

Sea-houses

July 28. 1780.

My Dearest Brother,

I am very happy to congratulate you upon your ^{approaching} Birth-Day, as well as upon your late Recovery. We heard of your having been ill, and of your being recovered at the same time, so that we felt no uneasiness at all, but were rather glad to hear that you had got over so unpleasant an illness.

I am upon the coast of Sussea now together with my two Sisters Elizabeth, & Sophia, & my Brother Octavius, for the benefit of bathing in the Sea: at first I did not like it much, but now I am fond of it. I begin to attempt Swimming, & I hope to get some notions of it before I leave this Place.

If I should want to be put in mind of you, I am doi-
- ^{so} by seeing fleets pass before my windows, but I trust
that my dear Brother knows that I want nothing
to remind me of him.

We have had Captain Cummins of the Carisford Frigate
to guard the Coast between Dungeness and Bea-
- chy Head, but he quitted the Station on the Last Day
of June; Lieutenant Macdonnell of the Flying Fish
Cutter was lately relieved by Captain Fortescue of the
Swinge Brig, and Lieutenant Rivet of the Sur-
- prize Cutter. These two vessels in Company with the
Carisford took a very good prize, as they were coming
here. You see that by his Majesty's kind care
we are not entirely left at the mercy of Privateers,
that might have come this way.

We have all received great benefit from sea bathing.

I daresay that your letters from Windsor inform you
that all our family is very well. I conclude, Dear Bro-
ther, with assuring you that success to the fleet
& continuance of good health to you are the
constant & sincere Wishes

of your very affect^o Brother
Edward.

P. S. M^r Bruyeres desires me to make his
best respects & most sincere good wishes for the
return of many of your Birth-Days, acceptable to
your Royal Highness.
in health, happiness & glory

Pray give my compliments to Mr. Majendie,
M^r Bruyeres begs to join with me.

The Duke of Kent

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