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I received ye two letters of June 4th & Aug 20th 12th of last Month. I really began to be impatient, for I do not remember yt since you left Maryland I have been so long without hearing from you. I need not tell you yt they gave me & yr Mother great Pleasure. I observe yr Advance you have made in reading ye Civil Law, I would not advise you to read anything else but by way of Amusement & Relaxation. Your Description of Sancere & ye Sancerrois is Pretty & Entertaining & I am well pleas'd to find yt tho you give Miss Alcock ye Merit of her Wit & beauty you think yr Friend Willoughby would have acted foolishly in marrying her, you judge right, such a Step is not to be made so early in life & hardly ever without ye Consent of Parents. — I observe by our Papers yt Mr Mesiac soon gave way to another Minister of State for ye Marine whose name I now forget & very probably Mr Le Norman may have met with his Associates ill fortune. I approve of yr writing to ye latter, it is well to improve an acquaintance with such men even without any Interested view, Civility is due to his Polite Behaviour to you & me. I am surprizd yt Mons. L'Abbe de L'Isle Dieu does not answer yr Letters for in his to me of ye 14th of Feby 1708 he writes Mr Votre fils me fait L'honeur de m'Ecrire assez souvent, notre Correspondance Jusque a present S'est assez bien Soutenue, il est doux &c. Do not fatigue him with yr letters, Gratitude prompts you to write but not to be troublesome consider his occupations to which mere matters of form & Civility must give way & be persuaded he is as well disposed as ever to Serve you Experience & yr Knowledge of ye Goodness of his heart must evince this, make my sincere Compts to him when you write to him. If you should be disappointed in ye Payment of ye 4800 Li: wch I destined towards yr Support you must draw on Perkins, I am in hopes yt Money will not be lost ye Gentn may at Present be out of Cash, but I doubt not by ye Assistance of yr Friends Messrs Le Norman & de L'Isle Dieu & in particular by Mr Crookshanks Care ye Money will be recovered. I still persist in ye Resolution to sell my Estate here, Since my return I have sold to ye Value of £2000 Ster & upon a peace I am in hopes my Lands will go of better & faster, what I have sold, has not been under value. The disposition of our Lower house of Assembly is as inveterate as ever, it is true they do not succeed in their Attempts to distress us

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