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My dearest Aunt.

When your letter reached me I was about to write to you to tell you that John & I have separated finally.

Until your last visit I had always concealed from you & from everyone else the true state of affairs between us.

I long ago discovered with great unhappiness that our ~~values~~ were incompatible in the way I tried to explain to you I can now give you the whole explanation.

When I married John I was in love with him & prepared to take him at his own valuation as an artist, & I was willing to support him in order that he should

be free to do his own work. However,
I soon learned that he had no
quaint intention of working seriously, that
all he wanted was to flirt with the
arts, & with the attractive women of
our set. (The Press was his toy,
not his trade, of which he soon tired.)

At the same time he made it
perfectly clear that all he wanted
from me was a sensual love until
he succeeded in killing the deeper feelings.
I had for him.

He was so far aware of the position
that he often reproached me with my
indulgence & threatened to leave me.

All this time he continually
asked me to raise money to finance the
press, which I always gave him
although I had to borrow as the security
of my estate. Now that he is gone,

² I find he is still heavily in debt
though he has had £100 to spend on
his little since Camilla was born.

With regard to my friendship
for Mr Naitland, John introduced
us, encouraged it from the first, &
only dissuaded that he disliked it
when it became convenient to him to use
it as a weapon against me.
Naitland is a queer, neurotic person
who needs care & kindness, but I can
assure you that he would never
take exception advantage of my
affection for him to ask anything more
of me than I ought to give.

I definitely refused at
Camilla's birth to raise money
for anything, & it was from that

moment that John began to reproach
me. At the same time he
proposed the trip to Spain & Paris,
& I gave him a cheque for his
expenses for some weeks before he
told me that he did not mean
to return. He knew that his
financial position was serious, what
other reasons he may have had for
leaving me, I neither know nor wish
to.

John's other baby concerned at
one time John & myself. It was
concerns John only.

With regard to the future, I
am arranging with John to be
made Camilla's guardian. For the
moment I have put her into much
better hands than mine, & have gone
away for a month to regain my

3/ health. To safeguard myself from
possible annoyance I have left my
address in the sole charge of my
affairs with Mr Taylor, 9. Talbot
St. W. C.

If my mother can send me a
written invitation to Gallatin I am
quite prepared to consider it when I
come back.

Ever your very loving -

Nancy
