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It is impossible for me for to remain
silent on this day my beloved Brother
when all around You with be crowding
my to congratulate You upon the return
of it, believe me tho absent none can
more sincerely wish You many happi
nes & many blessing than I do, I shall
not, it will be more Your Papas, being
the first birthday without one be
loved Brother who so particularly
loved & valued this day, poor dear
how pleased she was when it could be
kept as she liked, how often unlucky
Circumstances prevented her having what
she wished for. You, but if it is allowed
that she knows what is passing here
blessing will be upon You, as You
certainly ever were her favorite child

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I can assure You that my beloved partner
is as anxious as my self to express
every sentiment of affection & gratitude
to, & that You may see many
many happy returns of it, that one
half dozen than the other, & may the
Almighty guard & protect You & turn
every thing for Your own good & the
prosperity of England —
We had a very pleasant visit from
my dear Adelaide the day before
yesterday he looks the picture of
health & really appears so
contented that it is a pleasure to
see him his Boy is the handsomest
creature I ever saw, & all the family
by dotting upon him —
I am happy to see Lord Stewart
who I hear is upon his journey

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but there is a doubt whether he passes Gravesend, that would be a great disappointment to me —

The storms here have been tremendous & done a great deal of mischief, but not here, in general of the Villages it has knocked off all the fruit — which is a sad loss to the poor —

As I am writing I think it right to name to You that the Old Lord Grenville has been annoying Lord Liverpool with a Castle in the air but which I sincerely wish he may verify which is running over to England for a fortnight he talks of it with pleasure but as he wishes who looked upon as nobody I have written to the dear Lord telling him

to take him under his wing, but being very violent & indulging himself in every thing, who he longs, yet he thinks seeing You, I told him it was nonsense, that You would let him do what he like, & that You would give him on a minute, but I am not put on my uniform, but You need not; for Lord H. Seymour wishes the Prince Louis to show You Carlton House (which is his object) the State Rooms & my brothers will come in & see You without Your being fatigued at all, if it can be so managed. Do you like it, I have also written to Sir Henry Turnbull who he knows, to have a Carriage & Horses ready, & to take care of his wine for him, so that I do take of those that he allows to govern him who had their tongues, that seems

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go, but he told Adolphus yesterday that he was thinking about it. Adolphus answered as I said, he is always the better for travelling & the thought of the journey puts him in spirits but he looks miserably ill & pines after sorts of things — if he really takes courage his son may steer home & save you that journey & if it does turn out as you wish I trust he will take the liberty of writing to Lord Aylmer — He really is a most excellent man but has an only child brought up very unlike others & is not the least effeminate, he has to be told a great deal to keep him informed, but is now subtle, quick, & makes himself very

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by every nobody & nothing alone thank
any man at his ailment, now then
have the whole truth Bluff who
worships the ground I stand
upon says that he wish to learn
by Yours younger son the expedi
ency to thank his Physician thank
also, Jane Price

Between me and

Hamburg
August 12th
1814

Yours most affectionate

Bluff

Bluff desires me to say himself
your first & chief Servant not be
offended at his prefering his Father
to you & all Love but he has experienced
so much kindness from you that
he knows before hand what his
Father will write but should be so [illegible]

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My dearest dear Brother, I have received a letter from Frederica Queen of Sweden to beg of me to write You a few lines by Her Son, who sets off on the Twenty first of this month to spend one Month in dear Old England, I so fondly wished Recently allowed Her, She wishes much to pay Her respects at Your feet, & to entreat You to protect Her young Prince who from every circumstance is a most interesting one, & Her very young Heir apparent manner, & Education good sense with I sincerely hope gain him friends wherever he goes — I have only seen him once, therefore I speak from Them not from myself — I take Her affectionately offer forming You Best for the present

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our journey to Vienna is given up, when thinking over it we found it was impossible at present, but Stuz will take me for a fortnight on Thursday next to Bruxbourg to see my sister for many reasons I regret this Vienna journey tho I do not utter such a word, for I plainly see it will not be in my dear Beloved Albert power to take me to Ebenthal next Spring he has not told it me but I cannot but be sensible that it cannot be. I tell it you now to prove to you that I speak the truth for he has no idea of my wishing any thing upon the subject God grant that in a few years by prudence we may overcome all the difficulties that would be greater were we with the least to blame ourselves, he will again ask for a further leave of absence but that is a step for Spring that seems to me

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cence no pay, but You must admire his honorable way of proceeding for altho' as he owes his Father who begins heavily to feel the weight of a great debt, like now they have never been able to manage the getting the money I mentioned some time back to Gen. C. I am confident that Your affection for me will make you regret not seeing me yet as Your heard You must observe of my conduct it is a great trial but I am convinced that in every situation there trials are our lot, & I have so much reason to bless God that I ought to bear every thing with more good humour & more resignation than ever body for I have much to be thankful for & You ought to feel very happy that You have saved my

[illegible] — for more comfortable I could not be. Lady's heart is perfect, & their remembrance good tempered, certainly quick, but that is nothing for he has not a grain of rancour in his disposition, & he would not be one of this family if he was not so, but they are all so thoroughly unprincipled & good that it is impossible not to value & love them.

She & Jane has given up their plan of going to England & take of next year, but alas! he is so very feeble that I tremble for them; & I can assure You I have no wish of being first here, like things do they are but do not work any change, for thank God I am well with them all. —

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we much fear that Lord Durand has
taken the others road to Vienna,
which indeed in any the shorter one
more natural for that to the
straight road from Paris yet we
trying he allowed to regret the not
seeing them —
We heard even on purpose to have
first to see Lady Ellenborough as
she wrote me a very kind note,
saying she had even stay, that
determined us to go that I might
have all about her & it was
very amusing of Blessington to put
himself out of his way. We
got up at six o'clock & a quarter
to half past eight & had an
hour with her, the town looking

very interesting with her poor Darling
Ben around her but was very ill She
has been wretched owing to the loss
of her Brother little Lyde who
died at Brussels, on Thursday eight hours
she had the child opened & it was
proved that there was something
wrong in the heart so that had she
lived she would have lived in torture,
therefore Ben relieves was a
mercy. She spoke with enthusiasm
of Upon yourself to them, & she made
me cry that I spoke of them I
thank of Ernest which God knows
is daily if not hourly —
So morrow we dine with Abel
Smiths at Evenport & go to the Fair
& to the Play —
Pray recall me to all the Brighton party & believe me ever
Stowlangtoft
Sept: 19th 1845.

