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Bushy House.

Wednesday

11th.

Dear Brother,

The my hand is much
swelled since last night and I feel pain from the
tip of the middle finger up to the elbow I take
up my pen that these few lines may reach you
on the 10th of August: nothing but a convic-
tion that I am unable and unfit to attend the soli-
citude of the day could keep me away from Brighton.
How many more as P. W. were to see it is not for
mortals to tell: but I trust in whatever capacity
each succeeding 10th of August may bring you

additional health and happiness: it is impossible
to separate public and private concerns in the form
of the Affairs of several of these Kingdoms and con-
sequently you cannot possess happiness without
the country is prosperous: thank God this 1st of
August is in the view of public Affairs far
superior to the last and I most heartily wish that
Every 1st of August may surpass the pre-
ceding one in glorious events till this Empire
stands on a firm and honourable peace with all
Europe quiet and tranquil and fully persuaded
that to this country alone does she owe that which
must be the wish of all nations still under the
tyranny of France: the more I see of my men

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country and fellow subjects the more I love and a-
-tion both and look forward to the happiness and
the greatest wants when I shall have to resemble
myself one of the many millions to be governed
by you: for all our sakes I trust you will take
care of yourself and not forget you do not belong
to yourself only but that we Englishmen have a
right to see that you do take care of yourself.

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In my private capacity as

brother no one can feel a more lively interest in
your every wellfare than myself and I may all
with truth that over and thirty years of our ^{lives} life
have passed with most uninterrupted harmony and
I trust and believe no situation can attend a desiri-
-ous the sincere affection I have ever entertained

for you: I hope I never shall again be prevented
from attending you on the result of my journey
but shall in future have the pleasure and hap-
piness of personally appearing you

that I am and ever must be,

O Dear Brother,

Yours most unalterably
and most affectionately

W. R. H.

W. R. H. Mr Duke
of Clarence