event was look'd on as a publick Calamity :
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nagemens. Cet événement parut une Calamité publique : dans quelques Maisons qu'on allât, on trouvoit tous en larmes ; Hommes, Femmes, tout pleuroit, et pensoit pleurer la Gloire du Roy, celle de la Nation, et sa Gloire personnelle. Chacun de nous croyoit avoir reçu une Fletrif-seure. Enfin, le Ressentiment fut si peu mesuré, que pour calmer les esprits on crut devoir donner des Pretextes aux liens et aux autres Traitemens. Les Officiers aux Gardes reçurent des reprimandes de leurs Supérieurs pour avoir tant exalté la Gloire du Prince ; il leurs fut ordonné de dire, qu'il avoit voulu se jeter par les Portières du Carosse ; qu'on l'avoit lié, parce qu'ayant remis un Pistolet, et donné sa Parole qu'il n'en avoit point d'autres, on luy en avoit cependant trouvé un second. Mais il étoit trop tard ; ils ne pouvoient plus détruire les faits, qu'ils avoient publiè eux-même. D'ailleurs, tous les Officiers à la reserve d'un ou deux refusoient d'obeir en ce point. Ils continuerent à parler du Prince avec Admiration : ceux qui voulurent s'abaisser à une Retractation, humiliè de la honte dont ils se couvroient, furent enfin reduits à se taire, et les efforts pour noircir la Gloire du Prince devinrent inutiles.

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In every House you went to, you found them in Tears : Men, Women, all weeping, all seemed to lament the Loss of the Honour of their King, and of that of their Country; and every one imagined, that each had received a personal Disgrace. In short, the publick Resentment was so furious, that it was thought necessary to give some pretended Reasons for binding the Prince, and for the other Parts of the Treatment he had suffered. The Officers of the Guards were reprimanded by their Commanders, for having so much extolled the Prince. They were ordered to say, that he attempted to throw himself out of the Coach; that they had bound him, because after he had delivered one Pistol, and given his Word that he had no more, they had, nevertheless, found another. But these Stories came too late : They could not now contradict the Facts which they themselves had publickly related. Besides, all the Officers, except one or two, refused Obedience to this particular Command : They continued to speak with Admiration of the Prince. Those who were so mean as to recant what they had said, were at Length overwhelmed with Shame, and obliged to be silent. And thus were all the Efforts to blacken the Prince's Character render'd ineffectual.

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