

The Duke of Rutland to HRH

Feb 12th 1799

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Sir

Allow me to express, in faint terms, the sense which I entertain of the kindness, with which your Royal Highness condescends to congratulate me, upon the event which is likely to take place in a short time. Amongst the numerous instances of friendship with which your Royal Highness has ever honoured me, & which, with the truest gratitude and pride I acknowledge, none has so sensibly affected me, as the present. Your Royal Highness will excuse the mean terms in which I endeavour to express my feelings; the only merit they can claim, is that of being the heartfelt sentiments of one, who begs permission to subscribe himself, with humble sincerity,

Sir
Your Royal Highness's

Most devoted, and attached Servant,

Albemarle St

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