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TO THE SAME.

London, June 20, 1768.

THE moment I received your last letter but one, I sent the inclosed to lady Holland. You need never be afraid, madam, that I should delay one instant the execution of the orders, you will please to send me, when it is in my power: but alas! what is in my power? Old age, which is of itself a sufficient evil, and the natural evils I labour under, make me alike useles to myself and others. I have nothing in the world left but reading; and even that has lost much of its charm with me, since it is become a matter of necessity, and not of choice. One would think I were married to it. Your good authors are my chief resource, for at present we have very few of our own. Voltaire especially, old and decrepit as he may well be (for he is exactly of my age) delights me, barring his impiety, with which he cannot forbear larding every thing he writes. It would be much wiser in him to suppress it, for, after all, no man ought to break through the order that is established. Let every one think as he pleases, or as he can; but let him keep his notions to himself, if they be of such a nature as may disturb the peace of society.

I believe you will not quarrel with me for introducing general Irwin to your acquaintance. For an Englishman, he is a well-bred man, which I am sorry to say is no very common thing in this country. Some of the French have told me, that the many young people we send over to Paris have infected yours, and have inoculated them with much of our rude and unmannerly behaviour. If that is true, it must be lately.---But I am sensible that I am prating away too much; therefore I break off abruptly, and without telling you of the respectful attachment and inviolable friendship, with which I shall ever be, madam, your, &c.

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