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Dear John :

Camilla has passed the winter down here because her doctor said that she had to have a winter, after such an illness, in a good climate. Notter ~~didn't~~ knew this; knew that it would cost more than I could afford; said she would help, & has never sent a penny. I had no choice in the matter.

The simple fact is that I haven't enough & have never had enough for Buddy & myself. In about a year I should have with what I'm beginning to make, if I could have any peace to do it in.

Other points in your letter: Trading always about money; I handled a good deal for you, when you were young with your way to make.

'Not divulging the facts' - words like these make me regret our meeting in Paris. I was utterly sincere with you.

Camilla's clothes. Do you know nothing about children? The relentless criticism of other kids. I remember what I suffered when Notter was neglectful - especially in contrast with Buddy, who has & always has had, a

Violent sensitivity about such things. I don't encourage,  
but must thwart.

As to N.C.H. I neither love her nor hate her;  
know naturally more about the circumstances than  
you.

The Russell school, once the spring is  
up, is a good idea. I have written about  
it. But ~~it~~ whether it is or not certain  
of at least £100 a year, it can't be done.  
The school will cost more, term by term, &  
there are the holidays, etc. If that is arranged  
at once, I can get busy.

When N.C.H. & Tany came over in the spring, they  
never mentioned that you had sent them.

The real answer to your letter seems to  
be this: Is it possible for us to buy the hatchet  
& make a real family peace? I am utterly willing.  
(I tried to when the child was ill & N.C.H. wouldn't  
have it. I tried it with you in Paris, & your  
last letter is hardly encouraging.)

But if such a thing is possible, count on me.

Otherwise a purely deplorable situation will  
continue to develop, bad above all for Ruddy.  
You speak of four people to love her. But  
you can't love a child & hate its mother. It  
doesn't work out well for the child, & no mother  
could stand it.

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If we can't fix that up, I see nothing but to get as much as the court will give me & make a complete break with the lot of you. A delightful solution, but better than a life spent quarrelling & bargaining over a child.

But for real peace with the lot of you, I'd do anything in my power.

I don't doubt your difficulties (but you exaggerated my income in your answer - you should know the little was I have slightly under £400 a year, all settled in the kid.)

Don't you see, Jimmy, that to get what you want, or perhaps even to abort a heredity of some kind, you'll have to help us.

'Think that I have every class in those I love' Rubbish. But we have a class, a reasonable human one - so have you. Concentrate on the practical & human details of helping us now, & you'll get all you want.

I asked for D. Germain's address, he said <sup>two</sup> that he wanted to see me at Cannes, & you don't send it.

Your letter is very letter, full of scoldings, discouragements etc. Your psycho-analysis ought to show you something about the workings of other people's hearts. It would be so easy to get the best out of me. Enough of this way of difficulties are inevitable to deal with them, & not as a free agent.

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