

and mortified, and when on the next day an aide of the Emperor offered him a small amount of money, or an annuity, he declined, for poor as he was, he felt rather humbled by such an offer. This was, however, certainly not the intention of the Emperor.

The presence of my husband in Vienna did not remain unnoticed by his creditors in that city, and on February 22 he was arrested. He was released, however, on paying two thousand five hundred dollars to the officer, and to prevent a repetition of such an occurrence he accepted the offer of a wiser or more speculative creditor to conceal him in his house. Not feeling at ease there either he thought it safer to decamp, and he left Vienna.

I had requested an audience with Archduchess Sophie, and had to remain. As the Empress was not in Vienna I could not be presented to her, nor to the Emperor either. Maybe he would not have received me, as was the case with Madame de Miramon, though she had an autograph letter from poor Maximilian, recommending her and her family to his brother. She remained five weeks in an hotel waiting for an audience, and had to leave Vienna without having been able to see the Emperor. I have explained already the seeming harshness of this kind Prince. The claims made upon him by people who had served his brother became indeed alarming, and if he had once commenced to satisfy them he would