

Maintaining Her, the two Thousand I secured from me to be
quite out of the Question which I never should have promised
but in the Confusion of such an affair. Her fortune you
know will be a provision for her if I should die Young &
I never shall want it; satisfied that I can with the assist-
-ance promised me by my Friends in Virginia, make a
good 8 or 900 £ a year in Trade & shall Insure £2000 on
my life for 7 years, before I wed. But still if my Honour
can be saved I had as live not marry Her. tho' I am sure
I should be happy with Her & she loves me to excess & Her
Mother almost puts me in Her Bosom. I shall I believe
set off in the Morning & may see you as soon as you get this.
Mr. Wood intends to set off Monday Morning for London &
I tho't I should lay the Matter before ^{you} in time. Remember
I look on you & Mr. Norton as my frds here & will be governed
by y^r advice; but speak well of me to Wood if you don't
think you can advise the Match. You must ask Him
what has passed between us & I suppose he'll tell you, &
then I hope you will deliver your sentiments of the Matter
to Him, giving him to understand that your regard for
me obliges you to give such advice as you think proper &
I'm young, & may be thoughtless in such a negotiation. I
must repeat, that I had as live be off as to marry; but
will take her on the Terms at Top & no others, which you
must seem to advise me to. For fear Wood should