Monday night

My dear Mama

I am very much obliged to you for the pretty pin you was so good as to give me. I beg my dear mama that you will return my thanks to Papa for the pretty present he was so good a to give me. I have had Miss Gunning twice and then she went out of town and so I have had miss Cathcart three times. I have taken many pleasant airings and am very happy and merry Miss Hamilton is so good as to dine with me and stays with me till often I am In bed.

P. S.

I would have wrote a longer letter but it was near the time of my going to bed. My Brothers and sisters are well and desire their Duty to you and Papa.

My dear Mama
I am your even affectionet
Daughter
Elizabeth.

Miss Cathcart was to have come to night but she was not quite well

No 9 from H. R. H. Princess Elizabeth to the Queen

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To Pce. Augustus

Finished Jan 1. 1791

Your kind Letter which I received last Monday made me happier than my pen can express to You, first the joy I had in seeing your hand writing and then that You found yourself so much better, no one I am sure is more sincerely rejoiced at it, that what I am and none can wish more the continuance of it.

You wrong me much my dearest if you think that I should have laught at You for moralizing for no body can be more of your opinion than what I am, for knowing but too well

To Pce. Augustus

Finished Jan 1. 1791

what it is to be ill I quite agree with You that serious Books, and thought is all the comfort one can have during pain. For Young nights thought there is no book that I love better when ever I read in it I allways feel comfortable and happy; so I am very glad that You like A. Gellert I am very fond of indeed, I have read all the books that have been translated of his and prize them very much and several things with Mr Schrauder in: german, the other german books You mention I have heard of, but I cannot say that I have read them —

This letter was begun a last wednesday but I have not been able to continue it till to day (which is Saturday), we are all thank God perfectly well, but last wednesday night, or Thursday morning we had the most horrible storm I ever heard of Thunder lightening and Wind, in my whole life I never was so thoroughly frightened for owing to the violent Wind I had never closed my eyes all night. and then at four o Clock my allarms and terrors began for every body says, that scarcely

ever such a Storm was heard in
England, at Windsor thank God
no accidents happened, except
two or three chimneys blown
down in the town but in
London it has done a great
deal of mischief, particularly
in Lincoln's Inn fields, where
they say it killed a man.
in short the horrors of that
night I never can forget.
I do assure you it was very
awful, and meditation was
one's only support, indeed I
got up and sat quietly and patien-
ly in my own room for to watch
the events of the night.

January 1st
1791

I must now go on with my letter which I have been prevented doing by going to Town and preparing my birthday cloaths which You must know, is a thing of great importance but I was determined that nothing should prevent me writing to You as to day that I might have the happyness of wishing You joy and hoping You will see many many happy returns of the day.

We are thank God in great health about You as we have had much

good accounts we are now longing
for to hear from You again that
we may be made quite happy
with the continuation of your
good Health.
within this week we have heard of
several matches, one I think will
surprize You a little which is
Mr Child, Lady Westmorelands mother
to Ld Ducy, she has behave very
handsomely indeed to him. if she
did intend to marry again she
could never have done better
than in marrying Ld D. for he
is one of the worthyest men that
ever existed, he is a great friend
of Lord & Lady Cremorne's so
that I know a great deal about
him. the next wedding is to be
in a few days ~~which~~ is Mr
John Villiers to Miss Forbes
every body gives her the best of
caracter they have known
one another ever since they
were children. so that they have
great prospects of happiness
Ld Faulkenberg is to be married
on Thursday to Miss Cheshire —
I am afraid my dearest You
will take my letter for an
old newspaper but as I wish
to send You all the news I know
of I write it down as soon as
it comes into my head. —
Dear Mr Price is with us
he is one of those people that
one may call dear without
being afraid of saying so for
he has so much good in him
and is so respectable a man that

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every body must love him he is
a very great favourite of mine
and not less so for being particu-
-larly partial to You we talk of You
very often I do assure You, You
never can be in better hands the-
-re, for there never can be a
better Man.

The King and Queen who are all
way- all goodness to us do inten-
-d to give us as next Thursday a
little ball which we are highly
delighted with, and You may believe
we are very anxious for the day.
It will be but a little ball whic
(entre nous) I like much better
than a great one. we shall have
but 14 or 15 couple which is jus
the pleasant number how happy

should I have been if You my dear
could have been of the party —
Adieu in great haste.

Eliza.

Princess Elizabeth

To Pce. Augustus

(cf. Add! MSS Geo. 9/126)

Jan. 11 1791

A very long letter I shall not be able to write to You my dearest but it was impossible for me to see all the letters going without writing you a few lines —

Your great amendment has made us happier than I can express to you, we have got a Locket which we send of P. Royals Augusta's & my hair which we hope You will like. it is nothing very beautiful but we did not know of Mr Villiers going till to day (Tuesday) & he is to go on Thursday the hurry we are in at present as we go to settle in Town on Friday must

To Pa

also be another excuse for we could not send to London to day for any thing.

He one rejoices more sincerely at Your recovery than your worthy friend, Mr William Price he constantly enquires after You and is almost as anxious as us for the post to come in, I will not allow that his anxiety is as great as mine about You though he does love You dearly. He was of old a great favourite of mine, but it is much increased by his kind manner about You.

