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[Oct. 30 1795]
(King's Speech Oct. 29)

I must begin my letter from myself (though I am commanded by Mama to write) but to say that my inclination as well as my real affection would have troubled you long ago with a letter but that since I have had the happiness of seeing you that we have had scarcely a minute to call our own as The Yorks & Orange have been here since last Monday & stay with us till Wednesday; our whole morning has been spent comme à l'ordinaire in taking the air with them & shewing them most of the beautiful places in the Neighbourhood, but the weather has been very little calculated for parties of pleasure; yesterday Mama took the Princess of Orange to Town, & Mama & Augusta remain at William's while Lady Bath accompanies the Princess of Orange to the house of Lords, for to hear the speech. I was to have been of the Party but I was taken exceedingly ill in the night violently sick & so swelled that they think I must have been poisoned & that owing to a remarkable large Lobster which I eat of at supper — you needed

think any more about me, as I am now perfectly well, & shall be out again to mor-row —

Mama desires me to say every thing that is kind & affectionate from her, She is very happy to hear that you are all so comfortably settled at Brighton, & that the Princess is going on so well. She would have written herself to day, but it was quite out of her power. You will hear from her soon —

As I have written to nobody, I have heard from nobody, so am more stupid than ever, & fear that this epistle will be a very great proof of it to You; the more we see of the Granges, the more we like them, & though things have gone on as usual, every body here allows that the party has been a very pleasant one; we live entirely at the Castle —

I beg you my very very dearest Brother to believe that though you are out of Sight, that you never can be

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[Oct. 30 1795]
(King's Speech Oct. 29)

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out of my mind, as there is nothing that I am so interested about as your happiness; I beg my love to the Prin-cess, & hope that neither of you will forget, Your truly affectionate

Sister

Ellie

My letter would never contain half the loves I am ordered to send, so I kindly lump the whole Fry: &, Mama particularly ordered me to say, that she would not fail telling the King of all the kind things you say concerning Elim.

Princess Elizabeth
to
The Prince of Wales

Lr. from Pss. Eliz.
without Date —

Two from Pss. Augusta

AA

Dec. 2 1795

My dear Brother

After seeing You yesterday I had a visit from my friend Lady Darlwood who is truly & thoroughly grateful to You for all your goodness which She never can express by words but She hopes that her actions will prove, what expression never can, when She comes with a situation so honorable, & so kindly given by You, to prove her zeal to please. She is at Nerg's Hotel in case you might want her. & Mama commands me to let You know that She mentioned to the Prince this morning that She wished her to see Lady Darlwood as to morrow that the first meeting might be over, before She saw them all to gather on Friday morng

when Mama will come to Carlton House at twelve o Clock, She wishes you to appoint the different Nurses to be seen by the Princess, one after another, but not all at once, as that would be disheartening to those who are with the same thing. Mama also begs that the Pp would appoint Ly Dashwood at the same time that She may also see the Nurses ~~for~~ that She may give her opinion to the Princess

If you wish that Ly Dashwood should settle in town about the time that Wm Asby is to be stationed at Carlton house you will have the goodness to tele her so for now She is you know at your orders besides which it may be more agreeable to the Pp to get a little acquainted with her before her confinement.

We never saw the Pp look so well as he did to day god grant that She may go on well in her present situation & that you may be as happy as we both wish you & as you deserve

Ever Yrs E Wda

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AA

Dec. 2 1795

Mama thinks that you had better apprise Lady Dashwood to come to the Opp after the Queen's Levee tomorrow evening

Princess Elizabeth.
Sept. 2d. 1795.

Princess Elizabeth
to
H.R.H. Princess of Wales,
Aug. 2. 1795

Princess Elizabeth
to
the Prince of Wales
Jany 5. 1796.

Pr. Elizabeth
Jany. 5 - 1796

MA

At four o Clock this evening my dearest Brother your letter dated the 4th I have now got it & Mama desires me to thank you for your attention in writing us an account of the Pr. We shall continue most exceedingly anxious concerning Her, & long to hear of her being safe in her bed; —
I was in such haste when I wrote in the morning that I did not name Sophia's being much better which I ought to have done, She has been confined since last Friday night with a pain in her side, but thank God in no dangerous part, Turton has seen her, & makes us very comfortable about her She is much more comfortable this evening & is now fast asleep — We ale go to morrow to Hampton Court. Yr. affty Eliza —

Princess Elizabeth
to
The Prince of Wales
7th Jany 1796.

