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Before I leave this station my dear brother I must put you in
mind of myself. Through Charles Pole I have received your
reply and am returning home near a spring. much as I wish to see
England and more particularly you, my best friend, yet as
I am ordered, I cannot with propriety return. Let them trust
and ever so hard, it is such the reason for not leaving me
thing but want of health can possibly bring me home
without leave. permit me to return you my sincere thanks
for all your kindness and more particularly for having inter-
-ested yourself for my good and my friend Anne. though
unsuccessful, believe me dear brother I feel the obligation
equally. he does to know and must be made to express his sincere
gratitude with his whole family for your kind interference.
I must needs to express my feelings for your attention to
this business: you will I hope yet be able to do something for
my good friend. You will know the regard I have for him and
his family and when we next meet we will with your per-

- mission talk that matter over. Be civil to Charles Pole: I can
- see him highly and you may as well trust him in all that con-
- cerns me. I am sorry to say that I have been living a terrible
debauch. life, of which I am heartily ashamed and tired:
I must in the West. I do not turn over a new leaf unless I shall
be irrecoverably ruined. This country affords no necessary
thing worth relating: drinking is the only occupation and
the consequences are naturally such as which I am sorry to say
I have too often heard of. I have made a determined resolu-
- tion to do vain from excesses of all kinds. On the 30th I sail
for Jamaica from whence by every opportunity you shall
hear. Say every thing that is right for my interest. I subscribe,
and will send forward of time I cannot by this occasion write,
but will from the West Indies: I am sorry to find you
is ill: my present allowance it is impossible for me to live:
I must inevitably be in debt and God knows who will pay them.

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The day will remember I am afraid my father will remember
thing up in a horrid manner: the storm is gathering and men
hunt us: my head. Adieu my dear brother and dear Lavinia

me to be

most sincerely,

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Yours

Oct: 26:
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*M. P. W. M. Duke
of Clarence*

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