To Pce. Augustus

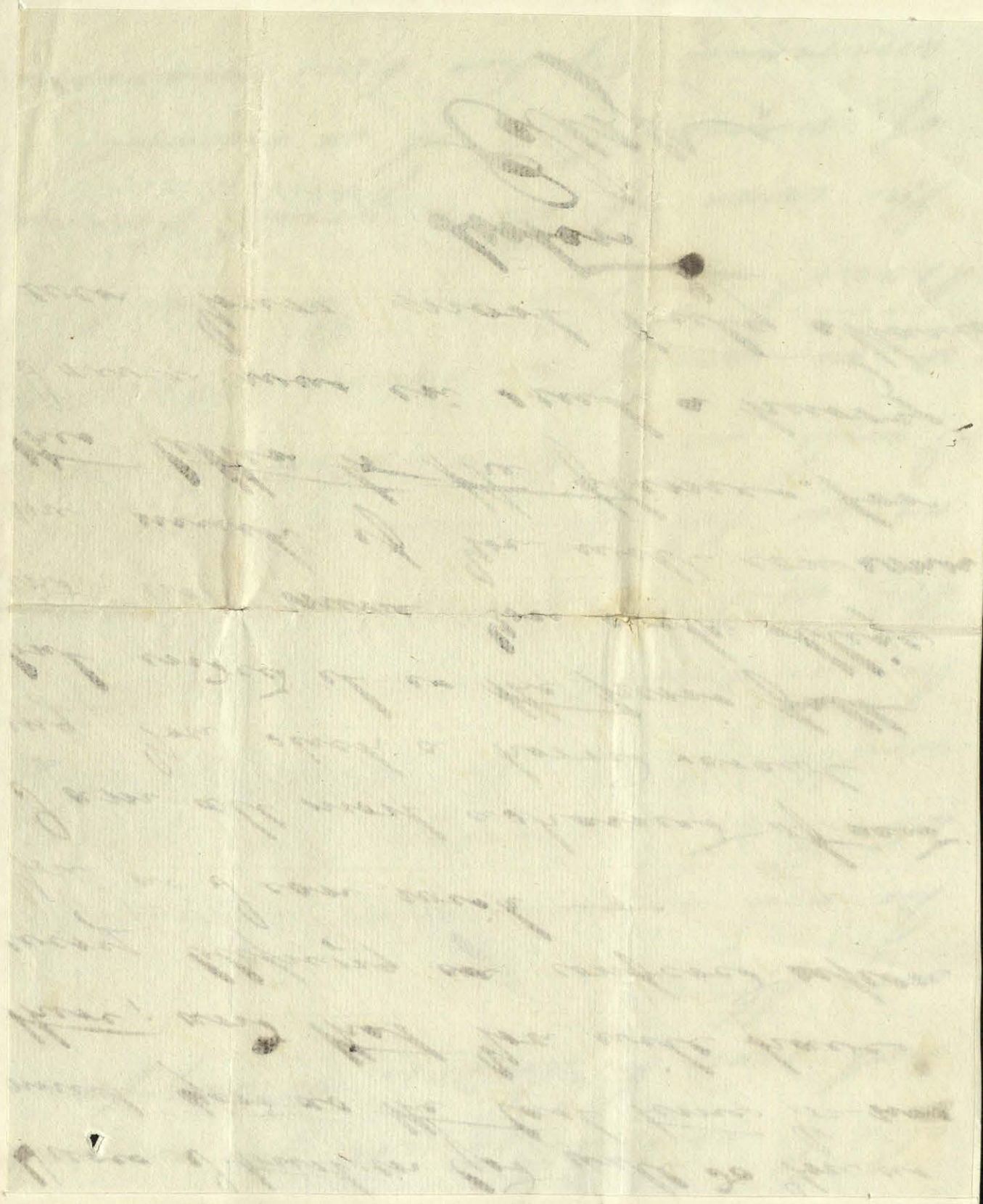
(cf. Add! MSS Geo. 9/126)

Jan. 11 1791

Yours I trust in God will do You as
much good as the last time You were
there; and that You will have
every blessing conferred upon
You as I can wish —
I am all most ashamed of send
ing You such a horrid scrawl
but indeed it is the pens fault
and not mine You will oblige
me much if You will condemn
this letter to the flames. for
I never was in such a hurry
even Yours most truly Attach'd

Princess Elizabeth

Sister
Elizb



Feb. 1 1791

Since You wrote to me my time has been so much employed that it has been quite out of my power to write to You but as I have been making a letter case for you I hope that, that will plead my excuse

When I received Your letter I was at Windsor, for the first time since my illness & my health now is so perfectly restored that I neither feel change of weather or place I am so strong, I am to go on Saturday again to Windsor with the whole

family both great & small
to see the Review of Colonel
Goldsworthy's Regiment which
is a great pleasure to us all.

