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Mr. Editor

General La Fayette.

The circumstances of our having been personally attached to the general La Fayette by the duties of our situation in his army, and more particularly by the considerations of his private and public virtues, instilled our liveliest feelings and gratitude in that pathetic description lately made by Mr. Fox of Insanity, torture, and distress, with the most relentless and savage brutality, all the friends of humanity and liberty will sympathize in this eloquent grief of the great Statesman, and in that burst of indignation and sorrow which broke from every part of the heart of Lamom, that all the colours and powers of eloquence can never do justice to the unparalleled sufferings of the unfortunate La Fayette, so justly entitled to the praise of being a man of the most uncorrupted nature, intoxicated by the suns of favour, in the luxuries of opulence, and the labours of their professions; and, far from their support of religion, justice, order, humanity, let the tender and compassionate hearts of the British fair, and the boasted generosity of hearts of the British fair, and the boasted generosity of

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to your readers to have aggravated such sufferings; to have spared more outrageously, with all the laws of justice, all the laws of nations, the pangs of innocence, the graces of humanity, the unspotted delinquency of mankind. But La Fayette was deemed to be wounded in the most sensitive fibres of his heart; to see his wife, with his two daughters, sharing in all the horrors of a Captivity unparalleled even under the tyranny of her former jailer, Robespierre. She was quartered, in the eyes of the General, to such point of severity and condition of her attendance upon her husband. Vainly did she apply not for a female attendant, instead of a male, as they were never allowed to have any one; but for a female attendant upon her two daughters, as they are shut up every night in a separate dungeon, as they are shut up every night in a separate dungeon, by a soldier, under his immediate keeping and charge by a soldier, under his immediate keeping and charge. She was refused by the Governor's discretionary inspection. She was refused by the Governor's discretionary inspection.

Such is the treatment, Mr. Editor, which, for four years past, La Fayette, La Fère, Marbourg, and Burmamp, declare have oppressed from these very government professed to support against Robespierre, regular and religious establishments. Yet can it be thought impossible.