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Lincoln's Inn 3^d Nov. 1746

Dear Bsgrode

Your complaints are certainly just,
& your brevity is perfectly justifiable. I am, have
been, & ever will be a bad correspondent. I
must therefore solicit forgiveness, & deprecate re-
-taliation, without daring to promise amendment.
Concerning yourself I have nothing new to
say, and I trust nothing is now necessary to be
said. All the old jarings are forgotten, and I hope
no new ones will arise. - Concerning general
politics it would be idle to write, for I could
but transcribe the newspapers which will furnish
you with as good data as I possess to reason upon
concerning the present state & probable fate
of the European world. I shall only say that I have
no sanguine hopes that the pending negotiation will
end in a peace, or any great apprehension that
the threatened invasion will be carried into effect.

In both points I may be mistaken. - Among
your private friends I do not know that
any incident worth mentioning has taken
place except the election of a number of
them into the new parliament. The Union
Club, including those who have been, & those who
are, members of it, reckons about a dozen
of its Alumni among the Senators of the
realm. None of the new ones have yet spoken.
Percival will probably be the only one that
will make a distinguished figure. - The General
I very seldom attend - the Union being so
much more convenient for the Rolls, on
account of its punctuality & sobriety. Lord
grows at the falling-off of the old members
but endeavours to console himself by the

subjection in which he holds the young
ones. Mat. Bond gets on in business,
& distinguishes himself whenever he
has an opportunity. Le Mesurier is lately
returned from his tour with Lord Strafford's
son, but I have not yet met with him. Your
old acquaintance Herbert Croft is, I hear, in
Exeter jail for £400. I heard the Chancellor
say lately that he had intended a living of
£200 a year in Wales for him, but that as
he could not think of giving it merely to be
put into sequestration. Old Fielding has just got
a daughter of which he is not a little proud.
Patty had miscarried in all her former attempts
to continue the race of Hapsburg. I am sorry
that any of my youthful follies have come to your
knowledge as the discovery cannot but affect
my reputation for "wisdom, gravity, profound conceit."
However as you have had ample conviction that I
am no poet, you will the more easily believe that
there is no fiction in the assurance of my being
Your sincere friend Wm. W. W.

Wm Grant
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Mr. George E. G.
Chief Justice of Lower Canada

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