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Buckingham House.

In the evening.

Wednesday.

Dear Brother,

Since writing this evening  
 my first letter Mr. Jordan is returned from  
 playing at Richmond where she saw Major Smith  
 of whom you have heard me speak: he is mar-  
 -ried to Lord Milkeny's sister and has charge  
 of her Lordship from the Court of Irish Chan-  
 -cery being a Lunatic: in consequence he is confin-  
 -ed with the mad doctors: he told her there  
 were two keepers at Weymouth which circum-  
 -stance I enclosed at first a pamphlet of deary

but afterwards admitted the fact: he likewise  
informed Mr. Jordan that yesterday Mr. Carpenter  
the midship of Captain Carpenter of the *Fanny*  
and brother to Lady America had told him  
that a great man a few days ago had written <sup>a letter</sup>  
from Weymouth which she had seen descri-  
bing her very bad all was there and in short  
hinted it was from the observations made  
by our uncle: which certainly corresponds with  
what my namesake said on that subject  
at New to the Duke of Kent.

I believe you are now in possession of all I  
have to communicate except that there was  
a dinner given by them to the German officers

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of the heavy cavalry after their review and that another is ordered for the German officers of the light cavalry on the day they are to be reviewed.

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They talk of war with Spain and in the ministerial circles it is said the invasion from the East - intelligence will not for the present be attempted: it was yesterday the cabinet began to give their views on invasion:

I cannot conceive their motive unless indeed they think it prudent to hold this language because the volunteer system is depending this life:

Should any thing particular arise I will

...without full advice in the matter  
and ever believe me,

Dear Brother,

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Yours unalterably

J. J. P. P. P.

W. R. H. M. Duke  
of Clarence