

Duchess of Devonshire to H.R.H.

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Duchess of Devonshire to the Prince Regent

my dear Sir, nothing but the kindness  
of feeling which your Royal Highness  
show'd me on the two irreparable  
Lips which I have been afflicted  
with, can make you judge of  
all that I feel for you on this  
most afflictive Lip which your  
R. H. & the Nation have  
sustain'd - I who have seen  
& known so many proofs of the  
warm & affectionate feelings  
of your heart, who have seen  
that anxious sollicitude was  
ever accompanied by strong &  
kind affection, & parental  
indulgence, can indeed judge  
of just for your present affliction:  
most earnestly do I hope my dear

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Sir that your R. H. health may not suffer by so severe a blow; you will easily believe how very sincerely & strongly Cardinal Consalvi is affected by this misfortune to you my dear Sir, to whom he is so gratefully attached; he wrote to me to tell me of it this morning & on this as incident on every occasion I receive the kindest attention from him, & the conviction of his attachment to your R. H. person — Oh my dear Sir since that year when you made choice from next friendships of Duke of Devonshire to be at Carlton House a witness to the birth of your child, what events have we seen! what cruel losses have we suffer'd! and most sincerely was my dear

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Husband attached to your Royal Highness — & how would he have felt for you on this sad occasion? it would be a consolation to me to receive from your own hand the assurance that you my dear Sir remember me with kindness, & that your health has not been injured — allow me to assure your R. H. how unalterably I am your most respectful & attached humble servant E. Devonshire

Rome Nov<sup>r</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1817

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