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I answered ye 1st of July ye 2d by mine of ye 25th past & in mine of ye 24th past I acquainted you I had received ye 1st of June the 4th. The reasons you assign my last for not going to Berlin are such as I approve. If a safe opportunity has offered I doubt not I shall receive ye Pamphlets you mention relating to ye Jesuits as well as those lost by Brooke, & yt you will bring with you all ye curious Pamphlets you can collect relating to so interesting a Subject. It seems to me ye K. of France is not sincerely a friend to ye Jesuits, considering how small ye Majority in ye several Parliamts was agst them, could not he, if in earnest have commanded a great Majority in their favour? It is natural to suppose Pompadour not to be their friend & ye surprizing influence she has, I doubt not has been exerted agst them, in short it is no wonder a K. of France who gives up his Authority by suffering ye Executive part of Governmt to be exercised by such Parliamts: shd connive at their unjust & unprecedented proceedings agst ye Jesuits: Lewis ye 14th or any thing of Spirit would have chastized their villainy & Insolence — By ye Genealogy of ye family sent you by Kelly I doubt not Mr Whitten may be enabled to make out our Genealogy to ye present time, & if it can be done with certainty I shall not begrudge ye Expence. I believe all sensible disinterested men look on Wilkes as a bold wrong headed man, & yt Tooke & those who patronize him, I see by ye Papers ye Printers have recovered Damages agst the Messengers, things seem to be tending hastily to Anarchy in England, Corruption & freedom cannot long subsist together, if ye 1st has long universally prevailed we have must give for granted since every Party when out has acknowledged & asserted it, for my part I think an absolute Governmt preferable to one yt is only apparently free & this must be ye case if ye present constitution if it be true ye whoever Presides in ye Treasury can command in Parliamt. It is true I did not write

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