P. Elizabeth
Jan 7th 1796

I was with Mama at the time She was writing to you my beloved Brother so I could not send even a line, which was a great mortification to me, & as I shall not be able to offer you my congratulations in person, I must, beg of you to accept them by the means of her Ink & paper, my feelings for you at this minute (as well as every other) are too strong to be expressed any way, so fear that you can never know how deeply impressed on my heart, is every circumstance relative to your welfare, God grant that every blessing & happyness may attend my (already) dear little Nice, & may She in every thing resemble (what is most affectionately loved by me) her dear Father; believe I entreat

you that though I may be one of the last
to wish you joy on this happy occasion
I am not the least of those who is
anxious concerning you. God bless you
my dear dear Brother believe me
ever Yr most affte
& sincere friend

Ottilie a very happy
aunt.

Queen's Lodge.
7th Jany
1846.

AA

[Jan 9 1796]
(cf. R.A. Geo. 36457)

Mamma has been so kind as to let me know that She is sending a Groom to town to enquire after the Princess, which gives me an opportunity of troubling you again my dear Brother, but I am sure you would have been delighted to have seen the ecstacy's every body were in when they came from London, concerning Your amiable behaviour, & the dear little Girl, the Conversation was on the whole evening on her subject, we were all so anxious to hear, that those who had not the pleasure of being of the party went from one to t'other to hear as much as they

could. & we are now if possible more dis-
-ous than ever of going to town
thank God that you are now happy
long long may you remain so,
& may this dear little Infant
prove the balm of comfort to you,
& that in her you may forget
your former woes I shall long
to know how you are, as I fear
your anxiety of mind will make
you bilious — The dear King
talks of nothing but his grand child
drank her health at dinner &
went into the Equerries room &
made them drink it too, a bumper.

Yr most affy Ed Kent

My
dear
Your

AA

[Jan. 9 1796]
(cf. R.A. Geo. 36457)

My sisters are quite enchanted
& one rather anxious to follow
your example

9 Jan 1796

Princess Elizabeth
to
The Prince of Wales

Princess Elizabeth
to
Jany 9 1796

Princess Elizabeth
to
The Prince of Wales
Jany 10. 1796

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P. Elizabeth
Jany - 10th 1796

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I trust that I need not say how happy I am to hear all is well, our anxiety concerning the Princess I hope is now over. As for my dear little Niece it is impossible for me to say how anxious I am to see Her, the King talks so much of her & in such joy it is quite charming — I long for Wednesday for I flatter my self that Mama will think of going again — Your kindness to me my dearest Brother surpasses all my powers of returning thanks all that I can say is that Your constant goodness is thoroughly engraven on the heart of Your affte

Elizabeth

Mama desires many kind loves, & longs to find You quite recovered from all Your anxiety —

Princess Elizabeth
to
The Prince of Wales
Jany 1796

AA

P.S. Elizabeth
Jany - 1796

Sat.
9.16

Mama commands me my dear Brother to inform you that She, the King & us all will dine Carlton House by a little after two o Clock, when we hope to see you better than we did yesterday. The King talks with great pleasure of seeing his little beauty we hope the Qn & the dear little Creature are quite well,

Yrs very affy

Lucan Dare Elizabeth

Saturday evening

To Pce of Wales Jan. (? end) 1796
(Pcess. Charlotte christened Feb. 11.)

AA

My dearest Brother

I should certainly have written to you while you was in the country but knowing that Ld Dark wrote every day & Mama twice to you I really would not worry you with any of my scrawls, besides which I have taken such care to be free of company of a morning in London that I can say with the greatest truth that I have never heard anything worth yr hearing — I have put Mama in mind about the veg for

To Pce of Wales Jan. (? end) 1796
(Pcess. Charlotte christened Feb. 11.)

