

[9 Autumn 1808]

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Bushy House.  
Friday  
Night.

Dear Brother,

Having reason to believe Lord

Germouth is with you I wish you would inform

his Lordship that I have received a very handsome

letter from the Lord Lieutenant in which he at

length informs me the Local Militia is to be

placed I have also the pleasure to add that the ap-

pointment of Lord Germouth has given all the

officers universal satisfaction: both Henderson

who from first becomes second Major and Marshall

who from second Major is Captain of Grenadiers

are perfectly pleased which must be both to his Lordship  
-ship and my self gratifying. Meridan has request  
-ed me to appoint his first cousin Paymaster.

From what you have seen  
of Wood of Littleton you will most likely be sur-  
-prised to hear he comes with me to Brighton; but  
at his ball last Monday he expressed a strong wish  
to make his bow on the Saturday and hoped I would  
carry him: he will not be very noisy but means in  
his old way to do all that is proper: the good music  
and the bustle will be his delight and as we shall  
only arrive on the Thursday and leave Brighton  
on the Sunday I hope my friend will not be in  
your way.

The news from Spain is favourable: but I am sorry

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to find the going of the Duke of York is very popular:  
it is my private opinion ministers will prevent  
it.

Ever believe me,

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Dear Brother,  
Yours most affectionately  
J. J. Ash

P. S. Mr. Pitt and General have very great objection  
I would submit to his Lordship remaining  
in the Mariner till our official appointments  
have taken place

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H. R. R.  
The Duke of Clarence