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Bluff ascend to the back at Seven feet
with very impression of real affec
tion & esteem, the collection of Ima
ges You do kindly gave them
& Sovereign Deities are his great
treasure, They are sheweed to every
one with pride & I must add that
his gratitude to You is without
bounds ——————

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encouraged by a most affectionate & kind one
one from you my dearest Brother, I venture
again to take up my pen to give You an
account of our visit to Luxembourg, but
before I begin I must say that all my dear
Sisters letters were full of their extreme kind-
ness to them & your manner of mention-
ing me to them, has made me
quite happy. Their time & welcome
is much taken up therefore I can scarcely
from writing but to them yesterday
& this morning, but a few kind words
through them quite enchants me —
for the absent I can express Country
affection if it were possible increased
for Dear & all my family —
On the 29th of October we set off for
to breakfast on rather dine with Baron
Stockmar of Darmstadt who received
us most kindly in his own house

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house House which he has fitted up most neatly & which he was so good as to offer, to take us into whenever we wished to visit Darmstadt. We saw no Court there but another old Uncle Prince Louis of Darmstadt who is very good, very frightful & has no palate, & scarcely intelligible however. I understood him better than any body, which delighted him, so became a great favorite, he set off as soon as we could again upon our journey to get to Heidelberg that night, we were then so sad that we could scarcely see the very beautiful Country we past through, however towards evening it cleared up & we did see several beautiful Rivers upon the Mountains which we wound round, unfortunately the day closed in too soon for my seeing the very magnificent Rivers at Heidelberg as we drove over the Bridge going into the Town, therefore the next morn

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ing we were left with the dark & heavy taken one of the little carriages of the country we went up to these Steeps which are the most beautiful, that even were seen it must have been the finest site of Heidelberg Castle even was enchanted & what remains is so very superiorly worked that one might take days to look over it, & to see it completely, the Grand father of the late Great Duke of Baden was so fond of it that he had several Staircases, placed for the various alleys which I scrambled up, the walls of the body of the House most wonderful to look at & the finishing quite striking, we went to see the famous Heidelberg butt which in the cellars of these rooms, that made no impression upon me as it is not near as large as Whitbreads, which we have with the Prince. we returned back to our Inn

Where we have slept by a Caravan of Arabs
march but as soon as we went away we
got off & hoping to get early home to
bed but we never entered then Alone like that
first time, we have both more chattings to
do one another upon & I must enjoy to
when any Part then heart, affections
gratitude & kindness is ever entered
to be, her person also! Every thing
for she is certainly very large more
like the Dowager Lady Ely in person
but a great deal more lower stomach
She is neat & clean but certainly does
not step to advantage, for her hair
is very thin & combed flat over her
face, which is three or four times
larger than it was, most of her teeth
gone, & what remain black, her hands
beautifully white & when form her
person She moves quick enough
any but she is most reasonable in

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her manner of talking of the late King of Wirtemberg she certainly wore him often check tears, but she is so proud that she never allows a word to escape her that any body can take ok, but there is not a soul that does not regret the late King & from what I saw I must say with reason, for he certainly by Paul the good of his country at heart, and established many very wise manufactories, schools for the Military &c &c which have now been all knocked of the head, it is true that he spent a great deal of money in furnishing his Palaces, but also that money went about in the country at least every penny that could be made & purchased at Stuttgard & Ludwigsburg was bought there & nothing sent for, but what would

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be got there. She does a great deal of good is
adored by every body & believe me her
life is of the greatest consequence for the
present Reign — for privately he cares
loves & the only manner in which
he is telling the Grounds of the Hope
rent Chateau quite provoking, in
short all the very beautiful places
has Father had formed to perfection
he appears to work to destroy & ruin
every which is one of the finest
things I have ever seen (as I am sure that I
often wished at Windsor) he has bad
taste enough to taste every room
completely new furnished, all silk
& the taste & judgement quite striking
Any Creature could have me I never had
hoped to have at Louis Lough for
certainly it was too large but the
present Reign postponed all Others &
She has a very fine character

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& several apartments of the modern to have company, The late Kings apartments are what are called the Queens Kings, but he never goes there except ing when the States are assembled, & then generally returns to Stadtzyd — The only fault of Louvenny is, that it stands on a bottom, but the Garden front, for length & beauty is really much to be admired, There are three communi cants to the Castle & Pleasure Gardens on Scaphen room may be had in England nowhere in the of the common size & shape of the Palaces abroad, on the late Kings time it must have been perfection for he had all his own Court there & that House full & well lighted must have been quite dazzling for an

hope I never have such quarters of twelve
ever fine to give You an idea of the size
of the House, we lodged on the same floor,
& to get to our rooms from my Sisters
Suite must pass twenty long steps to
them merely from the door of her par-
room, to where we lodged & to her dressing
room one hundred more, so we had
exercise enough without going out. tho
we were often prevented doing from
the weather being so very bad however
we went twice to see Westminster which
is different, but very fine indeed &
finished like a snuff box & many
things I wished for Home but among like
I never saw any body have so little taste
as the present King in an enormous
Palace there is placed a very large look
ing glass which came from Prussia not
half so fine as Yours in the first room
of Carlton House, they ake admire it much
but I would not give two pence for it

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it is so poultry & of each side they have 2
places 22 two horrid things like dumb
waiters only fit for Boy & Mayor with
about eighteen enormous old Chinese
vases, it really is hideous so heavy
so out of place, it is quite striking
The staircase at Stuttgard is most beau-
tiful ole marble walls & ole but the
palace is not by ole accounts furnished
as the Kitchen is ole as the old Palace
& there is no one convenience for offices
or servants for it has never been
brought up— my doctors apartment
very fine but she has never slept
at Stuttgard since the late Kings
death, She goes once or twice a
week to see the Kings children &
morning & afternoon she thinks
might ride down, otherwise she remains
quite quiet in the country, for of course

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She must deeply feel the injury the present King is doing not only him self but his family by keeping so little cattle the Gardens, grounds, &c. house in order, they calling what he does economy very excessive. All was so perfectly in order, in the late King time, that if a bit of paling was broke it was instantly replaced & every thing round Cloudyard was so neat that it was a pleasure to see the fence now broke, pulled down, & one most terrible plight in short it is very near being Splendid misery my sister was amused at my saying so, for tho I assured her I saw, I heard nothing, & would not on no consideration have cast a reflection on all the world, indeed the first night I arrived, I was very nervous that is to hear the knocks of passages, Galleries Saloons, Statues, Immediately Must leave by the Light of a Lanthorn mentioned

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feel as if I was in the Castle of Otranto
it quite annoyed me, one day or two
yet wet feet — but she has one small
house which is more in my comfor-
table style very pretty indeed. I mean
from Shefôs it is quite a darling
very small, she generally gives three
fortnights at a time with two of
Sundays, two or three times a
year, days she works to wood up
preaching in public & it is a very
useful thing too small for a
decent residence, particularly for
men who is so used to grandeur,
for she lives remarkably well
quite en Seigneur & really looks it
she sits with great dignity & such
out gêne, She has asked most ur-
bly for it is wonderful what the

She has bought to check the buildings
in order about the place & to prevent
unpleasant remarks, for instance
the invisibility of the Thing that were
quantities of Porcelain of my Cousin
Spaenberg was sold which she had from
the late King but she never told it to
me I gave you my word — we shall
soon sleep constantly together & the
book we one day have a very curious
collection of pictures belonging to these
brethren formerly of Cologne it consists
of the early German school, some very
fine, but not pictures I should desire
particularly wish to have in my room
but they are well worth seeing, but
they ask a ridiculous price for the
collection, which they will never get
I a salary for each Brethren while
he lives — the late King lent them a
House which they have still but when

