

H. P. H. to the Queen

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My dearest Mother,

With my most humble duty
I will entreat of you to acquaint the King
that He has just lost, one of the most devoted
& zealous of his Servants in my valued &
dearly loved Friend, Lord Lake, who breathes
his last, about an Hour since. As to his
Services, his Deserts, & his Virtues, as an
Officer & a Man, any attempt at eulogium
from my feeble Pen, (whatever my Heart
does feel.) can never sufficiently render

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Ation that tribute, to which he is so justly
entitled; it is however some consolation to
reflect, (poor as it is,) that his name will
live for ever, & be recorded, in distant times
& by Posterity, with that admiration
reverence, which the great & splendid mili-
-tary achievements, & the unbounded hu-
-manity in conquest that so eminently
distinguished his honorable & glorious
career, can never fail to create. I am
certain, after these few lines, I need only
state to You for the King's gracious
consideration, that my poor Friend has

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has left two unmarried Daughters wholly
unprovided for. The state of my fathering
at the present moment, at this sudden &
unexpected blow, will I trust, my dearest
Mother, plead my apology with you for
any inaccuracy in this hasty Letter, as
well as for the abruptness of the intrusion.
I remain my dearest Mother,

ever your most affectionate

Carlton House.

Devoted Son

Jan^{ry}: 20th.

George B.

Feb^{ry}: 21st. 1808.

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The Prince of Wales

to

The Queen

July 21. 1808.

[Faint, illegible handwriting, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the paper.]