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Bushy Branch.
Dec. 3^d. 1827
Late at Night.

Dear Adolphus,

I am to acknowledge from
you of 26 Jan^r. your Honour and meagre concern the
sad death of the new to be lamented Duke of York
and do hope your most sincere by. Very different
causes may have the same effect on various peo-
ple. Certainly was not so intimate to me as your
Austrian King was. But no one had a higher
opinion of him than myself and except on the
Catholic question we thought he knew more
on other points exactly alike. In short I consider him
as irreparable by both publicly and privately.

I cannot regret his death more than I do not enter
-tain a more sincere admiration for his character
than I ever have and must.

The King is full as well as ever and Brighton
agrees with him. But the lamentable death of the
-the regretted Duke of York must most deeply affect
His Majesty by every point of view. For dear Sophia
hears of a person of her own age with more
-sorrow and alarm for than I could have expected. She
-justly I am today she is still lame and recovering
her spirits. Gray has different occupations and is
-returned from Brighton decidedly better. Getrich stands
-ing the fate of poor Frederick was in fact made from
August the alone has been having indeed upon all the
-family who have the one and only satisfaction to see

The universal and deep regret of the whole nation
for the sad death of your excellent husband is to be lamented
together.

I am glad to hear the State help and the nice dear children
are as well as I wish them. They to be most particularly
and kindly remembered to her. She has written to my daughter
- she says she will give you a answer herself and who joins
me in my sincere and hearty good wish towards you,
- self and those you are left and do love. I hope you
and them and ever believe me,

Dear Madam,

Your most affectionate brother

W. Pitt Rivers

[Faint, illegible cursive handwriting on aged paper]