

H. R. H. The Duke
of Clarence

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Deal,
Tuesday
noon.

Dear Sir,
I enclose various papers and have
despatched the *Penguin* homeward with my last letter
to the Emperor of Russia and one for the Viscount
Carteret.

I have this morning received a private letter from
Lord Ashburton requesting me to proceed to town:
I cannot tell Friday and will explain: today
all the British and Russian Admirals and
Captains dine with me today: tomorrow I dine on
board the *Eagle* (Captain Dorey) and on Thursday

on board the Colopus Captain Alexander so that
I cannot with propriety leave this till Friday
morning. I shall not sail after the post comes in
and reach town by dark.

I hope the Prince Regent was not displeas'd at
my leaving both my brother and the King of France
so suddenly last Sunday; but I was really oblig'd
to go on board and weigh the Anchor: I trust the Prince
Regent understood the first salute was to himself
and the second to the King of France.

Adieu till late Friday or Saturday morning and
ever believe me,
Yours sincerely
J. Hillier