

"I know the anxious care I have had for you has
"not been mispent"

These are your Father's words, & such a Father,
such a Friend - such a Man! can you Sir con-
tinue to wish for my friendship, can I continue
to encourage it when you have his, & are certain
of that of your excellent Mother - Heaven forbid!
what shall I say for myself - ^{I am very} nothing in excuse
but that I have been highly imprudent in
accepting your friendship - for you that inex-
perience has led you into an error - farewell -
forget my imprudence, & remember what you
owe your Parents, your Country, & Yourself, Farewell
may

May the God of Mexico grant you his protection
— may you have no vices — no follies to repent of
Once more farewell
Sincerely take it ill that you will persist ^{in getting} about the
Boaslet

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This must have been in July 1779
the Prince writes on 23rd "Let not any reflections of the impudence, inconstancy or ingratitude
of V^{re} conduct in accepting my friendship disturb y^r peace & happiness, etc."