

*(Sir Joseph and Captain enter.)*

**SIR JOSEPH:**...Madam, it has been represented to me that you are appalled by my exalted rank. I desire to convey to you officially my assurance, that if your hesitation is attributable to that circumstance, it is uncalled for.

**JOSEPHINE:**Oh, then your lordship is of the opinion that married happiness is not inconsistent with discrepancy in rank?

**SIR JOSEPH:**...I am officially of that opinion.

**JOSEPHINE:**That the high and the lowly may be truly happy together, provided that they truly love one another?

**SIR JOSEPH:**...Madam, I desire to convey to you officially my opinion that love is a platform upon which all ranks meet.

**JOSEPHINE:**.. I thank you, Sir Joseph. I did hesitate, but I will hesitate no longer. *(Aside.)* He little thinks how eloquently he has pleaded his rival's cause!