We have here at present
two very fine singers The name
of the man is Morelli and the
woman Storachie we heard
them last Tuesday at the Opera
where we admired them extreme-
ly, particularly Morelli for
besides having a fine voice
his manner of singing is extreme-
ly agreeable, & it is at the same
time wonderful as he does not
know one note of music
so that he learns every thing
by ear. The Storachie we heard
again last night at the Concert

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Feb. 1 1791

her voice is certainly not so
good and pleasant as Morelli's
but her manner of singing
is so pleasing to the ear and
so fine that she astonished
all those that where there par-
ticularly on her English song
which every Body expected that
she would sing ill but you may
easily know much we were
all pleased with our disap-
pointment besides her being
a good singers she is one of the
best comick Actresses that ever
was seen upon the stage
she was extremely applayded
last Tuesday & three of her
songs where encored which
you may believe did not

please her a little enough
for the present of the singers
for if I do not stop you will
think that what I have
wrote is more like a news
paper than a letter but as it
was the only news I could
tell you that could amuse
I made it as long as I could to
tell You every thing about
them. Pray write all the
news that you can for
Your letters are allways too
short & as mine is very long
I will leave off by saying
that I beg you will believe
me affectionately Yours
Goody Dearest love Elizabeth
& I beg you will write to them often
than we have do

To Prince Augustus

To show You my dearest Augustus that I do really intend to be a very good correspondant I begin upon large paper on purpose that I may fill it with all the news I hear; but no news will be pleasanter to me than that which brings an account of You for Your health and happiness is what I wish more than any thing.

We came here as usual last Friday and this morning has been employ'd in a very pleasant way to me as I had the pleasure of seeing Mama very happy at the arrival of Mr Alderson a Yorkshire Gentleman he is a Clergyman, and has infinite taste in laying out places so Mama intends to employ him about her little place at Frogmore; on Monday they begin planting so that next week we shall be very anxious to see what has been done during our absence — they staked out a walk this morning

but it was too dirty for us to attempt going to see it.—

I was very happy to find my dear Augustus that we so perfectly agreed upon the subject of Friendship, for in my letter I had said that it was one of the greatest if not the greatest blessing of life to speak well of ones friend.— one may certainly have <u>some</u> real friends, but that <u>some</u> comes to be very <u>few</u> for a <u>great many</u> <u>real</u> <u>friends</u> is I believe impossible for us poor mortals to aspire to. I have thank God <u>very</u> <u>few</u> <u>very</u> <u>dear</u> <u>friends</u> a great many acquaintance but it is not often in the company of acquaintance that one can be comfortable, for tho one would never wish to say things that might not be repeated, at the same time many things may be talked of, at the moment, which might be very unpleasant, if spoken of. so that a small society is much more agreable to me, than a very numerous one.— our company is still the same here Mr Greville and Mr Price

but Lady Cremorne has made us very happy
by coming which indeed we did not expect
we talked together of You, I do love to talk
of You! she wished I would tell You that
she loved ~~your~~ your character, & that she
begged me to give her Duty to You. What
a blessing to see, hear, & think that
your are beloved; yes my dearest Brother
what can make me happier; that good
and very excellent man Mr Price
intends to give me a book for You,
which he wishes You would add to Your
library, for he think that it is, a
most valuable work, which is Gilpin
upon The New Testament I think
that is the title; but he wile wait
tile it comes out in Bavaro for it wile
be more convenient to You. — And he begs
when You read it that You will think
sometimes of him. I trust in God that
when ever You return to dear Old
England that You then, wile renew
Your friendship and acquaintance
with Mr Price for I wile be bound

that You never will find one more truly attached to You — it is quite a pleasure to see him and Mr. Greville together for they are the greatest friends living You never saw any two people more attached to one another & I really believe that they both deserve the friendship of the other. — I say this from having been told it and as it has been told me ~~from~~ by people I can trust I believe it.

Sunday morning. We have indeed had a most excellent sermon this morning preached by Mr. Magrath — indeed I was very much pleased and delighted with it he is my favourite preacher amongst the Canons —

I am afraid that this long epistle will both tire & teize You so as my paper is just finished being covered I must conclude — begging You will believe that no one loves You more sincerely & affectionately than Your much attached Sister

Windsor. 6th Feby. 1791

Recd Febry 21 answd

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Finished May 27th.

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[May 1791]

You must certainly think me, the most unkind of beings that for this last fortnight I should not have wrote one line to You, but Your goodnature will excuse me for (as I have said before) that is no proof of my not thinking of You for You are very often the subject of my pleasantest thoughts; You asked me in one of your former letters for the list of the ball we had at Chrest. mas at Windsor but not having sent it I will send You the list of those we are to have on Thursday the 19th of this (May) month a day that I do most truly wished and love, for the more one knows of Mama the more one must love & regard her she has agreed to give us a ball on her birthday which is allways a pleasure for us for we are all fond of dancing.

I am but just come home from making a long visit to Lady Cremorne at Chelsea she is one of the most respectable women I know, the good she does in every sort of way is allmost passed telling for I really believe that her whole day is spent in thinking how she can employ her money in charitable purposes

we have lately seen a great deal of a person whom
You would like, which is Lady Elgin we have had
her quite alone with us at Windsor and she
is a most valuable person, she has gone
through a great deal but her support and
comfort was her true confidence in a
most kind and just Providence who I mostly
sincerely trust has brought all thes good
womans troubles to an end. She was left
a widow my dearest Augustas with the
care of three infant Boys and with the
and the day fort night of her Husbands
death she lay in of a little girl; She thought
that her giving herself up entirely to
grief would be a most wicked thing, when
Providence had been pleased to grant her
so fine a family; she has followed them
ever since that time through all their differeas
studies her girl all has never left her & she
now has the happiness to see them all turn
out well Lady Charlotte is a most amiable young
woman, Lord Elgin You must have heard
of, in short she allways has done her Duty as
she must be happy.

