

Col. St. Leger to H.R.H.

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Colonel St. Leger

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Dear Sir,

I cannot express the pleasure
I felt at receiving your Royal Highness's Letter:
The Duke shew'd me the one he receiv'd from you:
every thing you have done on this occasion has been
noble, generous, & affectionate to the greatest degree,
in short in every way worthy of you & which knowing
you as I do, is what I saw very certain would be the
case: It has made him happy beyond expression:
as to increasing his Love & affection towards you that
is not possible, or it must have had that effect.
The intended delay of the marriage till the meeting

of Poutt, has rather thrown a cloud over the pleasure
H. R. H. felt at receiving His Majesty's Letter, but he
is in hopes to surmount that difficulty: and seriously
speaking if you was to see the Princess and him
together, you would agree that there is an absolute
necessity that it should take place as soon as possible.
It is entirely out of his power to talk, think or act in
any measure, but what relates to the object that
engrosses his mind. The Lady is full as much
occupied as he is. The Duke intends consulting
event to concert measures to surmount the obstacle
that offers itself. Your R. H. at the end of your Letter
seems to have a project for that purpose. From the
eagerness the King of Prussia has shown on this occasion
I think it beyond a doubt, but that he will enter into
any plan that may be conducive to hasten the happiness
of the Princess and the Duke. H. R. H. thinks there

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may be some difficulty made, about his not having a
House for their reception, but he is willing, the Marriage
once concluded, to take any arrangement, & remain a broad
till one suitable can be obtain'd. He does not like going
the 15th to Siberia, but that is indispensably necessary.
I am perfectly convince'd that on his return, nothing will
be able to move him from Berlin till he is married.
He means to write to you himself to day, and will express
much better than I can the joy he felt at receiving
your Letter. Nothing could have added to what
I experience on this occasion, except the pleasure
you express at it. May you both long continue
to make the mutual Happiness of your Lives is my
most ardent and sincere wish.

I had some conversation with the Princess yesterday
evening relative to your R. H. in which she express'd
in the strongest manner, her anxious wish to be lik'd

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by you, & that no endeavours should be wanting to gain
your friendship.

Had the Liberty of writing to you by Lastrow who
left this on Tuesday morning, but as he goes by Hamburg
it is possible he may be delay'd.

Believe me to be, Dear Sir, with the greatest
sincerity,

Your Royal Highness's
Dutiful & Affectionate Servant
J. Legen

Berlin
August 24th 1791