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then they will continue there I do not know
We went the same morning to see the
works of the famous sculptures Dei
macken, there I was enchanted with
several things, particularly a figure
of Christ which he is at present at
work upon for the New Church at
Inverness, a colossal bust of Achilles
the Back, & one which he has just fi
nished of the late Queen of Sweden
being literally speaking.
Here I was called off to go & stay with
my poor dear Husband who has been
confined some days by a accident wh
he desires me to thank Gourock se:
pectfully for Your gracious mes
sage regarding his Father & the rest
of his family, the old Gentleman
returned long before he was expected

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& played from dear Louis's head back for he had promised Lord Denbigh to persuade him to make him a visit & made him go away from here sooner than was expected which deranged all his plans as he intended making the tour with you you may believe we all felt a little angry with him — he certainly is rather better but very feeble, some days may walk & can scarcely walk;

My reception at Karlsruhe with the Dear Hereditary Prince of Baden has exceedingly pleased, she is a charming woman we stayed there from the Monday till Saturday morning one night at Karlsruhe where we were invited by the Great Duke who was all civility to me I shall remember to be the first time that I had come to Karlsruhe since he became Great Duke, we lodged at the

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Magnificence at Karlsruhe, but we learnt
with our grandeur to the Castle Hun-
ning Footmen &c &c all in Scarlet
& Silver & the Horses harness Carlton
House magnificent, the Pages in Scar-
let & Gold the servants in Scarlet &
Silver & the Servants out of livery
in striped coats with swords at Table
very fine the Great Duke all civility
& hoping to please in every way pos-
sible, He owned an Opera House to
Illuminate the Theatre but the fair
being the Festal that could not be
asked that Monument Enlightened
I should be applauded, because each
between the Acts to talk with us &
I should be become again
be summoned at Karlsruhe like the eve-
ning of the next day as the Great Duke
dined with us & then returned to Baad
sal, one of the most comfortable large

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Some rich furniture, in the state of Lady
Holdernesse's house in Essex, it belonged
formerly to the Bishop of Ely, & in
the manner & singular change on the
enclosure was given to the late Great
Duke & settled upon the Dowager Du
gave me her Dower house, the situa
tion very pleasant & looks respec
table, & the furniture being
old fashioned I was much pleased
with it. The disagreeable perfection
& work combined. There I met a Mon
sieur de Bark whom was before a
Priest, who asked me if I had seen
a sword that he had taken h
liberty of sending Lord Bute & I
[illegible] & believe it belonged in
days of yore to Henry the Eight &
was always the pride of every
body that had any thing to [illegible]

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the Brunswick family & on the 17
Sovereign, having had a passion
for those things, before Jennie Bone
parted, telling every thing at Brun
wick she brought this Princess &
determined to buy it at Gunfleet come
stones & God were torn up before the
Chapel, but he sent it by the late
Great Duke of Buccleuch to London
must take with them to England
when the Sovereign must there ask
on his returning to Vienna he
was received to know of Vienna
got the Crown & finding some
difficulty in catching London
coat, he wrote to him about
six months afterwards got an
answer, but he intended me to

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found out if You had really got it &
he gave me a copy of his letter to You
which I enclose ask Mary if You is
to give Him any direction to answer
me, if by any mistake You have
not got it Yourself have the goodness
to demand it of Lord Fitzharris
from the Sovereign who else
shall have it and brought to
Me as soon as possible — He is a very civil but
He is a very young, but exactly
like Lord Fitzharris when he
first saw Me a thousand anecdotes about the Heralds, & entered
fully into the saga the late Duke
was in at his breakfast to hear to
sign the papers which he refused
as long body was convinced it was
a forgery — I think now you will
think I have written enough —

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last before I end I must mention that
last night at Manheim I saw the Grand
Duchess, she is very pretty, very agree-
able & perfect Frenchwoman &
amusingly unlike anyone I ever
met & generally succeeds. The mo-
ment Baron Brunow entered
our house I went to Emma—
She enquired much after You &
that she could to gain me. Duty
had been as very intimate with
her when that he could not
avoid going thereforo I obeyed—
You will be glad to hear that I
was as thoroughly happy as
you can wish my beloved Father
with gratitude & affection I will

The family shewing me constant
proofs of approbation I must Beware
who was so good as to take notice
you how thoroughly comfortable
here — I hope that this note finds
you both Jenny at Bognor where
both grow rosier ruddier every
moment long may it
continue

Yours
Ever affectionately
November 22d
1819

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Enclosure

Baron de Ende to H.R.H. & (see over)
to Calthcart to Baron de Ende

Copie de la lettre addressée a Son Altesse Royale Monseigneur le Prince Regent au mois de Decembre 1813

Monseigneur

Daignés agréer, Monseigneur, que j'ose mettre aux pieds de Votre Altesse Royale, des armes, qui quoique sans toute apparence, ne manqueront pas de quelque interêt historique ayant appartenu à un Prince qui etant le plus grand heros de son siecle est digne d'etre à la tête des illustres ancêtres de Votre Altesse Royale. C'est le sabre de Henri le Lion que ce grand prince d'après la tradition rapporta de la terre sainte. Conservé a Brunsvic il fut, (après avoir été depouillé par des mains avides de ses ornemens extérieurs) vendu dans un moment où le crime n'y respecta aucun souvenir. Un heureux hasard m'en ayant fait faire l'acquisition, je ne connus dés ce moment pour ce sabre point de destination plus digne que d'appartenir à Votre Altesse Royale. les circonstances le rendoient alors impossible et peut-être n'aurois-je jamais osé le présenter à Votre Altesse Royale comme une foible marque de ma plus profonde vénération si Mylord Lathcart ne m'en eut inspiré le courage.

Quel plus beau moment aurois-je pu trouver que celui d'à présent qui double les rapports entre

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Votre Alteste Royale et ce grand Prince. Henri le lion forcé d'abandonner à ses ennemis ses autres vastes possessions, mit sa gloire à sauver avec ce sabre les pays qui depuis ce moment n'ont pas cessé de jouir du bonheur d'apartenir à ses illustres descendants. Votre Alteste Royale animé par ce même attachement pour le berceau de Ses ancêtres vient de l'arracher dans ce moment aux usurpateurs, pour rendre à cet heureux pays le beau sort d'apartenir à Sa maison auguste.

Trouvant toujours mon plus beau titre celui d'être Hannovrien je partage sincèrement ce bonheur, quoique malheureusement eloigné de ma patrie. Fils d'un pere qui voua quarante cinq ans au service d'Hannovre et dont le nom ne sera point entierement inconnu à Votre Alteste Royale, ayant été Ministre de Sa Majesté, serviteur moi même me pendant quatorze ans je ne sais que trop apprécier les avantages d'etre Hannovrien. Jamais je n'aurois renoncé à ma patrie, mais en la quittant à la fin de l'année 1809 c'etait le seul moyen pour me soustraire au malheur de servir des usurpateurs. Le Grand Duc de Bade en m'honorant de sa bonté toute particuliere a daigné m'offrir un azyle, mais toutes les faveurs dont il m'a réellement comblé pendant quatre ans n'ont pu eteindre dans mon coeur l'amour de ma patrie chérie, et mon attachement inviolable pour l'auguste maison de mon ancien Souverain.

Daignés &c &c.