Lady Dashwood for the Christening
it is to white satin, & I hope
you will approve, that instead
of your giving her a Gold or
Silver stuff which She could only
wear at Court we have all
agreed that a vest of Lace
will be of much more use
to her, more durable & still
more acceptable as Lace is a
lasting thing & will remain
for ever in her family as a
mark of your favour —
I must say that She needed
no gift from you as a remem
brance of your goodness as it
is deeply engraven on her heart.
Thank God my beloved Brother
your character shines so at
present that I have the satis
faction of hearing your praise
all round, which is a real
cordial to me, as no one can
even love you with more
sincerity truth & affection
than Yrs Eff

Elizabeth

P.S. Elizabeth

Jan 5 1796

AA

End Jan. or beginning of Feb. 1796

My dearest Brother

Mama Commands me to give her hundred love to You, & to say that she would have been in Person to have enquired after Your, knowing You was to be confined this morning, & the Pennys & the dear little Girl but that she was obliged to settle Herself for the Winter as we call it which prevented her; She begs You will let us know how all is going on — The King could talk of nothing

but his pretty little grand child.
He says there never was so perfect
a little creature & every body
here was delighted to see them
in such ecstacy of joy.
Mamma will tell you everything
about Lady Barkwood. Yesterday I
told her what you said yesterday
& she approves greatly.

Yrs ever
Ellie

Princess Elizabeth
to
The Prince of Wales

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AA [May 8 1796]
(cf. Geo. 42113–4)

You may easily conceive, my beloved Brother the distress & misery your letter occasioned in my breast this morning on reading the contents wherein: deed is shocking and beyond all other words; to aggravate your distress of mind, before 8 o Clock I gave it to Mama, who desires me to say with her kind & affectionate love that She will do every thing that lays in her power to serve you when the King tells it her but that you will know there are many things that She cannot say She knows, as She thinks

the bounds of Decency should never
be put aside even between Mar.
& Wife — when ever you arrive
she will be glad to see you if it
can — she will be here, if it do
not she will be at Frogmore,
& then you can talk over what
is to be done. we are as ignorant
as yourself about this for we
have heard nothing of her since
Tuesday, when every thing went
on as usual we grieve most
sincerely for what you are
forced to go through but trust
in God that every thing may
turn out to your advantage
& happiness — but Mama thinks

[May 8 1796]
(cf. Geo. 42113–4)

She knows the K so well that
she is fully persuaded he will
be against any open rupture
of he does any thing but it is much
will see her the moment you
arrive I write in great haste
& therefore can only add how
truly I am Yr affte
Sister
Ellnl

Princess Elizabeth
to
The Prince of Wales

?1796

9 May 27 1796
(The P.S. suggests she had heard a garbled account of Ld. Fredk's shooting Ld. Charles Torrington v. Lieut. Hall.)

My dearest Brother

Emma goes away very early to day, so will not be able to see you which she is very sorry for, but it is so hot, & so dusty that she could not put off her going the latter or we go five in the carriage —

I received your kind letter & feel deeply for you, but hope they will turn out better than they at present appear; two morrow we shall have the happiness of seeing you & hearing what we are very anxious about & your comfort is the first wish & what we most wish for though many may

love you dearly I am certain your own feeling does beyond all bounds & not the least of those attach to you — as yr. ever

Ever

P.S.

How shocked have we all been this morning with the horrid news of the Duel between Lord Charles Lennox & Lord Cardigan, it makes my blood run cold, Good God what must not Lord Charles feel, really an such a case I hope to the most fortunate — I hope I pity the family — & God forgive them & spare mayen —

Sunrich Blackett
to
H.R.H. Prince Albert

AA

June 3 1796

As you wish to hear from one of us I write which is entirely to please you otherwise my spirits are at present not fit for any things, so of course less fit for writing I have very little to say, but that we are one & all very miserable about you & what we have ~~been~~ suffered perhaps all powers of expression, & as for talking that is impossible to any one, as I am sorry to say I have seen by your own unhappy fate that few people are true in this world — but friends & foes are all of opinion that a resignation must take place for the sake of the Country & the whole Royal family for if you fale all must fale, & there with your excellent heart how would you bear the distress & misery

of your own family, I am sorry, very
sorry to write these severe & cruel
truths but Alas if you order me
to write I must speak out, for was
I not, I should not think myself
your true friend – You must my
dearest recollect that your education
or life is not that of a pri
vate Gentleman, therefore every
thing you do however serious or
trifling, will ever be of consequence
& doubly so your not being a young
Brother but Heir to this Country
The resignation can never lower
you as it must come from them
selves & while you are away &
will no doubt stem the torrent
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June 3 1796

so myself was I in her relation as I should think it the only method of proving to you my regard — I trust in God you will forgive the liberty I have taken but upon my honour it is only meant as the greatest proof of my affection to you, under which I cannot help wishing to see you in every point dear & happy in the world. & if you could see the agony of mind of our poor Brother & the distress she is in I am sure you would not be able to stand it & would again make a sacrifice for her sake, which from her unalterable attachment to you you yourself would think she had a right to claim — Yr most Affy

E.