May 27th 1791. I have been a long while about
this letter and have often blamed myself

for not finishing it but if You could know how much hurried I have been this last fortnight you would pity me for with our charming ball the Abbey's & preparing for the birthday I have allways been in a fuss, therefore I rely on Your forgiveness—

I received Your kind letter the day before yesterday my great joy at finding it on my dressing table caused a general laugh for I quite screamed—

We have been most extremely amused with every thing we have done of late but to tell You the truth I shall not be sorry when it is over, for I scarcely know what I am about which of all things is the most disagreeable. Mama's Place Sheen goes on vastly well which makes me as I have often told You very happy. You cannot imagine how good Mama is to me that increases my wishes which would ever otherwise be

good ones;

I am now writing as fast as possible that I may not miss the post but from the number of times I have been forced to leave off I am afraid You will not find it very easy to understand. Lady Effingham who I have just seen wishes me to say every thing that is kind, affectionate, & proper she enquired very much after You & desired me to add how sincerely happy she is to hear from us that You are perfectly well, You shall certainly hear, very soon from me again if I can before the birthday if not certainly the week after. I enclose the list of our Ball I do believe that there were about ten or twelve people more but I have forgot them for they have been put down so we remembered them Adieu my paper will not allow me to continue so pray believe me ever Your truly

Mary Victoria Alex

Enclosure

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Dancers	Dancers
6 Princesses	Duke of Clarence
Lady Caroline Spencer	Prince William of Glocester
Lady Susan Gordon	Lord Lorn
Lady Elizabeth Montague	Lord Ashley
Lady Mary Bertie	Lord Blandford
Lady Elizabeth Somerset	Lord Hardwick
Lady Mary Collier	Lord Cole
Lady Charlotte Bertie	Lord Down
Lady Mary Parker	Lord Stopford
Lady Caroline Waldgrave	Lord Yarlies
Lady Mary Noel	Lord Cathcart
Lady Maria Finch	Lord Valletort
Lady Catherine Bathurst	Lord Fincastle
Lady Elizth Tufnell	Lord Clarendon
Lady Susan Leveson	Lord Bernard
Lady Frances Howard	Lord Herbert
Lady Charlotte Bellasyze	Mr Phipps
Lady Charlotte Bruce	Mr Edmund Phipps
Lady Frances Bruce	Mr Paget
Lady Susan Stewart	Mr Stopford
Lady Charlotte Villiers	Mr York
Lady Caroline Paget	Mr Rice
	Mr Villiers
	Col. Manners
	Lord Chichester
	Lord Parker
	Lord Charles Somerset
	Mr Rider

The Duchess Marlborough
Duchess of Leeds
Duchess of Beaufort
Duchess of Gordon
Duchess of Ancaster
Duchess of Buccleugh
Marchaness of Stafford
Countess of Waldernes
Countess of Harcourt
Countess of Pembrook
Countess of Falconberg
Countess of Macclesfield
Countess of Uxbridge
Countess of Cardigan
Countess of Abington
Countess of Aylesbury
Countess of Elgin
Countess of Courtown
Countess Dow. Aylsford
Countess Chatham
Countess Ilchester
Countess Portsmore
Miss Goldsworthy
Miss Dee

Duke of Dorset
Duke of Marlborough
Duke of Leeds
Duke of Beaufort
Duke of Gordon
Duke of Ancaster
Duke of Buccleugh
Marquis of Stafford
Lord Harcourt
Lord Falconberg
Lord Macclesfield
Lord Uxbridge
Lord Cardigan
Lord Abington
Lord Aylesbury
Lord Chesterfield
Lord Denbeigh
Lord Chatham
The Lord Chancellor
Lord Grenville
Lord Camden
Mr Pitt
Lord How
Lord Portsmore

Mr Digbigh
Monsieur de Hazel
Mr Vincent

To Pce. Augusta

18 Jany 1791

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Your last kind letter I return You many thanks for indeed it made me very happy as it brought me such good accounts of Your health which I do most sincerely pray may continue for, as You once said) without health there is no blessing in life, but when one considers that our fair & case are in the hand of a most just and kind Providence who arranges every thing for the best, I think that that thought makes one bear up with every trouble that is inflicted on us. I have been most extremely shock this last week with the accounts from France & I can not tele You what I have really suffered & do suffer with the thoughts of the poor King & Queen indeed it is a most shocking lesson for Princes tho I am always anxious for the coming in of the post, I can't help fearing it.

How very good You have been to me in asking for that, you have sent me some China I shall long to receive it, How much I shall love it.

Monday morning — I am just come home from being at the Review of Lord Harrington's regiment in the little Park it went off exceedingly well it was the pleasantest Review we were

ever at for Lady Harrington was so good as to have a tent for us which was very comfortable the weather was very far from good which was unfortunate it put one more in mind of April than July for we had sunshine rain & wind all at the same time but not withstanding ~~it~~ that nothing could go off better than what the Review has done.

