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from St. R. St. the Prince of Wales - after
the River at St. James's Palace. Dec 27

For Mr. Fiddling 1809.

St. James's Palace.

G. S.

Have the goodness my dear
 Mrs. Fielding to send me a line
 to tell me how dear Lady Sherlette
 is, how she has borne the dreadful
 alarm, as well as removal of the last
 night; I am also most anxious to know
 how you all are, & that your health
 has not suffered by the late & distressing
 event. I do assure you that dear
 Lady Sherlette was my first witness
^{at the instant}
~~when~~ I was informed of the fire,
 not being at the same time able to

of her being lodged in safety at the Duke
 of Cumberland's Apartments, I delay'd
 writing or troubling You as I am now
 being at the present moment, till I
 thought that You would have had a
 little time to review your first Letter.
 I have taken the liberty of accompanying
 in this Note, with a little Box
 which I hope that dear Lady's health
 will not think wholly unworthy of
 laying upon her Table, it contains
 some Opium Pills, each of a Grain
 (20 Drops) & though perhaps she may

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not be advised to try the Pills, still,
I can not help flattering myself, that
the sight of the Boy may now either
recall to her recollection the Donor,
who I entreat of You, to spare her,
for some signs of pity years, never has
ceased, or for the rest of his life, never
can nor will cease to love her from
the very bottom of his Heart. I beg dear
Mrs. Fielding forgive this long & hasty
scrawl, she loves me, ever,

Arthur Home. Your very sincere friend
Shewell servant
George

Jan. 21. 1/2 past 2 p.m.
1809.

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