Princess Elizabeth
to
The Prince of Wales,
June 3d. 1796.

June 3d — 1796.

AA June 5 [1796]
(GGeo. 47176)

Queens House
June 5th

I did not intend to write as Mama has wrote everything of consequence to You, but Ernest having had a fale from his horse, & being tied he was prevented, & therefore wished me to write to You in his name; he desires me to tele You that Mama would have sent her letter thro' me, but as the K. had asked her whether she would not answer your letter? She thought it proper to answer You. & gave it him — The K. conversed with my three brothers yesterday & Ernest who is dictating to me says that nobody could speak more gently, more coolly & handsomer than he did on Your subject; but that He was convinced that some heron or other would upon the Princess, & who ever they are; they are acting exceedingly wrong. Orleans has been near two hours with the King but nothing has as yet transpired but Ernest wile spare no trouble to find out & let You know — The family quit Town to morrow; but Ernest remains, & does not

intend to quit it (but for a few hours) as he thinks he is of more use to you here than out of London in the present Crisis — I return you many thanks for your kind letter which has made my mind easy. all I hope is that we shall soon meet again when I shall have the pleasure of opening to you by word of mouth how truly I am

Yrs affy

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Pray excuse the haste I have wrote in I am almost ashamed of sending such an epistle &c

Princess Elizabeth
to
The Duchess of Kent
June 5 55

? evening June 5 1796

I could not answer your very dear Brother's
Confidential as I was reading to
Mrs Fleming the Queen desires I write to
you that nothing would have
prevented Sending to Carlton House
but what Sir Steven Stafford said
when concerning your dear Friend
being to be kept quiet to morrow
She wishes you with Augusta Ashley
& me & we could see & think
you judge perfectly right she
must be kept a little after tea
for Mrs Fleming

Princess Elizabeth
to
The Prince of Wales

To Pce. of Wales

9 June 1796
(cf. R.A. Geo 3 36468)

My dearest Brother.

I received your kind letter last night & instantly gave the enclosed paper to Mama, which she was glad to have, & said she would instantly burn it after shewing it to the King —

By this time you will know every thing from Lord Moira whose conduct in this trying affair must gain universal applause, & I now trust in God my dearest Brother you have at last found a true & sincere friend, for really things are come to such a pass now that one has an aversion for almost the whole World. The King always talks of you with great affection, regard, & firmness constantly saying that you should never yield to the Pp. & she must submit which every woman

To Pce of Wales

9 June 1796
(cf. R.A. Geo: 36468)

ought. He has said & repeated that you must be supported by the whole family for if you was to fale the rest of ye family would soon follow — in short I cannot help hoping, that good may come out of Evil as I am ever for looking on the bright side of every thing & that this crisis said as it has appeared must shew ye World how thoroughly united the whole family is together & proved the Kings real attachment & love for his Children, for when ever he speaks of you which is very very often he constantly begins "I speak & feel like a Father" I am sure you would be rejoiced to see him look so well, so composed & so resigned, for he has felt all this deeply but he has very great powers & makes it a rule to appear in spirits in company & I have particularly remarked that he has often talked of you, & stories you have told him which we are all persuaded is done on purpose to shew the World that we are all well together —

Ernest I saw yesterday. he is all anxiety about you & talks of going to the Grange when William returns (who I understand goes to day) before Twelve, Mr Leigh will have all our letters, Augusta is writing also. Princess Royal would have done the same but that she is gone over to the Castle to the Pss of Orange. Sad is going to Race & had we but you amongst us we should be very happy ~~for~~ God knows, we cannot boast of happiness since all Joy is distress —

God bless you my dearest & believe me
most affd & fnd Eliza

Princess Elizabeth
to
The Prince of Wales.

1795.

AA

? June 12 or 13 1796
(Q. Geo. 4717 b)

Opera
Scene
Sat 6/0c
May 30/96

you may easily believe my dearest what anxiety of mind we are all under concerning you. but you are so sincerely loved by us all that you may depend upon us never forsaking one who has so thoroughly to us proved herself one of the most amiable but alas I must say most unfortunate of mortals We have seen Ernest do not think than any of us can be base enough not to say all we know, determination is every thing — I fear much for your health for God sake take care of yourself you must feel a moment joy from your beloved Infant having cut her first tooth well may she go through

life without a doubt is our fervent prayer
I trust you will forgive the agony of
mind I am in to express my saying
to you that I fear the putting off the
resignation is a bad plan, as bad
people are but too ready to catch at
any thing & censure you, & being her
own act & deed it may cause you
& do her good in the eyes of the world
pray pray forgive me as you must
know what I say is meant merely
for your good, I rely on your goodness
to burn this & never to own I have
touched upon the subject
God bless you my dearest & beloved
unalterably yours —

Prince Albert
to
Princess Alice
1861.