The last week has been a most busy one for we have been three times to Ascot heath races it is not an amusement that I much love for it lasts so very long; the first day (which was Tuesday) was the only one that I was interested in for two of the Prince of Wales's horses ran & for the first time of my life I had the pleasure of seeing him win the Cattaràcweek stakes, & a match against Lord Grosvenor we went also on Thursday & Saturday; Saturday we went out at a quarter after eleven & we never return home till half after seven in the Afternoon never was I more tired, but we had a party which waked me in the evening or else I could not have helped sleeping. Colonel Ramsden is just come to make us a visit I am afraid it will be but a short one he has just lost his Brother which has affected him very much so we hope that he will be better for his town to London Lord & Lady Cardigan have not as yet favoured Windsor with their company I suppose they will come when we return. after having been at Stowe I am glad they have not as yet been here for

he has not received it as yet & as he is in coaching I shall not be able to have it for this fortnight; Lord and Lady Cardigan's has been so often put off that I will not believe any more that they come till I see them here; they talked the other day of coming to morrow but I hear that a letter is just come to say that it is as yet uncertain Lady Caroline Waldegrave is at present with us she is now thank God quite well & as she takes great care of herself will I hope continue so — we are just come from church the service has been remarkably long to day but we have been very much pleased with Dr Dodworths Sermon. he is a favourite Preacher of mine Augusta and me could not help remarking that his fine countenance was such that one could not help expecting a good sermon from him, he has gone through a great deal in this world, You may be surprised at my knowing so much of him when I tell You that I never spoke ten words to him in my life; but Mrs Harcourt who is a great friend of his has told me often & often stories that have made me feel very much for him if You remember Mr H. You know that she is very warm in her affection for her friends I am convinced she would go through fire & water for them On Thursday at the Drawing I saw my Bishop now Bishop of Durham I enquired after Mr William Price he says that he is well, I was glad to hear it for he is a most worthy man, & truly attached to You. The Bishop is going immediately to Durham I hope he will be much liked at least if he is half as much loved & respected by his Diocese as he is by a certain Person who shall be nameless he will be a fortunate man.

we have had so much company this week that it
will be pleasanter to have them ~~when~~ by & by
by Lady Bath has left us to day she would
have stood on till Wednesday but as Ld Bath
intends going into the country very soon, she
was forced to get herself ready & therefore quitted
us. Lady Sidney and Mary Howe remain on
with us. Lady Caroline Waldegrave comes
down with us on Sunday for she is in
waiting

Yesterday poor dear Lady Chesterfield lay in of
a dead Child which has been a great grief
to us all for we ~~we~~ had wished exceedingly
that she should have had a Son but as every thing
is the best & as she is a most reasonable creature
she will I am sure make her mind up &
bear her disappointment with patience
Lady Courtown has been much pleased with
your kind message which I gave her the
day I received it. she had ~~been~~ a letter the
other day from Mr Surgeon who speaks
with much pleasure of the strong hopes of
recovery for ——

Sunday morning 10th July
This letter has been to Kew & back again for it was
my intention to finish it there & to have sent it by
last Fridays post but the weather was so fine all the
time we were at Kew that I was scarcely ever at home
so the Baron will have it when he comes to
morrow that it may go on Tuesday
I understand from Compston that my China
which you was so good as to send is come but

I shall now finish in a minute for You must be tired with this Volume but I must add that the Bishop of Carlisle is now Bishop of Salisbury and that Lady Harcourts brother Mr Vernon is made Bishop of Carlisle & that Cornwallis who is Bishop of Lichfield is coming to Windsor as Dean. You may very likely have heard all this news before my letter comes into Your hands but at the same time as You desire me to write You every thing I hear I have boasted you with the changes of the Bishops

We are in great want of ~~Corn~~ rain at present for sake of our Corn; the Hay has been remarkably good this year tho it has not been in great quantity

I am now called so I must end in begging to believe that no can love You more sincerely than Your truly Affectionate

Sister

Eliza

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10th July
1791.

think of doing any thing else,
I have heard this moment from Compton that he is
afraid I have lost the Chena You was so good
as to send me it is I own provoking & coming
from You makes me regret it much, but
I must do as the French proverb says faire
bonne mine a mauvais jeu he thinks
that I shall on Thursday have the Coral which
I am most extremely happy is not lost for
I never wished for any one thing so much
as some ornaments of Coral & it is not
a thing to be got in England.
We had a large party yesterday evening consist-
ing of Lord & Lady Warrington, Lady Cathcart,
Mr & Mrs Harcourt Mr Stanhope which is
always a good thing of a Sunday evening -
Mr Stanhope who I sat next told me of a
match which is to be declared in a few days
Miss Petre Lord Petre's daughter to Mr Howard
of Corby that family has married in so
extraordinary a way (I mean by marrying
their near Relations) that I cannot con-
ceive how they can mourn for one another
when they die
Your letter made me extremely happy as they
always do, I received it on Monday & feasted up-
on it the whole week, there is one kept in my
pocket till another arrives so that I am never
without a peice of your hand working about
me, I am quite shocked of having written
such a scrawl but You must with Your
usual good nature excuse it as I really am

in a very great hurry — from General Bude I had a whole account of your house, views, & everything about that part of Switzerland that You at present inhabit, for those one is truly anxious about one cannot help enquiring into every little particular. I am now called so much, so which I am sorry for I hope to send a letter on Monday & till then ever believe Your truly Affectionate

Eliza.

Monday 1st August
Windsor.

