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Usbek to his wives in the seraglio in Isfahan

May this letter fall like lightning amidst flashes and tempests ! Solim is your principal eunuch, not to guard you, but to punish you. May the entire harem bow before him ; he is to judge your past actions, and for the future he will make you live under a yoke so harsh that you will miss your freedom even if you do not miss your virtue. [1]

Paris this 4th day of the moon of Chahban 1719

[1] Extension of an opposition voiced by Solim (letter 143) : "if your wives were not virtuous, at least they would be faithful."