Sunday ? June 26 1796
(Cd Geo^r 42185)

Lucan Lodge Sunday
morning

As I have an opportunity of writing to town, I could not possibly let it pass without sending a few lines to you my most beloved Brother, for you shall never have it to say that you have experienced ingratitude from me, I have certainly nothing to say & your mind has been too much oppressed with vexation, for me to worry you with letters but not having seen you as I flattered myself hoping ale thro to have been over by this time I postponed writing that I might have expressed by word of mouth the unbounded affection of my heart, — I can assure you you are our only topick of conversation for we are ale truly miserable about you & the first question in the morning

& the last at night is, Have you heard
any thing from Richmond or London? —
we are however constantly looking
forward to our seeing you again &
when night comes I cannot help think-
ing another day is passed, so we are
nearer that happy & anxious period —
Mama looks better — mais elle veut
encore plus que va prendre vie, avec
elle souffre, et souffrement, mais
le bon Dieu nous protegera, et l'Echéc-
vance nous est encore laissé —
for us poor girls, we have all heavy
hearts on your subject, but we talk
you over & over again from which
we reap comfort otherwise we are
very sad indeed — we were blessed with
the sight of your image your sweet
little girl, who though I rejoiced to see
made me feel a pang of grief such as
I never before had swallowed; I felt that
my love was such for you that I could scar-
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Sunday 9 June 26 1796
(Cd Geo. 42185)

administer comfort into your distressed mind. Do cancel & pardon me of my letter so full of nonsense for I really write just what is dictated by an unsullied heart which is totally devoted to you

My sisters desire their kindest love & hope with me that we shall soon see one another again

God bless you my dearest & beloved Brother believe me unchangeably Your affd & last Affected

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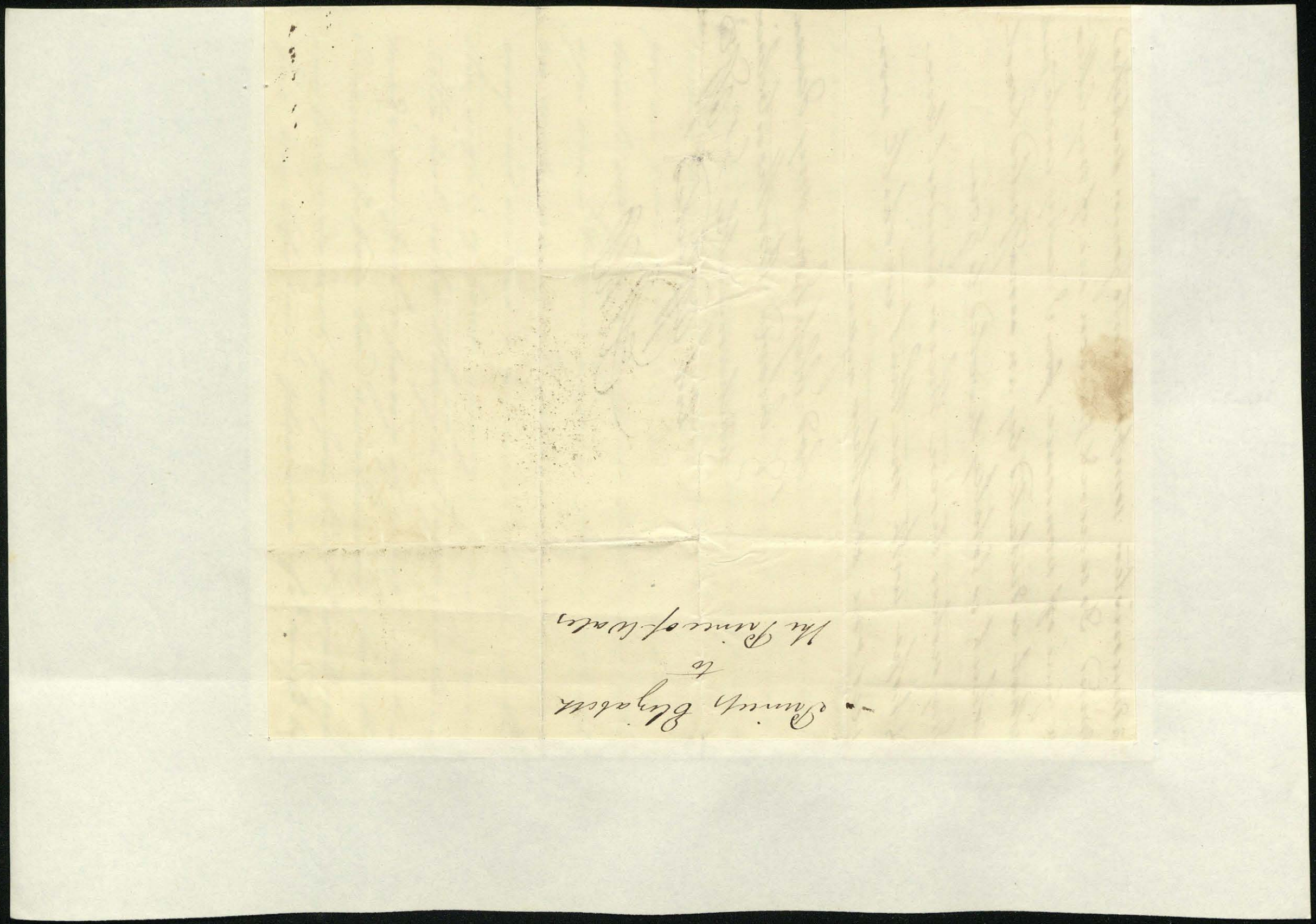