Thursday 11 (August 1791)

Our Mondays amusement being over I shall be able to give an account of that and then keep my letter open for Fridays at 10 o Clock our Company arrived & the Musick struck up in the Bureau with God save the King; & about half an hour after we all set down to breakfast. the room where we all were was decorated in pannels with red and white roses which had a rich and pretty effect, and over the chimney were Amelia's Cypher in flowers with the Coronet, after our breakfast we all went into the garden divided into different partij's and remained there all the morning about twelve the Baron came with his usual box's to the King and we all then returned into the room which I before described and had Cold meal & fruit. about two we seperated and all came home, in the evening we had again the same Company, and were so magnificent as to have 4 card tables. The Harringtons went to town yesterday but we expect them back this evening or to morrow morning The Harcourts come to night & to morrow Lady Francis Bruce we are disappointed of having Lord & Lady Aylesbury as they are still in black gloves for the Dowager Lady Hundersfield.

Mama Augusta and me went this morning to Lady Cathcart, we saw all her family which consists of three Sons and a little Girl about eight weeks old, the more we see Ly Cathcart the more we like her her little girl is a prodigious fine child, She has a little Boy which is quite a delight and the droleist little creature you ever saw; the house they have got is a very small one but they have contrived very cleverly in putting a tent on the field which they use as

a breakfast and dining room; by which means they have the whole house clean, — we laugh with Lord Cathcart about to morrow and advice him to keep himself quiet to day that he may dance the more, the Harcourts are arrived, so is Lady Pembroke but I think she is lamer than ever for now both her legs are in a bad condition I must now leave off for I am called but hope to add a little more to my letter before the fatigues of our bale —

Sunday morning. That was impossible that I should add any thing to my letter for all Friday morning I was with Mama and never was a minute alone but the time I was dressing my hair for the day. Never in my opinion have we ever had so good a ball as last Fridays here. for every thing from beginning to end went off well Lord Hornington & Lord Cathcart had placed the Soldiers one between each pillar on each side of the hall in coming in to the castle so that the reception of the King & Queen was magnificent, & two more at the bottom of the great stairs we were some time at the castle before the company arrived the King & Queen & we went upon the balcony the Terrace from thence looked beautiful and the evening charming. After every body was come we began dancing & danced six dances before supper & three after at twelve we were extremely punctual in finishing our sixth dance just before twelve which was the time appointed for supper every body agreed that St George's Hall never looked finer. the desert frame's were beautiful & the Buffet at the bottom made a most brilliant appearance We again returned to the bale room where we continued dancing till four. Augusta and me were ready by ten or a little after. D Royal was not out of her nest bale after one, we had breakfasted, had taken our walk. We &c before we saw her.

Yesterday evening Terrace was very full and indeed pleasant for it consisted chiefly of people of fashion & those we knew The Duke & Duchess of Dorset Lord

To Pce. Augustus

& Lady Bulkeley & Lord & Lady Harrington came in with us so that we had as many card tables as the room would hold for there was no less than five.

The heat is terrible and our weather charming it is the finest harvest weather we have had for years. and still many people complain of want of rain which makes me so angry that I find the best way is not to mind them for I am sure that what ever is, is right.

Now my dearest I have a long message from Mary to You which is that Her & Sophia's hours are so taken up with their master that they have scarcely any time to write & therefore hope that You will pardon it as I write so constantly, they always know that You are acquainted with every thing that passes here & when even You are so good as to write to me I take care to tell them every circumstance about You. You will see how punctual I am grown as I make it a constant rule to write a little every day ——

The King and my sisters were so fortunate as to see Mr Rolle but the evening he was here, Mama did not walk upon the Terrace & I was with her in the open chaise by which means I missed seeing him which You may easily believe & conceive I was not sorry for. but next Thursday I do think I have a chance of seeing him at Court he has left Mr Rolle in Switzerland & intends meeting her there before winter

The Duchess of Ancaster has been so good as to write me another long letter from Spa in which she tells me that she has heard from a friend of hers at Lausanne who gives her a very good account

of You, in every sense of the word good for it is not only
an account of Your health but of every thing about
You & what I knew long ago (but what is alway
a great pleasure to hear again) that You was uni-
versally esteemed and loved; the pleasure I have
in writing it to You & telling it to others is beyond
either tongue to say or pen to write
You will be glad I am sure to hear that dear Lady
Effingham is infinitely better and all her friends
have the greatest hopes of her perfect recovery God
grant it for she would indeed be a shocking loss
to her family Sir George Howard was here on
the Holiday but not Lady Francis as they could
not both be from her at the same time I will
now end as I have written it as close as I could
that I might not send You many sheets of Paper
& I have given them with Your hearing before
I seal my letter You shall certainly hear it
Yesterday evening was remarkably fine we had a visit
from the Duke of Gloucester and P. William & P. Sophia
they stayed with us till ten o Clock & then they re-
turned to the Pavilions at Hampton Court. about
half after Eleven it thundered prodigiously and conti-
nued doing so till after One this morning I was in
hopes it would have cooled the air but I cannot
say I found it had when we went to Chapel but
since that it has rained and it now begins
to be much cooler The Harcourts and the Howes
stay with us till Wednesday when we go to
Kew. the drawing room this week is expected
to be very full which will not be a merit at
this time of Year. God bless You my Father is now
the wish
Adieu and so I must finish in saying I am ever Your
Monday morning Seven o Clock
Elizabeth

Queens Lodge 19th August
(1791)

