

his education at five years old, and pushes it
on so fast, that at eight, he is a proficient in
French, Latin and Greek, he then puts him to
Westminster School for three or four years, teaching
him History, Geography and Philology, with
dancing under private tutors at the same time.
During this period his Lordship's letters are
very agreeable, as they abound with fine
strokes of criticism on the different studies his
son was engaged in, but I could not help
thinking that the father overloaded his son
with learning. a little turned of mind, he
is sent abroad under a travelling tutor one
Mr. Carte, afterwards, a canon of Windsor,
a good scholar, but by the History of Gustavus
Adolphus, which he published and I have

read, he seems to have been an affected Pedant.
Under this title he travels through Holland,
France and Germany, in which last he visits
some years at the University of Lipsic, to learn
the German tongue, and study History, particularly
that of the Empire, under one Professor Mascon.
Having got his plentiful of learning he is trans-
ported to Italy about 16. Here his Lordship who
all along had laboured to make his son lively
clever, and debonnaire, says on him thicker
and fatter to sacrifice to the Graces, as he calls
it, insists upon his diverting as much of his
time as possible to the Ladies, not only to im-
prove his Italian, from such agreeable teachers,
but to become an Amourer and pay court to the
Cyprian Queen, who seems to have transferred

the Empire to Rome. The time allotted for
our Pupils residence in Italy being expired,
we find him at Paris at 18 your age Jack!
Here his father thinking him old enough to
guide himself under his Lordships own
occasional directions, dismisses his tutor
and turns him loose upon a town, with
free command of money, where every Vice
may be said to be fashionable.

Before I go further, it seems proper to
make you acquainted with such particulars
of this Mr. Manhope, as I have been able to
pick up. His Mother was a Dutch Lady whom
his Lordship married in Holland, brought over
to England, and desired her to marry a niece
of the Duchess of Kendal, King G. 1sts Mistress;

it appears also that the father had a dropsical
Complaint, about the time his boy was born,
and at best was no graceful figure, but greatly
improved by art. From all this it naturally
followed that the produce of his Amour was
grave, serious, unhealthy, and had a very
ungracious aspect. Now how is he treated
at his first setting out? he is not only advised
but as it were ordered to be gay and gallant,
to indulge a passion for the sea whether he
had a not. L^{de} C. professes himself an Fishman
but with whom? Girls of the town or demireps?
No, they are of too easy purchase, low and unsat,
with young ladies of character? Even they are
not recommended, I suppose for fear of the
same consequences which befel his mother.

With whom then? Why no other and no less
than married women, and one of those in
particular, of the most distinguished virtue,
and enjoying the highest conjugal happiness.
How do you feel Jack? What would you
think of, what would you do to that Villain
who should dare to make an attempt upon
your Mother's Honour. Infamous wretch!
not only to secure eternal remorse to his only
son, but to destroy the peace of a worthy, inno-
cent and happy family. Could I suppose you
capable of such impiety, Oh my Son! I should
execrate the day of your birth, and carry down
my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave. Yet
it appears that L. C. at the time he gave
this ignoble advice was older than I am now.