

14 RUE DE MONTÉSSUY (VII<sup>e</sup>)

Antibes.

21. 1. 28.

Dear John:

Please try & understand

what has happened in sequence.

- (i) Got a letter here from Haynes, after delay, to say, I think, that £80 seemed to the Court a reasonable compromise.
- (ii) answered (full of my meeting with you in Paris) that we had met & became better friends: that I was convinced you were hard-up: that you had said that you would do your best to send me £25 here <sup>for a quarter</sup> that you would help us more probably if not pressed: that I would take a minimum which left the child's claim clear.
- (iii) E.S.P.H. letter to express satisfaction, but pointing out that the affair was now for the Court to decide. Said that if £80 was granted officially, he supposed I would be satisfied.
- (iv) answered yes. mentioned that, after all, you had not sent me anything here.

Jimmy, I can't see that £6.5/ a month is more than you can manage if you are in business at all. In your letter, you suggested, in conversation, that E.S.P.H. should be called-off. I didn't

do that, but I told him <sup>was prepared to take only</sup> ~~1/2~~ <sup>1/4</sup> ~~what~~ what  
kept the child's claim clear, & trust you.

All I have had from you since Paris are more  
or less angry letters, making no effort of any kind  
to confer, let alone to 'approfondir' our  
good relations in Paris, the one thing, which, in  
the end, could get us out of this mess, safe in  
our home for the child. No one is trying to trick  
you. For God's sake don't start quarrelling again.

But this affair is in Hoque's hands, or rather how  
in the hands of the court. What goes through,  
goes through. Our private arrangements depend  
on your good-will & mine. Don't abate my  
affection for you, there's still some left - or rather exactly  
what you like to ask for.

If I don't hear from you, I  
shall take it that Paris is  
undone, & you have decided  
to make the breach final between  
us. My own difficulties are too  
hard to waste time squabbling.

Jimmy dear, we were  
near the two truths in Paris:  
stick to that, for goodness sake.  
If you & N C-H will guarantee  
£100 <sup>ayear</sup> she shall go to Russell's  
School. I have written, also to  
Naurice. Help us with your  
understanding, if you can't with  
anything else.  
Would you think it advisable  
for me to write to N C-H to make  
overtures for peace?