Cette lettre ainsi que le sabre furent remis par feu Mgr le Grand Duc à Mylord Cathcart à Fribourg ou le quartier général des Souverains alliés se trouva alors.

Ignorant l'accueil que Son Alteste Royale le Prince Regent avoit daigné faire à l'hommage que j'avois osé lui faire, j'etois enchanté de trouver Mylord Cathcart au congrés de Vienne pour apprendre de lui si mon hardiesse n'avoit pas deplu.

Mylord m'ecrivit soigneusement et ce n'etait qu'au bout de sept mois que je pouvois obtenir une reponse catheqorique dans les termes suivants:

Mr. le Baron!

Son Alteste Royale le Prince Regent du Royaume uni de la Grande Bretagne et de l'Irlande ayant bien voulu accepter de la maniere

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la plus gracieuse, le glaive que Vous m'avés confié pour lui etre présenté de Votre part, et Son Altesse Royale m'ayant en même tems chargé de Vous assurer qu'Elle etoit très touchée de cette attention ainsi que des sentiments que Vous avés exprimé dans la lettre de laquelle ce monument d'un heros de la maison etoit accompagné, il n'est pas à doutes que Son Altesse Royale ne daigne lire avec bienveillance la seconde lettre que Vous Vous proposés de lui addresser.

Recevés &c

à Vienne ce 3 Mai 1815 Cathcart

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Jan. 1 1820

Having so lately written to You my beloved & dearest Brother I cannot think of sending You another Volume, but I must begin the New Year by wishing you every possible blessing that this world can give. We all know that perfect happiness is not to be enjoyed yet I pray to God that Your Army have as few trials & as few unhappy hours as fall to the lot of any one, believe that my affection is not at all lessened by the distance that I am from You, my heart is as much alive as ever to every thing in England & it is impossible for me not to expect to hear

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how very grateful I feel for my very very happy lot, my beloved & excellent husband grants me in every good wish for Your health & happiness & we both hope to renew these sincere prayers for Your welfare for many many long years to come My beloved Child is now thank God well but has been very much otherwise, we both think of Your extreme kindness here with the sweet yacht & hope that some London others we may in person express it when God knows, You may believe the extreme joy it will be to me but You well know that every situation has its duties & I have here the family here

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Could never have it to say that I
have ever been the cause of draw
ing Evil into any unnecessary
Expence, therefore tell I receive
that by command I can depend in
making this journey I never will
propose it, you may believe I shall
become very careful with that
view but it will take time & as
this subject makes me very low
& fills my eyes with tears I will
conclude with assuring You that
none can love You with more
devotion than

Your affectionate
Stokesy

Stokesy

January 1st
1820

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Sunday Morning
Stowlangtoft January 30th.
1820

Last night just after we were gone to Bed, arrived Your Despatches my dear Son Wm. with the melancholy account of your poor dear Edwards death — The Bulletin was read on the parlour yesterday evening that Sunday at Nine o'clock duke Wm may letter from on sad theme — I sensibly feel it for I loved him most sincerely & truly but I can say as God will be done, poor fellow he has been taken off in a moment when he was enjoying much domestic comfort, & that both as it is a very sad sad thing; but I am even of opinion that whatever is God's wise, as for some time, a good part gone; he is removed to where I trust to

God Christ has — many & good qualities
may be rewarded), & his fearing (which
all people must on [illegible] mercifully for-
given, my heart bleeds for him for
there never was a better Husband than
he was — my heart is so sick & I have
lately gone through such distressful
melancholy scenes, that I really am
only enough to see how very little
fit I am to bear for the extreme
tenderness, (as like Comm. even does) of
you have shewn in making Mr Brotherton
write to such, who shares most sincerely
my sorrow as he really loved & valued me
much — When the Continent he will
be much regretted as he was very thoroughly
attached by all those who lived with him

Yours affectionately

Victoria

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(825)

Feb. 6 1820

My dearest & beloved Brother

I so bowed down with affliction I take up my pen some hours after I received the news of my beloved & respected Father-both to thank You for thinking of me — I have been trying to prepare for this blow, & how ever deeply I feel what we have lost, I bless God that the dear Angel did not suffer & that Gracious us his precious life has been for many years it has pleased the Almighty to shave them many a pang which would have severely tried them — We are sure of his perfect bliss & that for Him death has change-d to a blessed one — for few people have borne with more humility & patience the many private & public trials which he had to contend with than our dear & ever to be regretted

Father.

May God mercifully preserve & watch Over & may Your most Dutiful & Loving Son & Liege Subject be spared to see Peace & Tranquillity restored to Your Dominions — may you but follow that Path which tends most to Your own credit & to the Glory of the British Nation may your Virtues shine upon Your People & may You when Your Hour comes be as much loved, respected & regretted as You must be —

Forgive me if I have said too much, & if my Letter is too premature God knows my heart that at this moment affection & Duty & perhaps formality & Ceremony urge me to Solemnly to notice what I write

Homburg
Feb: 6th 1820

1820

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Mar. 2 1820

My beloved & very Honored Brother & Friend believe me that the absence no one has been more deeply afflicted than myself at Your very alarming illness which has been a great aggravation of my sorrows. & has kept me in perfect agony— thank God You are now well, but wanting strength, which must necessarily I pray may be restored as speedily as I wish—

My dear & excellent Brother as I have publick duty put You into Your hands, I need not say any thing concerning Irene as You received him as favourably formerly & write I am confident from the affection You have ever shewed me (none is doubtly at this moment when He has excited) this suspicion from the profoundest de votion & respect, not only for Your Person but your character, He told me this himself, He is not drunk & I beseech You if You find that he continues so to confine him

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ADDL. M

Sir Henry Stafford, as he certainly
would have known had come very earlier
sent shewn upon his sheet – & being so
much pitty affected by his poor Father's
death. I shall not mention that I have
named it – The Emperor has been more
gracious to Keir & he feels deeply the
honor of the present Emperor –
My heart overflows with gratitude
for Your extreme goodness in sending
through Jenny to us Bluff as it has been
put, & trust that You will continue
that protection to Hennedy & Gormly
which is of so much consequence to
his present & future welfare – He
has a heart to feel with the liveliest
devotion, affection & gratitude the
many & unparalleled favours You
have already showered down on him
him, & of the intrepid bravery of

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Mar. 2 1820

on the letters he took the liberty to address
you You will be flattered himself blame
his Head, but not his heart;
May God for the future my beloved &
very dearest Brethren enjoy health &
happiness & believe me that I do
not fatigue you with letters, I rely on
the kindness of my dear Henry to
enforce me constantly of how you are
going on — I write more like an
Inn of Yours than as I do a formal
epistle to which I invite to believe this
left, but I shall soon take the liberty
of addressing one more often the dictates
of my own heart, which whether in
ceremonie or at ease must remain the
same in affection for You —

Believe me
Your Majesty's
most Dutiful & attached
Subject & affectionate
Sister

Homburg
March 2d
1820

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to reward women as Lotus — Indeed if You
could but know all he has done for his
family before & since his Father's death
you would be astonished —
The poor dear old Landgrave has also left
a most enormous debt, for us to make a
country & my great object is to see what
we can do; but there is not money to pay
for his extravagance but to the long bill of
the tailors, & as we have no married
people but Jews, it is very difficult
to encourage, it is a great satisfaction
to me that they all owe me I have not
incurred the expence one penny but
our excellent old Landgrave always
thought that he was respected more
when he really had which has been
a sad misfortune — but should You
come to Homburg You may be sure I
shall pay to meet You — That would
keep us merry & a broke