I begin blotting my paper before I write a word and am too indolent at present to get another Sheet which You must pardon, tho You have reason to be angry with me as the chief subject I intend writing upon deserves not only the best, but the fairest, paper, writing, &c &c that ever was yet seen it is truly a very great happiness to me as I trust to see Frederick &c &c indeed by what I have heard our future Sister in law is one of the most amiable young women that ever was known I do not doubt that my brother will in every thing prove worthy of her, for he has an excellent heart, and very good natured——

Now my dear You must accept my very warmest thanks for your last amiable letter which I received last Monday just after I had sent my packet away or would have added a word but it did not much signify as You hear from me every week are not You tired of such long epistles but I know You are too good to own it if You find Yourself so. the new road is began, that leads to the neighbouring farm near Mama's Cottage so that she may

take in the Lane into her grounds which will make
a grand improvement for only think of they
had not, the Farmer had requested to cut the
Trees up which would have been a heart break-
ing thing, but as the Trees are upon crown
Land Mama asked the King whether she might
not improve the place with them which was
agreed to so I am delighted about it, because the King
is of opinion that with some contrivance
another berceau walk may be made of this
Avenue which will make it very comfortable —
You mention William Price in your letter I heard
of him the other day from Lord Harcourt. he
was at the Opening feast at Newnham
with the Bishop of Durham, he tells L Harco-
court that he does intend coming to us about
the same time he did last year which I
was very glad to hear, the Bishop of Durham
is now at Durham and was received as I
hear in a very great stile. We are now quite
alone all the Company is now gone that
was with us last week, and are all scattered
about in different parts of the Kingdom. —
Lady Courtown is stile at Harrowgate and will
remain there sometime longer, but you
will laugh a little when I tele You that She
is become a horse woman, so far as to
ride double Lord Hopsford told it me and
added that the horse she rode was the only
one there and used by all the Ladies that

find that exercise necessary for their health, only conceive the torments that poor beast goes through; I thank God that I am not the horse.

The bride was presented last Thursday I mean Lady Henry Fitzgerald entre nous she did not look very shaking and he looked just as he allways did. She brought an a= mazing long train with which I would most willingly have excused her in the summer.

I am making my good Mr Shrader wait while I am writing but he is allways so generous about You and the subject of my letters saying it is so natural that I should be happy in corresponding with You that I do not scruple doing it as I am certain he will excuse me.

Sunday morning. We have all been at Church but the Sermon I did not hear, for Dr Shepperd preached and You must know of old that his preaching is not the best. Lady Cardigan has just been to see us they are now come to settle here for some time at least we hope so, She is now much better, and to keep well we advise her not to go this year into Northamptonshire. She enquired very kindly after You which indeed she allways does — Lady Caroline Waldegrave is not with her, she is gone to see her brother and comes back with us next time we return from

London for she is in mourning

Last night we had a great deal of company for it happened that Lady Charlotte Finch had Company to dinner which walked up on the terrace, Mama asked them in so that we had four card tables which made it very pleasant. the Lord Eglaby would think that as bad in August as hot rolls & butter in the month of July dont You think so?

Monday morning. In great haste I take up my Pen to add a few more lines before I go to bathe for else I shall not have time this morning as Greys comes to us, the weather is delightful tho extraordinary but that I mean that the changes are very great several times in the day which is a dreadful thing Every body has complaints in their bowels thank God we are all well and nobody has it here but farther in the country & in London many people have it very sevrely.

I must now beg of You to believe me ever Your

sincerely

Eliza

I must add one word or two to tell You that I hear that Ld Gower more so young to be married, his character You must have heard, therefore I cannot helping writing it to You, he has been caught flirting by a most beautiful young woman a Mrs Ponsonby a Relation of the Duke of Portlands. He was to have gone to the ball saw her at the play, ~~[illegible]~~ proposed and was accepted as the story goes I do not tell it You for truth

Aug. 6 1794

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Poem in the hand of Princess Eliz.

When the Messenger comes to the King with his patches
I shall ever look out in hopes of your catches
And promise you here, that all do agree
That you're an expecting good hands at a fee
So don't you say now that I'll call you a dog
For else I'll suppose that you think me a log
But by you'll believe, when we mention your name
That we always do think you a favorite of fame
And hope that you'll bear, that I ever will say
Your Music & Catches, I'll willingly pay

Windsor Aug: 6.

These lines were written by Princess Elizabeth.
J. B. Burges.

N.B. I thank you Dr Sir very much for your last kind letter &c &c, to which I shall very soon send an answer & I by you will rest in Hope & trust to the

Friendship of Charlotte Matilda Prince

1794.

about Aug. 1794

My dearest Brother

Mama has given me the enclosed letter which she wishes you to read as it is all the news she has received, & thinks it may please you to see the charming character Uncle Ernest writes of your future but she begs you will send her back her letter when you have read it I suppose you have got letters yourself God grant they may be pleasant ones tho you is the true & sincere wish of

Your affte

pray excuse very great haste

Princess Elizabeth
to
The Prince of Wales

1794

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?Dec. 1794

My dearest Brother

I am just come to bed so you cannot receive this note tile early to morrow morning & you will have the goodness to take no notice of it, after sending my note to you this evening I saw Mama who told me she has never been able (trying it often though) to have any conversation whatever on your subject with the D. he was with her she said this morning but it was on business & the letters of the Prince's coming over. He had very little talk with them

as he had much to read & came to be
quiet in her room - It is but justice
to Mama to say that I never saw any
body warmer or more thoroughly
anxious about you than she is - but in
the situation she stands I believe must
be her guide - I write this briefly to
prove to you that I wish ever be open &
true to you & never give you false
hopes - The Old Lady below stairs gave
Mama to understand that I had told
you that she had spoke to the K about
you which I denied as she said was
that the K. had seen her. & that I
fancied the Princess was partly the cause
of conversation but as Mama had
told me nothing I could not say whatever
I thought wd - pray excuse this
but I think it is right to trouble you

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?Dec. 1794

with this. for necessity tho' well the Old
Lady may sometimes do otherwise
I told Mama that you had brought a
whole pocket full of distresses to shew
Do not forget to come early.

