

Ed. Maria to H. R. A.

The Earl of Arundel

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to  
The Duke of Walsingham

Sept. 12. 1000

Wilmington, Sep 12. 1000.

Your Royal Highness's most  
kind & condescending letter arrived this after-  
noon in a parcel from London, that being  
so Post from here this day. I think it is bet-  
ter to transmit the answer by a special  
messenger, as I shall thence the earlier  
know your Royal Highness's determination.  
Lady Ludlow is with the Children at the sea

near Brighton. I have luckily staid behind ex-  
 -pecting the arrival of Lady Grenard at Box-  
 -ton from Ireland, as I thought it would be  
 kind to see her before I went to Yorkshir  
 There is no tie whatsoever upon me to go to Bri-  
 -ghton. It was only a-d-i-t-a-ted because I was  
 engaged & had no party here at the moment  
 And I on me I need not say that I should  
 be as much delighted as I should be honored  
 by the proud distinction of your Royal High-

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- my letter. It is only necessary I should  
apprize you, Sir, of the deficiency of Ladies  
for your evening party. I fear Lady Landan  
could not arrive in time as it takes her  
three days travelling: and Lady Gerard is so  
unwell from the effects of a long & melan-  
choly confinement in attending upon her  
Mother that she would be quite unequal to  
offer her attentions. For the morning, I need  
pardon your Royal Highness good shooting.

at Partridge, Hares, & Rabbits. The only part I  
have, with the exception of occasional rapiers  
is the Duc de Lorge, and that Dog which, with  
near accuracy of Description than is com-  
-mon to Frenchmen, he often declares is  
his supportable. Decide, Sir, wholly according  
to your own fancy & convenience, for nothing  
could be more painful to me than to betray  
into what might have been upon you.

With the most respectful & which you  
value more / the most affectionate Devotion  
I remain, Sir, your Royal Highness's Most  
Obedt. & Affectionate Servant  
A. H. H. de Beauvilliers