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my prudence has been so great, that I even do
not go to see Stroyal, who was so very good
& generous to me last Year, I depose how
that She would wish to see Them, but she
is so uncertain by attend that She would
be totally incapable of going to England
but I had the satisfaction of meeting
him fully aware of Their great
kindness & She is flattered beyond me
sure by Their extreme Politeness con-
cerning Him, but had she had it in her
power to go She would have now been
prevented by having just got back her
Grand Daughters who from Thing
are most unlikely to be long visited
by him, for I rather believe that there
from Gotha have been encouraging
it and by Their abominable Letters
my Sister is thoroughly deluded, &
is astound at the Country She stands
as a Queen & certainly takes her

ADDL. MSS .GEO/11

327 A
Lond

attention, She is always so mourning &
never speaks of the King without tears, but
in my opinion, many things have been
represented to Her against him more fa-
mily, which whilst I was there I know
to be, what interest people can have
to make mischief I do not understand
They never dare venture it with me
I hope. but if they do, they will not suc-
ceed, however I was left alone, so we
live as entirely out of the world, & Vict
is so fond of being alone, that excepting
the Children for two hours, Lord Liver
from Ernesport & dinner & Mr Tem
ple once, we have seen no soul since
we returned here the end of September
which proves how quiet we are, & I have
not seen Ernesport these four months
The old Lady & one do formerly, I never
answer her, & try to please Her which
she is sensible of & always takes me
that there never was such a Daughter

Who makes me Unhappy, for tho she is not always Complacent to Them, she never behaves with Incivility to me & knowing that she is a favored woman by giving her the Pas in the House, which was the great misery after the Sandgrave death She is now so Unhappy & Uncomfortable as Possible, I have very little about rank, & as she does I feel I have only done what was good natured but there is no further merit, but Possibly you would have died had I not done Your agony from Dread at loosing her Dignity which at first I was fool enough not to understand, but when she felt back upon her Conduct saying she had lived too long as She now was nothing & that I was fool, I told her I never would walk before my Husband. Whereon, she jumped up like a Girl, embraced me & said I was not the offended one to Me —

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ADDL. MSS .GEO / 11

327 B cont-

Your extreme affection & kindness of expression
towards me Dear perfectly penetrated with
& certainly feel I a little deserve it as no
one can love Victoria better Therefore You may
imagine what these repeated / the Moment
most take it as one / costs me & many a one
my a silent & solitary tear how it rewards
for my affection for Albert as such that he
never knows what I sometimes go through
in thinking of You all, He is the most gentle
fond creature that ever was, & would give
me any thing on earth that I wished, but
You may suppose that I never ask
the best gift is his affection which I am sure
find I possess, & which is worth all the
jewels on earth to me — He even thanks
of You with rapture & gratitude, & was
so delighted that Albert is with You
he is a great favorite of mine & I
believe You can't find Fault with good Albert
more of him anon, now that You
don't know more of him for he is

ADDL. MS

readily a delightful venture
I rejoice that Ernest Leopold is comfortable
set with him, how I always enjoyed them
all, & of poor me to state remembered.
much Love would they every thing from
me — I have been miserable for poor
dear Lady Lichtenegh, for she must have
been disturbed about Alice, & knowing
how it attached to Alice I can make entire
note all her feelings at the thoughts
of losing him — I hope she is better —
Lady Churchill wishes me to say how sorry
she & to whose kind enquiries I intend
for the poor princess Leopold with
which we are both penetrated to
the greatest degree — We humbly
hope that Lord Clarendon's communication to Prince & his family
& Sentiment that should any thing
happen to me that Lord would do
what I request for them — I cannot
a presumption as to say any thing

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327 B cont-

more, for I am truly acquainted with the excellence of the Heart that I am addressing. what I can owe I certainly should for since for the favours ever
since I can make—
I fear that considering the multiplicity
of business that You have, that I may
have already taken up too much
of Your time but believe me my
very dearest Brother that the
thoughts of Your welfare delights
me & I estimate them as with pain
& pastedness— Time, absence, age
nor thing can alter my sincere
& devoted attachment for You—
for no one is more truly
Sincerely Yours most affectionate
March 27th & Dutiful Sister Victoria
1826
Yours Attached
Subject

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ADDL. MSS .GEO /11

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Ap. 2 1820

my letter my most beloved Brother-in-
law! fail very very short of the
sentiments of my heart, & ade I can
say is that I am ever my dear
Sister gratitude for every affection-
ate & kind attention & your extreme
noble conduct towards me & my
beloved Child, to whom I faithfully
promised every love, she is at your
feet, & her eyes filled with tears of
thankfulness towards you, we only
wish to be near you daily, & to witness
how dearly we are cherished with
your kindness & affection, Early
next week (without) assure he
cannot but depart he must for
Hastley we do intend be to thank
personally at your feet & entreat by

ADDL. MSS

word of mouth how very deeply penetrated
he really is with Your extreme pro-
priety & softness of conduct towards
us, he thinks it his Duty to write him-
self that You may see it is not en-
tire but must necessarily which
makes him not obey You directly
It is a most cruel situation to be in when
duty & inclination do not agree, for You
may easily believe with what delight
he should both fly to You — Forty years
are nearly turned to dust & mould away
only unseen to the many duties of late with-
drawn one that he feels unseen that
from generosity & character will ever
from Your showing us mercy for indeed
he deserve it — One truth feel that enough
he never ever can for the extreme affec-
tion You have shewn to me and indeed
to Stein, & he is quite in extasies — as he
will tell You himself — my heart & soul

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Ap. 2 1820

are such You & You may easily conceive that
having You as I do more thoroughly learn
learned, from after not only Your exhaustless
affection but Your extreme liberality
which would have flattered Your most
Sanguine plans, the knowing all those
around Such may be Justly Proud of
your Royal Favour & the more
precious I must as a wife humbly out-
weit — If You are so gracious as merely
to take Notice of your answer to Lady
Conyngham should more than
come Through your channel I may who
truly feel all this as She richly knows
what the depth of my affection &
devotion — I have not words another
word passing flattered, grateful,
thankful, tenderly upon my
knees, with every sentiment of

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attachment & devotion, yet feeling
sensible that it is not in my Power
to obey You — Believe me my beloved
Brother with the greatest truth
Your Majesty's
most devoted & affectionate
Sister & Subject
Victoria

Sternberg
April 27
1820

2 Apr. 1820

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ADDL. MSS .GEO / 11

(329)

Homburg August 8th 1821.

