

Barbados.

January 21: 1789

Dear Brother,

I was not till the  
 instant when I arrived at this island that I received the  
 least information respecting the dreadful situation of His  
 Majesty's health: the shock I first felt was great, but what was  
 the King's feelings to the sensations of that dear, un-  
 -man the Queen: from the 16<sup>th</sup> March onwards she was constantly  
 coming in with fresh and more account of this valuable and  
 unfortunate Monarch: the inhabitants of all the West India  
 Islands have behaved in the properest manner on this truly  
 melancholy occasion. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> I received letters from the Duke of  
 Cumberland and two from Captain Edlinston which have fully  
 informed me of the situation of the best of Kings and Father.



Immediately dispatched a vessel to Commodore Gardner to signify  
to him that upon the intimation I had received from the Duke of  
Cumberland I thought it my duty to remain here till a French  
War. should arrive on till 1<sup>st</sup> February, when on this arriving I  
should proceed down to Jamaica in the ship in readiness to proceed to  
England at an hour <sup>in this</sup>. I hope you have sent my orders to return  
to the Commanding Officer at these islands as well as Ja-  
maica. That is all I have to say respecting the subject of my  
return: I must now request you will say for me every thing  
that is right and proper to the Queen: she I trust is convinced  
of my affection for the best of mothers: it is in the forward of feeling  
but really forward of words that I can write to her: tell her  
my dear brother I feel not sensible for her want of education  
and I have her and my sister constantly in my mind. God  
grant that men may all yet have the happiness of possessing  
their able man as he did to his former good health. There  
the English nation the highest honor for the manner in which  
they feel for this beloved Thing: permit me to express myself



strongly. I follow the dictates of my heart: sincerely do I love the  
of good and worthy man and long may I meet with his usual firm  
of superiority over us. The poor I see what a situation for her.

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Without further to myself, I trust  
you know now that I am attached to you of all others of the  
family in the oblong manner. I shall be as usual for her  
by now and you are by this time in the situation of Regent,  
from whence I make no doubt you will be loved and respected  
by every body. I am sincerely thankful for your kind mem-  
brance of me at all times. It gives me the highest satisfaction  
to find from the Duke of Cumberland that when I ought to be  
sincerely remembered that there is so great a harmony between  
you and I and I only hope to be admitted of the party.

Till I hear something further from you,  
and ever believe me,

Your most affectionate  
and sincere friend and brother  
William Pitt



*M. R. H. The Duke  
of Clarence*

*Jan'y 24 1789.*