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My dearest Wife, L'Orient Oct. 10th 1700

A New Opportunity offering, I can't resist, the great desire I feel of embracing as Many ~~as Opportunities~~ as possible, of acquainting my dear Girl of my Safe Arrival here, of my being well and of my future Intentions. I have wrote you 7 letters to the same purpose but should it so happen, that all those should miscarry of the Opportunity that this is to go by, get safe, and without a letter from me, I should never forgive myself, for the great uneasiness it would occasion in Your Breast. You see, However, that I am Determined ~~at~~ to provide against even possibilities; probable it cannot be said, it is that one out seven should not escape. ~~Would it be otherwise~~, It may be so tho' and therefore I will briefly repeat the Eighth time to my dear Wife, that I arrived here the 9th of last Month after a very easy passage of 34 days - On my first Arrival

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