My beloved & dearest Angel Ernest Brother
how can my poor pen ever express
what I feel for Your gracious &
most affectionate remembrance of
poor me in having changed my
dearest Augusta with Your very
precious Picture for me, I assure
you that the having it, is the
joy of my life, & it has enchanted
your fond & faithful Sister
beyond expression, even round my
poor old Brother in Law who is
insensible of Your amiable act
tion of me that She desired
me to leave the picture with her
for me hers that Thereby

ADDL. MS

study Your lovely countenance & admire
Unsettling in short was I to anticipate
I feel How would wish my letter
in the fire - Augusta will explain
that she cut for me, & still I do
hope that I may have that back
Unless Augusta, but I hardly
dare think it so late in the day
for when the Continent will
not be in security, & may be
the theatre of Ireland will be
so great that Daddy will not
like to part with You. however,
for tho I am dying to see You
yet I dare not allow myself
to hope too much for fear of
being disappointed —

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ADDL. MSS .GEO / 11

Augusta dear Soul worried on from
day last at Frankfort), I went the
first event I heard from with my be
loved better half) & brought her
back in triumph to this place
where one & all were delighted
with her — She will stay with us
one free weeks then go to my
sister of Wurtemberg & return
here in her way home —
As I shall spare the hurthi
ness of writing in a few days
again & knowing how much
your time must be taken
up it would be wanting in
duty love & respect if I
took up more of your any

precious time therefore only add the
Londonderry distressful redjects & join
with them in praying that we
may yet all meet in Ireland
as it did on the 19th Day then
cannot be looked back to, with gra
titude, & thanksgiving to God
who certainly showed his mercy
most particularly to dear old En
gland in allowing us to have
gone all in the manner it did

I must my beloved Henry &
most beloved Brothers
that You will believe me
Your most gratefully
attached & affectionate
Sister & Subject

Victoria R

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ADDL. MSS .GEO/11
To Sir W. Knighton

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Homburg November 8th
1821.

Sir

As I promised You to write, & after your very obliging & I must add kind & friendly manner of listening to me last Sunday, I should be greatly wanting in gratitude not instantly to take up my pen, for to thank You & also to beg You to be my interpreter with my beloved & Coburg Brothers in regard to my fidelity, devotion, affection & love, for alas! I am but too sensible that tho my heart is overflowing with sentiment of thankfulness towards the King that my pen is not at all able to do justice — I therefore rely entirely upon You who have so obligingly observed me to

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ADDL. MSS
To Sn

look upon You as a friend — to hear as
soon, how very deeply I am im-
pressed with the Kings particularly
affectionate manner both to me &
what is a thousand times dearer
to me than my self my adored belle.
Both who has a Man of few words
has a heart that is thoroughly
capable of appreciating the value
of the Kings esteem generosity
& goodness to us both —
Whatever my self that I have done
as You desired me, I wrote a paper
for Mrs Rothschild enjoying that he
was to inform his Brothers in law
Mr that the Landgrave had ob-
tain with His Majesty upon his
private affairs, & that the King
had most graciously listened to him

ADDL. MSS .GEO/11
To Sir W. Knighton

& had decreed that she should be written
to to order his Brother to call upon
you. who was thoroughly Master of
every thing, but that it was to remain
a secret, with the King, Council, the
two Brothers the Landgrave & myself
You may easily believe how much
I have this at heart, for I am willing
to make every exertion in my power
to obtain it — for it will really ease
me, & make me more comfortable
here do, for I look upon myself as
placed here by the Supreme Being
to do all the good that I can, in short
as a Steward & pray to God that when
my Land is seen that I may be en-
abled at the Throne of Grace to give
a good account of my Stewardship
for my object is my Husband's peace
of mind, & that he may have the ease

of causing her country of the heavy burthen with which it is at present oppressed — I have no desire to appear at all in this transaction for I am of opinion that a woman is much more useful to her husband by keeping in the back ground & it is my first object in life to secure the continuance [illegible] respected & valued as he deserves — —

I now must return You thanks for your kindly undertaking what I have so much upon my heart & if You succeed I shall certainly bless you with gratitude for tho You know me but little believe me that all my faults that no one is more sensible & grateful than Your friend

Elizabeth

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(330) A
Cont.

I think it better to add
a few lines to say that the
Landgrave will give us
one thousand pounds a
Quarter which makes
four Thousand a Year
for to pay off the Capital
& interest to which if
necessary I am willing
to add one Thousand a
Year paying two hun
dred & fifty pounds per
quarter — That Act
may be legislated as
soon as possible — & I
I have the misfortune
of outliving the Land

ADDL. MSS .GEO/11

(330) A
Cont

grave I am ready to take the
payment upon myself
so I am minded to render
myself unpleasant to my
Husband & his family
with Your sentiments
I feel confident that
You wish any Son might
therefore I trust You
will do what You can
for us — it is but fair
to say that the Brother
before died not behave
well to the Grandfather
in the first instance
The Heirs interest will
no doubt turn him

but I mention this not by
way of complaint — but
I perceive it necessary with
a person who is to be look
ed upon as a friend in
which light You have
allowed me to adopt
upon —— He asked such
enormous premiums
& such high interest
that it was impossible
to do any thing with
him, but when he
said — afterwards if the Heirs would
entrust Kindly for You
I unhesitatingly give You
the fifty Thousand Pounds
without any Premium

or higher interest than
five percent——
I spoke that I have more
than quite clear——

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To Sir W. Knighton

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Tuesday November 20th 1821.
Stanbury

As the King graciously allowed me to speak openly to You about our Private affairs (I say ours, because all that concerns my most beloved Partner, I look upon quite as my own) & You having kindly listened & told me I was to look upon You as a friend of forty Years standing & by Your amiable manner of listening to me You have gained my confidence I think it right that we should be thoroughly & honestly open & as I sincerely do not one of my faculties (tho I grant I have many) I humble You again with a few lines on the strictest confidence to inform You that I am more anxious than ever about carrying this through with Rothschild who told me himself that one word from the King of England would make all easy — The reason I say this is that at this moment unknown to the Landgrave I am sending my jewels

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ADDL. MSS
To Sn

to Rothschild to enable him to have some money to go on with, no soul knows of this nor will they but Grenville & the President who named it to me at the dockyard at this moment, as the Intrigue has been obliged to pay as much for the late Mother. You may believe that this is not written by way of mourning to renew pain when I feel it a Duty & that I am with truth very sincere more pleased with knowing these valuable as they are now be of real use to Him & me before — but recovery Mary gets round, I fear by some unfortunate circumstance or other this might be heard & I be thought vengeful vagant — which is not the case — dont blow mention this but it proves to have any confidence; I am very anxious to learn from you how our adored dear King is — think often by the papers I send he should safe & well from the north on the evening I think I may have silence of comfort very much from Him soon & am looking forward to it with the greatest of

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To Sir W. Knighton

a faithful & good wife—
Yesterday I parted from my dear generous & good Augusta believe me she is sterling worth to be her friend, for she may err, but depend upon it she acts upon principle which will ever support her, she is the King's child our family, & greatly necessitates may from the Man we Unbraking Trust her as a family have no faults. I am now quite alone which I do not mind as it will give me time to think over with gratitude my happy days at Hanover, where the generous hearted dear King, & the Queen attended to me as an person on my heart, I feel every day & every hour how very ungrateful I should be towards God & them did not say that I am more truly blest than most people, I do not trouble the dear King at present as I assure his time is much taken up but I am sure he will know that I never can say too much from me should you have an opportunity Pray assure Lord & Lady Conyngham my compliments & tell them I remain

any, but I dont think this a want of
confidence not suspecting any thing con-
cerning this letter, my object to take his
comfort not his plagues & I am writing
to have all the worries at that dear
soul the anxiety he must be under
at present — Believe me

Your friend

Albert

Remember this is unpolished

ADDL. MSS .GEO /11

To Sr W. Knighton

332

Hamburg December 8th
1821.

