to Mr. de S.t Isle Dieu, nothing would please me more than to hear he is well. Unless Mons.r Mo: & Comp.e are quite Bankrupts Mr. de S.t Isle Dieu I am persuaded will do all he can to get you y.e 200 Louis Dors — By your last I perceive you design to leave Paris in Nov.r or Dec.r next. In y.e Course of y.r Studies I doubt not but you will think it necessary to obtain a pretty good insight into y.e Constitution of France, so far at least as concerns y.e administration of Justice in Civil & Criminal matters, y.e method of Appeals from their inferior to their Superior Courts, & from their Provincial Parliaments to y.e of Paris w.ch I take to be y.e Dernier Resort, & how far y.e King by his Authority does or may Controul y.e proceedings of his Parliam.ts, w.ch I take to be only Courts of Justice or very little more. I also advise you to take another view of Versailles & y.e Court, & such a one, as to be able to give a tolerable Acct of each, & I think by y.e Account I have had & read of them lately, you ought not to leave France without seeing it y.e Park & Gardens with a Curious Eye. I know not whether Fountainbleau or Compiegne be so much worth y.e notice. I mention them as places y.e King honours with his presence. Should Excursions to these & y.e Studies detain you until y.e latter end of Feb.y & should not be displeasing, especially as you will avoid a Winters passage over y.e Channel w.ch I think almost as dangerous as a Voyage from England to Maryland, but this I leave to y.r self, I can hardly determine anything at this distance. — What has been y.e real occasion of y.e shocking Executions at Lisbon, y.e Lugging y.e Jesuits into y.e Plot makes me disbelieve what I see in our Papers, I know y.e Envy their Superior Merit draws on them, they are not only too Virtuous but too wise to engage in Assassinations however illy treated. — Our news from Europe comes down to y.e 1.st of Feb.y I see great Preparation on all sides for a vigorous & bloody Campain, & if Don Carlos (who owes y.e Crowns he has possessed, & y.e Crown this is like to possess to France) is like to side with us against her, what will not Ambition do. It is no wonder we have been successfull in America, our vast Superiority at Sea secured & will secure our Success here under such a Minister as Mr. Pitt —

But I cannot account for y.e figure France has hitherto made on y.e Continent. Here we promise ourselves no less this Campain than y.e Reduction of all Canada, & without Storms to ruin our Fleets, & Epidemical Distempers to destroy our Armies, I do not think our hopes too Sanguine. A powerful Fleet & Army will go very early up S.t Lawrence to attack Quebec, another Army will soon attack Ticonderoga, Crown Point & Mount Reall, we shall I believe only act on y.e Defensive on y.e Ohio, Rebuild, enlarge & keep Possession of Fort du Quesne. We want no provisions for our numerous forces, while y.e people in Canada as we hear are Starving. Our latest Accts from y.e West Indies of Mar.ch say y.t y.e French had not above 800 white men under Arms in Guadaloupe, & y.t it was imagined y.e Island must Surrender by y.e 22.d of last Month, & y.t two of our Ships had been at Dominica & destroyed y.e Forts there — I forbear to mention our late Success at Goree on y.e Coast of Africa, y.e Inactivity of Lally in y.e East Indies & y.e great Reinforcements we are sending thither as you are better & sooner informd of these than I can be, in short so flattering is our prospect y.t unless France is very fortunate this Summer on y.e Continent of Europe, we we hope at y.e End of this Campain to prescribe such a peace as we please, & such a one as she must Submit to — Your Mama & I are perfectly well we tenderly love you, & daily pray to God to bless you in every Sense. Your Aunt Sommy presents her love to you, y.r Grandmama & all Friends are well & desire to be remembered to you particularly by whom you Salute — Farewell & be assured y.t I am

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