

Duke of Clarence to John Barton.

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Bushy House.  
Fell: 5<sup>d</sup>: 1826.  
In the afternoon.

Dear Barton, I have this instant received yours of yesterday and its enclosure which has for many reasons met me and which does not surprise me. I have long expected a catastrophe in the quarter.

I shall if possible see you in Charlottetown on Thursday and will have written the heads of what I will enter or largely when we meet. My floating debt I take to be £19,000. The late King certainly intended I should have £10,000 which with common prudence would in future keep me out of all debt if the present King.



would never see of the Dorset, of Admiralty  
give me that sum. I know no other means  
of extricating me from this difficulty and I want  
you either yourself to speak to Mr. William  
Knighton or to again enquire on this subject  
with Harrison to mention it to Mr. William  
ascertaining the thing appeared to me anxious  
I should have the money which never would  
so peculiarly make me comfortable. I own  
the matter over well in your mind and con-  
sider which is the best mode. I know no other means  
of extricating myself from this and other pres-  
sures that may come on me. Mr. Knighton has  
always appeared my friend and cheerer assisting  
me. I cannot and do not expect from the thing



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know any thing. But I am perfectly confident  
of the earnest desire of my brother the King to  
assist me on any occasion which his ability  
of the Honour of the country can permit with  
propriety and I am sure the more so when His  
Majesty knows that I might be the more debts  
now amount only to £19000 and the late  
King clearly intended I should have £18000,  
which my brother has his strong affection  
for me evidently wished me to possess.  
You are now master enough of my thoughts  
to act and with your good sense and your sincere  
attachment to me I leave you to take ever the  
most any step you think best. Harriett or  
Janington who have the channels and I only



entirely on the affection of my brother who has ever  
-troubled my ear. I have now experienced for  
fifty five years.

I shall now conclude by relying entirely on  
your excellent judgment and by stating that  
on next Thursday we shall talk the matter  
over fully. Till then adieu and ever believe  
me,

Dear Barton,

Yours most truly and affectionately

J. S.  
W. B. S.