As yet I have not had the pleasure of hearing of You, but as You so very kindly desired me to look upon You as one of my best friends I think it my duty to write from You of what I have heard from the Great Person — I have to have sent me word that my Brother has from the influence of Spirits & real regard for me honored of his Brother the same expectations, of that so as I am situated, & upon him, I would check myself as You see, least I should lose as I am to hold my tongue, to make me heard that I am united by my Brothers to pray no pronounce free from Obedience that I command entirely incapacity — for You well

ADDL. MS
To Sv

know, that the pleasure & tenderness of our own
hymen so privately not understood here
& that Two great men may blame me
a book which hide greatly enjoine the
cause of what I have commenced about,
which is prejudicial & detaining the
visits which Connick & Prince may mean
I may have an opportunity of sending
your letter for your perusal
which will make me then perfectly
known to you. And by that I should keep
down in my natural character
would be, after the comfortable we
received here had together in the
blue room at Hanover — I am sure
Lady Bute greatly enjoyed my mind & be
the thankful I ever can be — but
I flatter myself that the more You
know me that You will find my
faults & not conceit in me
wrong — You must know the whole

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To Sir W. Knighton

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from I have for my Brother. I must
beside not to plague him too often but
not the part you have promised &
where then he cannot have any one
more devoted to them than I am to
dearest Aunt, I pray my beloved part
then who certainly is most sensible
of that fresh proof of my brothers
presence prefers to them, those the
sincerity when you write of letting me
know how the King really is, his
health & happiness are essential
to my peace of mind —

The waters are so cut that I have had
no letter from England this week
the storms have been dreadful &
the roads literally have come down
in torrents — such big rocks that
obstruct & separate them to the King

I remain dear
Your friend

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Stambourne December 22d 1821.

Surprise my dearest & aimed Northern
northern letter often having written to You
last post but knowing Your head, & the
feelings of affection that You have ever
entertained for me & mine made me
determine to do no one thing tale I
had communicated to You what has
happened to me. Knowing You will
of course only mention it to Sir Will
liam Knighton from whom I am
most anxiously hoping to hear from
You know my beloved Bluffy how
& most tenderly as You may conclude
how furious he is & endlessly vexed
annoy me — by a debt of his
Father which He knew nothing
of, he has been fortunately pounds

ADDL. MS

so unknown to him I sent my Jewels to this
Shylock tell me would be assisted by the money
me hoped that through him I could interest
me should obtain. conceive that him more
my de sent Lady word he would not let
him have the money on other me I
ought to stay for more than three months
& if I could not pay him he would buy
the Jewels for his wife & he would like
to have them Now better not say any
thing of this to any one but his brother
but if you had seen Lady's face of scorn
for he said the idea that I should be
such a th—— & for no one would believe
that You did this unknown to me—I
answered the Jew & ask him that time
you will The shortness of this loan
is too much but I shall endeavour
to do to my Brother who is a perfect
gentleman & an honest man & will
not make me wait for even a week

ADDL. MSS .GEO /11

he knows the darkness of mind I must be in
the Consequence endeavoring and I work all
my words, I intended on his doing so much
Mischief for I am confident this Shylock
is Plotting every trick for the sake of
obtaining more money, for he has
before Cheated most Unhandsomely
& That was my reason for not work
ing to have any thing to do with him
but through You for it was his own
proposal Such; speaking to You this
word were "Come send from the Clerk
you shall have what You want" There
is a want of plain dealing which I cannot
stand, being used to my English Law-
yers which Tho I wrote a paper in
French upon my return here to tell
him that I had Your commands that
this transaction should remain sacred
between Yourself The Duke and, Each Him
self & his Brother & majesty what does

he do, but tells it the Secretary which has shocked Lady beyond words he has sworn him to secrecy but how can we trust such a fox now dont worry yourself with writing only devise for Wednesday to let me know what is settled — Jem Rhus has affected my nerves a good deal & Lady de Ros shocked Bluff & my not being strong at present I am a good deal shook which I shall not own to Lady for his affection & kindness have been all your most tender & affectionate Victoria can wish — I hope You will pardon my plaguing You again soon — I must write to You upon the New Year for else I should think myself unlucky now I wish You a happy & a merry Christmas ah I should certainly not write — Lady Rosse to be laid humbly & most

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respectfully with Duty & affection
as Your Son — & only hopes You will
believe how miserable he is at all
this worry & plague — but know
my only trust & confidence in You
& my horror of not telling the
truth he supposed greatly from my
innocently misquoting You after the
needless message —
May the boy I trust & that You are
perfectly right that I have not lost
the thousand & yes — it is only
thrown upon another pound wh
is not paid as regularly but that
is of no consequence — if You do
manage for us to get this money
I think You better take it on my
name You can stop my money
the moment it comes in — & I

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would take care that the English Minister here should send the Life Guards to the play — 5 or 600 a Year you can have from me — for Such work pray from me, one of this dear Country God's mercy & Your extreme goodness would walk down Stairs upon your head & save the Necessity of Your affectionate Sister & devoted Subject



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Stanbourn December 22d 1821.

I am under the necessity of writing to You again from a very unpleasant circumstance which has happened to me This morning & which obliges me to have recourse to You, & I flatter my self that You will kindly excuse me for to own the truth not being very strong at present I have had a good deal about by it You remember I wrote You word that unknown to the Landgrave I had sent secretly my Jewels to our Shylock, & I felt Anxiety to do so as We had known how shabby my shabby by the best of Men behaved to a debt by his Father had come on which He was perfectly convinced of & which had consequently affected him. I sent once again

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& this morning he sent to the Landgrave to say that he would not lend him money for more than three months & if I would not pay them he would purchase the goods as he either wished them or his wife wished to have them. The Landgrave shocked beyond measure sent to tell me this & said how did God permit you could have been so kind? yet believe me I shall be looked upon as an — for as one word believe that I did not know of it & I work in shortly sell my wood. I intended perhaps two dollars on each thing — & that I would voluntarily write to my Brother & to thee God grant that upon whatever may shock comfort to my heart, for the misery of poor befriend better half as yet I told him that she who knew how to

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believe what I said, for she knew the strange
perverseness of her character — I think
it is a deep laid scheme to make me
pay a great sum — & that it is a threat
of hers that the King should
not return this money for one would
wish my Jewels believe me I will
send them to England to that
Executor but I cannot bear the
thoughts of Sherlock's wife wearing
them — You must recall to mind
my first letter in which I told You
that I had written to prove that
I had honestly acted up to what
you had desired that no one was
to know this private transaction
but The King, Yourself this bearer
The Duke, the Sovereign King
delf & owner of the Sovereign who
was upon pending that Sherlock

