

of the Subject

because knowing my opinion, ^{concernment} became too obvious. These fears
are now terminated by a different conduct, and as much grief as I could
desire. I am not less pleased with Mr Clush, upon more intimate acquain-
-tance - and from all I have seen, and heard of him, he is just such a character
as I would have chosen to have united Susan too. his manners his good
sense, and amiable character, weigh much with us and have a pleasing
influence upon her. his steadiness will balance her volatile spirits, and
his tenderness and strong attachment, secure her affections - I want to bring
you acquainted, we see him once, sometimes, twice a week, usually of a Sunday
he returns on Monday morning to his ship. I know not of but one thing
necessary to their future happiness. that is an estate, you will easily
suppose that I mean property - for a family cannot live upon the pay
of an officer of his grade. He has some property beside, but I shall not
consent to their being united, until I see a prospect of their being placed
above want, There are not wanting, warnings, in our own family, of the
folly of matrimonial engagements, without the means of supporting a family
I place this before her eyes. I do not find them, unreasonable upon this subject,
as yet. they are both young enough to wait, provided you can make them think
so - he is going to Maryland soon, and will have more to say I presume
when he returns -

My love to Abbe - I lament her weak eyes
about must deprive her the pleasure both of reading and writing. I should
be very glad to welcome her & ~~Mr~~ Johnson with my great Grandson here this
Fall. you must come to Susans wedding whenever that shall take place
when you know Mr Clush, you will prize him - I inclose two letters
which you will be so good as to return to me when read - Louisa desires
to be remembered to you & to Mrs Johnson. my best regards to him & the
to yourself -

The affection of your Mother
A Adams