

Brunelles.  
Feb. 18. 1814.

Dear Mr. P., I write thus early because I set  
out this morning with my excellent friend and  
relation the Duke of Orleans who moves  
forward to France with the army in consequence  
of an express arrived in the course  
of the night from Wingenpode announc-  
ing the important news of his having on  
the 14. instant taken by storm his camp and that  
Mack and his army were forced behind



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de Gharri: in short I believe the game is up  
with Bonaparte and I shall be in at the  
death: when I shall date my next letter for  
me I cannot tell: but it is possible from Paris  
and the great Head Quarters: in a few days we  
must reach both: how very fortunate to have  
my expectation has turned out: every attention  
and civility has been shown to me: I am on  
the best footing with all the Russian and  
Russian Generals: I have seen all the troops  
before General Kutuzov moved forward and  
since my last I have inspected the whole of



the scene: that Grenadier Regiment Guards  
is perfect beauty and order. The true other Parts  
- lions of Grenadier: the rest of the infantry  
good: really the kindness and attention of the  
Duke of See Mimer cannot describe:  
if I was his own son or brother he could not  
treat one with more affection: I must make  
him a handsome present: for I have literally  
lived on his hospitality for a fortnight and  
I do not know how long I may continue with  
my good friend: horses and dogs are his pride:  
I therefore wish he would command it that



The Prince Regent would have the goodness  
to send me over a fine street horse as a  
present to the Duke: he is fat and large and  
requires a strong horse: he does not ride  
large horses: the day we will think of  
another time before the shooting season be-  
-gins: certainly he must have been most for-  
-tunate indeed and the acquaintance with  
the Duke of Saxe Weimar whose son is mar-  
-ried to the Comtesse Alexander's sister is  
particularly lucky in every way: the Duke has  
taken an absolute affection for me and I have



not a man he is not happy to gratify: besides  
which he is a man of real merit and deserves  
and adored by his court and soldiers: I ought  
no more for I was afraid you for a very bene-  
ficial lack of this town would have kept us:  
however the great object of my wishes, I hope  
in a few days to accomplish by reaching  
the great Head Quarters with a favourable  
impression and of being acquainted with  
the Emperor Alexander: the Duke is your  
favourite with the Emperor and shall of  
course have the advantage of being introduced



by him to the Emperor: I hope your letter will  
let me to my future destination will find  
me at the great Head Quarters: my plans must  
depend on circumstances which of course as they  
arise I shall write: in the meantime I shall  
proceed with my friend and relation and not  
leave him as long as I can help it. I must after-  
wards pay him and his family a visit in  
Germany: I have reason to believe he is to be  
King of Sicily and he has been it for he has  
always been a decided enemy of Bonaparte  
and the French: I am afraid I shall tire you:



advice therefore for the present: I do believe and  
trust you can ever believe me,

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Dear Sir,

Yours most sincerely

J. J. &  
William



Duke of Clarence  
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