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had told it the Secretary — the Landgrave has sworn here to secrecy but it has annoyed him not a little & being both ill of he wished me to take them as it has not hurried her life. The Landgrave knows it & they offered both this that he really wished to send somebody over but I would not hear of it — for I thought the quiet we have here the better & I hope have both of them to approve only tell me what I am to do, how to act, & I will be as docile & as prudent as I can both but I am glad now pleased he is with Ld ale — for I am more hurt at Shylocks being insolent in that than I can say being sorry for me as soon as possible for I am all nerves This letter has given me a return of chagrin the Landgrave & has had a terrible headach & I am very ill
yr fond Victoria

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To Sir W. Knighton

Stornoway Jun^r 22 1822

I have promised my beloved better half to write You a few more lines in the sweetest confidence to shew You how Mr — I has taken us in — When the Packet first went to him he said "ah "I want to the Kings orders & by "next week You shall not only "have fifty thousand Pounds "but as much more as You "want," These were his own words Mathew told Him in the next visit that he "had had a letter "from his Brother & that it "would take us home on getting "& when that he said if the Lord gave him any more Scots land You what Could not when that Income formed unknown to the Landgrave — Now I ask You as my friend, not to worry my

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Brother, whether You think that I should offer him a gift in money any one thousand or two thousand pounds that it is likely he would give the Landgrave the cause, I know full well that this is not done legally in England but here they always want a Pension. You well know it is not for myself for thank God I have no debts, but there is nothing I would not do to save my beloved Letitchen's mind — I beseech You to answer me candidly — for there is no sacrifice that I will not make to obtain what I am convinced is necessary for her peace of mind — of course the whole affair must be entirely from myself for he has no idea of it —

Believe me that I am confident of your zeal & friendship — & You may depend upon my not saying you with only words, unless I am in real want of advice — remember I literally have no one to speak to here, & I feel that the Landgrave is right in not wishing me to be intimate with those about me — so I never see them but at dinner & then am coming back in the evening back at 10 o'clock or half-past —

One more favour having my name on the other letter I wish not here — but kindly answer me directly

Yr

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To Sir H. Knighton

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Kensington Palace March 2 1822.

It was not my intention to have troubled You again with one more, at least so soon, but the Landgrave has desired me to say to You as a friend that he wishes You much to answer (as he is unaware to do what he can to extricate himself) some few questions which I shall make perfectly plain — The first is he wants to know whether difficulty of getting money upon the Continent, but he wishes to ask you! as he is willing to make any sacrifice he can, whether You think he may ask any Sr — I if You would, speak with him to of — 5. to five thousand pounds he could succeed in getting the money, You understand that the Landgrave never wished any thing of the Kind but his interest on the basis upon which the Sr — I have advanced them

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was ~~to be~~ wounded. He is sensible that it is
giving You a great deal of trouble, yet feels
confident You can enter into his feelings
that He is thoroughly determined by
that economy & attention to overcome
the extreme difficulty with which he
is at present oppressed — He wishes to
stay to remain entirely between our
selves — yet as I even wish to be open
& sincere, which is indeed the (and)
grand character, I have no doubt
that the Men & Army should not know
what is passing, I never named
to the Landgrave the question I had
already put to You upon this subject
for I am perfectly confident he will
never get the money without paying
a high interest — if then that the
Army does say he wishes it, the
Landgrave should be so unfortunate

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To Sir H. Keightley

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"to succeed, & to the pleasure you first
declare as a Marriage — into my Brothers
hands & to think over this — &
give me an answer, for Lady Ely & me
then have the answer from You & that
you should marry & then have
any further dealings with your
friend Mann who he feels has used
him unkindly for he always says
it depends upon my Brother &
you which I think unreasonable
Thus you understand it a letter
from the Queen — & I am now
by writing as this secretary — I
think it perfect if this fail he
may wish You to buy for part of
the money but that I am not
authorised to say with my hand
but leave to the Queen Henry — K

the Landgrave's Interests & Affections
Duty & respects to him & compli
ments to Count Grunecia

Yours sincerely

The Landgrave trusts me to add that he would
(if you think it possible) [illegible] this
the forty five thousand pounds & give the
five thousand that I have mentioned it
plain to you for I have had very little
time to write this much concisely for the
enclosing my letter ——— & I must state and
that he will give up four thousand & I one
to make the five thousand a year to Lady
Enfield & Children

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To Sir W. Knighton

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Hornbourg March 7th 1824

Sir

It is long since I have had the pleasure of recalling myself to You, but as You was the Person (when I was at Hanover) who my Brother desired me to look upon as a friend & who shewed me such interest concerning the Landgraves concerns, I take the liberty nevertheless the shortest conference to write to tell You, that after long hope of success, in arranging the Landgraves affairs, & indeed once two monthly believing all was settled, & had the pleasure of writing to the King to say that all was smooth disappointment upon disappointment has followed, which has caused me much anxiety & misery, still I trust in Gods mercy that we may succeed, as Baron de Langsdorff the Hessian Minister has undertaken

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to manage the getting the money in
England —— with the Archbishop it is out
of the question, for it has been tried, & I
am confident Sir will be honorably &
kindly do what You can for us, the
Secrecy of the thing must be kept
for if the Prince has told us — Had
him What to You I was in honour
bound to write which is the reason
of my troubling You now — & I rely
on Your former expressions of re-
gard & friendship, that if You can
in any way assist him you will
for the Landgrave desires me to say
to You in confidence that his future
peace & comfort depend upon it —
And there stocks been made by the Land
grave, I would honestly confess, that
he had a right to count for it, but
having entrusted them it strikes me
very hard, that there should be such
difficulty in something what to do

upon
it by
any
Prince
him
can
you
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by
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upright a character must be so manifest, & his services appear to have so deeply attached every visible that he takes it too much to heart; There is no sacrifice that I am not ready & willing to make for his sake for he deserves all my affection & care — It is wrong to take up more of your time I beg Leave to do what I can for the Landscape who deserves his best compliments — I remain

Sir

Yours Sincerely

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Baron Langsdorff to Sir W. Knighton

9, Sackville Street
July 1st 1824

Dear Sir,

It is with heartfelt satisfaction I have now the honor of informing You, that my unremitting efforts for raising a loan through a private Channel in the City, for His Serene Highness, the Landgrave of Hesse Homburg, have at length been crowned with success.

The extent of the loan is to be £120,000 – at 5% yearly interest, out of which Sum a sinking fund of £24,000 – is to be set apart for redeeming, with its compound interest, the borrowed Capital.

I feel the more delighted at the favourable result of my negociation, as I was honoured, only a few days since, with a letter from His Royal Highness,

Sir William Knighton, Bart.

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the Landgravine, in which that Princess expressed her anxious hope, that I might succeed, as Her Royal Highness had this business so much at heart.

It will be requisite for me to proceed immediately to Hamburg, in order to make some necessary arrangements there, respecting the form of the Contract, & I therefore propose leaving London on Monday next for the Continent.

You will greatly oblige me by conveying the above pleasing intelligence to His Majesty, Soliciting at the same time, in my name, the King's most gracious Commands for Germany.

I should be happy to take my leave of You, and to receive Your final Commands in Person, if You would do me the honor of appointing an interview for that purpose.

I have the honor to be

Dear Sir

Your most obed.t
humble Serv.t
Langsdorff

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