

From the Duchess of Brunswick
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My dear brother

I scarcely know how to express myself, and I can only assure you that I am under the utmost affliction, the dear Duke died at Altona the 14th of Oct. he was not always present, he knew very little of what was going on & appeared quite indifferent to every body & to every thing. The English Consul hurried me away as the french were expected, being an English woman they would willingly have me in their power, Monsieur Trochberg the most dissolute & unprincipled man had got possession of him, you can imagine what I suffer'd to leave him in such hands, he intends going to England & I must beg of the Princeps of Wales not to believe a word he says & if possible not to see him but once. The Pr^{ince} of Orange does really not know him or she would not take his part, in all this bustle we can not find the Order of the Garter, the Prince Royal of Denmark is very obliging, I am with my niece who is all kindness my two blind sons are at Sonderbourg my plan is to remain here the winter. I must acquaint ^{you} my dear brother with the ruinous condition of our finances, the half of my fortune was placed at Bronsvic, what I received as the Royal Princeps's money that I had placed in our Treasury is in the power of the french, I leave it to your generosity to do some thing for a family that have the honour to be so near related to you, with your leave I enclose one to

The Princeps. I will now no longer intrude, be convinced my
dear brother of the true attachment of your devoted & dutiful
humble servant

and subject

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