

A. M. to P. Co. Edward

(Shd. evidently be dated Dec. 1787, when he arrived in Geneva)

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My Dear Edward, I hope your conduct since arrived at Geneva which those about you seem to commend may be a beginning of returning to a behaviour that may by degrees remove your futile inclination to expenses highly below your attention, if you had the means of gratifying them, and which is neither honest nor rational when unable to be paid for. Having paid your Debts on your leaving Lausanne, you must have seen the inconvenience of being in Debt; the strong promises you then made the like should never occur again; makes the subsequent conduct still more reprehensible for your word was broke and the former difficulties had not opened your eyes. After this it is not a few months that can either make me think your disposition changed nor makes me forget what has past; but to show that I am willing to give you some room to think I am open to try what improvement may have been made I will permit you to hire a Phaeton with the two Boxes for driving in the Environs of Geneva provided one of the Gentlemen always accompanies you in the Chaise
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[Faint, illegible cursive handwriting on aged paper]

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