

had the precaution to prevent your being a sufferer by his folly.

As soon as his marriage is confirmed, I shall send my steward to pay you the ten thousand pounds; and I heartily wish that my son had no greater loss, than what he will find in the payment of that sum. Without he had proved more deserving of you, I think I may venture to say, Madam, that you have no loss; though I sincerely lament for his sake, and my own as well as your's, that his conduct has not been such as would have rendered him worthy the honor you intended to do him. He might then have made you happy, and me also; whereas now you are only barely made amends for being subject
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