

pretend to serve in her criminal desires, only to serve me in my more innocent designs. I accepted the offers of this woman with pleasure, and did not conceal from her what had passed between my aunt and me; I expressed the invincible repugnance I had to marrying her, and the vexation her proposals had caused me; I let her understand that my particular interest forced me to use a dissimulation with her, that was contrary to my nature and wishes; I told her that I expected an order every day from court to join the regiment, which I had sent for in order to place myself out of the reach of her infamous pursuits; I confessed my love for my cousin to her; her return and the pro-