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Buckingham House.

Friday
Night

Dear Brother,

The newspapers this week have surprised me indeed by talking of the Riding House and signing many Tommipians: but this afternoon upon my return from the exercise, I find enquiries after tomorrow's cure at St. James's: all this is so very different to what was the case when I left the town and what the Duke of Kent told me on the road that I cannot understand the business: indeed many may be like me were in London: yet I believe no one has seen the King yet: at least none of his own family: I shall be very anxious to know where

he shall have seen some of his relations.

The invasion is considered certain by Ministers
at least the votes of the Volunteers indicate the
idea: invasion and the state of parties in this
country will not make matters more quiet. even
at the Queen's House: it cannot but be your throne
at present I am and must be stationary here for
the service: but shall be always ready and happy
to attend you wherever marked: in the mean time
adieu and ever believe me,

Dear Brother,

Yours most affectionately

J. J. O.
W. Pitt

W. R. R. The Duke
of Clarence