

push matters any further, because, as I had the honor to observe to her before, I was unwilling to force her to the vocation; but if it was the effect of my cousin's choice, I should be happy, and have nothing to reproach myself with.

I never in my life saw a woman more pleased than my aunt was with my answer; she heaped caresses on me, and I believe they would have been followed with the most serious consequences, if my heart had been disposed for it. Mrs. Bonneuil entered soon afterwards, and happily drew me out of the embarrassment in which I was plunged, by taking her mistress to supper.

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