AA July 7 1796

Your great goodness at all times to me my dearest Brother makes me trouble You with this letter though I well own my conscience, & my feelings cannot by bear doing so, but my confidence in the best of Brothers is such, that I can only apply to Him & Him alone in distress; it is cruel when you are so cruelly worried in every way to plague You deary your quiet, but also a very disagreeable circumstance has happened to me which makes me fly to You. You shall hear what I have to say though it makes me really miserable to teize You —

At this moment owing to many many unpleasant things I have been very much plagued to pay a sum of money, which is totally out of power of I do not entreat of You to lend me once, which I will most solemnly promise to pay off by one hundred a Quarter till it is quite discharged to You, if You can lend it me it would be an obligation never to be forgotten as my mind is upon the Rack from never hav-

ing allowed myself before to have a difficulty the truth of how it has happend shall be told you honestly, but I must entreat you never to name it to any of my family upon any account whatever except my eldest Sister who found me in a most woeful situation & to whom I said the only friend I could look up to for assistance if it was to be had was yourself. The sum I must now tell you is 600 £ I am shock with horror at it & when I was out of this difficulty you may depend on my honour I shall never be fate into it again, as I have suffered so much in my whole life. Pray Pray forgive this petition & judge by your own excellent heart what I must feel in troubling you with this I really can write no more I am so agitated, only to say our dear Mother is thank God well my eldest Sister all happening & the rest of the family quite in health

Dr Parsons has began to teach us all we like him exceedingly but I have been too much out of spirits inwardly to enjoy anything. Yr Affy E.

Thursday 9th July 1796

Lord Mark & the Ds dined with us to day
I goes to Bath Monday

If you
alone
Mam a

AA July 7 1796

If you write to me direct it to Gouly & to be given me alone as it is proper for myself I would not have Mama know it for the world —

Princess Elizabeth
to
The Prince of Wales
7th July 1796

AA

July 10 1796

I would not have you see me without having received a note from me my dearest Brother to express how very grateful I feel for the kindness of letter which has penetrated too deeply to be described indeed it is impossible for one even to find words strong enough to give you the slightest idea of the fulness of my heart when your letter arrived. the more I think of it the more I think it a dream, the sudden change in my breast from the deepest distress, to the joy & gratitude you have created, it has not made me form a new character of you as it is only proved how right I was in saying, that I would sooner fly to you in distress than any body being so certain to find a friend, you shall never find me encroach on that goodness which you have so kindly expressed —
I have not mentioned having heard from you, as questions might have been asked

so thought it better not to say any thing about it My sisters that is to say Royal & Augusta excepted who deserve their share love, & I remain as I must ever do

Your affectionate &
most grateful Sister

E Kent

Sunday
July 10th
1796

Princess Elizabeth
to
The Prince of Wales
July 10th 1796.