Your affy
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1 o Clock
Sunday night

You must pardon my hurried style of writing
but my mind is now full of my dear
little friend I buy you again & again
never to tell Mama I told it you fond
better not name anybody dont you
thank me

Princess Elizabeth
to
The Prince of Wales

Elizabeth R

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Dec. ? 21 1794

My dearest Brother

I am commanded by Mama to inform You, that the King having asked her when the Ladies went on board gave her an opportunity of speaking to him of what You wished, Mama then enquired where the Ladies where to receive the Princess? the King said on board the there ~~said~~, about the Ladies being on board the fifty gun Ship with the Princess, but the King saying that He had ordered the Duke of Portland to settle every thing with Captain Payne he could give no further orders concerning that. I can assure You that Mama

did every thing that was most kind by you, but receiving that answer, you may easily believe she could not say more, at that moment. She desires her kindest love to you, & orders me to say that she has not as yet had an opportunity of speaking about Lord Southampton. I am in great haste so have only time to assure you how sincerely I am

Your affectionate Sister

Alexandrina Victoria

Princess Kingstone

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To Pce of Wales

Rec. Dec. 22 1794

My dearest Brother

Mama being just called by the King into the music room, she commands me to write to You, as she cannot, to tele You that, She would most willingly answer all the questions Lady Jersey most naturally wishes to have answered, but that She is as unknowing as yourself, though as anxious to have every thing as comfortable, and as proper as You can wish; She has twice tried to talk with the King on that subject & he has so positively said that the Duke of Portland had received his orders to settle everything with Captain Payne that She really thinks it

kindness by you, not to press the subject
again with him, but thinks if
you are under difficulties you had
much better ask the Duke of Port-
land what His Majesties orders are
both for the Ladies & ~~Ld~~ the Gentle
men; — about the Ladies dress
Mama orders me to say, that if they
receive the Princess on board, it better
be in undress, but in case of their
being unwell & forced to go on shore
she advises them to take a Court
dress; that if the Princess wishes to
see them there they may appear
en Gala —
Mama will write to you herself
to thank you, for all your kind
expressions concerning her, & hopes
that you will believe that no one
wishes your happiness more, or

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To Pce of Wales

Rec. Dec. 22 1794

enters more into all your worries & plagues than she does, & hence you are convinced that had she it in her power that she would even do more for you than she has done; my sisters join me in most affectionate love to you with the addition of every good wish for your happiness & welfare —

I beg of you to believe that no one is more seriously attached to you than your Affte

Sister

E. Will

Letter from my
Sister Elizabeth.
received Oct. 22d.
1794

Princess Olga Badera
to
Princess Wady

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Friday ? Feb 27 1795
(Ct Malmesbury's corresce Vol II p. 211)

My most beloved Brother

I am ordered by Mama to inform you that when the King came home to day that he told her of the new plan of the Princess's coming over with Mrs Harcourt which he approved much of. & not the less so, when Mama informed him that the thought had originated in you; beside which he says that he thinks Mrs Harcourt will be a very safe companion & a very sure friend to the Princess, as She is thoroughly attached to this family. Mama told me that the King was so full of this new scheme that She could say nothing more about your business at that moment, as Dinner was ready which put a stop to their conversation but She is delighted to see how much pleased

the thing is worth it; this last determination has been quite a Cordial to me for I give you my honour my mind has been quite tortured about You, for your happiness I have so much at heart that you are scarcely ever out of my mind. Mama intends talking to Lady Harcourt about it to morrow evening but, You are entreated not to say any thing of this at present & my opinion is to be quite private & for Yourself & pray do not take notice if you write me an answer that I have said any thing about Mamas talking to our very worthy friend, in case that I should not name it to You — I trust You are better, & that this circumstance being an agreeable one will give You ease, if You are as happy as I wish You, you ought to be the happiest Man in the World. Your goodness to me is so engraven on my heart that neither my pen, nor my words can ever tele You half how I love You, all I hope is that You may ever find me worthy of the Confidence You have placed in me & beg that if You are ever in want of a friend that You wile remember the corner room at the Queens House, for though she may not be so

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agreable so brilliant or so pleasant as ~~there the sent~~
ments of affection & love she has for you flow from
the fellings of an honest & unaffected heart, which
is thoroughly devoted to you. God bless you my
dear dear Brother my your future years be
ever crowned with felicity is the constant
prayer of your most affectionate
friend & Sister
Elizza.

Queens House
Tuesday evening

We shall go to Kew to morrow morning.
I beg of you ~~will have~~ time that you wile write me a
few lines full of affection towards Mama for indeed
indeed she deserves it, She is truly your friend, & loves
you better than ever

Princess Elizabeth
to
The Prince of Wales

1794