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Ma très chère Cousine

Permettez moi de vous apprendre, que le choix que Votre cher Adolphe vient de faire de Votre Altesse Serenissime, a causé une joie réelle à toute la Famille, l'aimable caractère que nous avons toujours entendu de vous ne fait qu'augmenter notre felicité en pensant que dans peu de tems nous aurons le bonheur de vous regarder comme notre Soeur, & soyez sûre que vous serez reçue à bras ouvert. Je vous dire avec une sincerité qui part du coeur que vous êtes heureuse dans votre choix car sans flatterie mon Frère Adolphe est le plus excellent ami, le meilleur Fils & frère, qu'on peut avoir, ainsi chère Princesse votre bonheur je crois très certain & croyez que vous avez mes humbles Prieres que le Bon Dieu benisse une union qui je ne doute

pas, sera toujours appréciée par une famille qui adore l'objet qui causera Votre félicité future dans ce monde —

Je vous embrasse de mes cœur

Ma chère Louise

de

V. A. I.

Votre affectionné

Oncle & Amie

Leopold

Au Château de

Windsor

ce 22 Janvier

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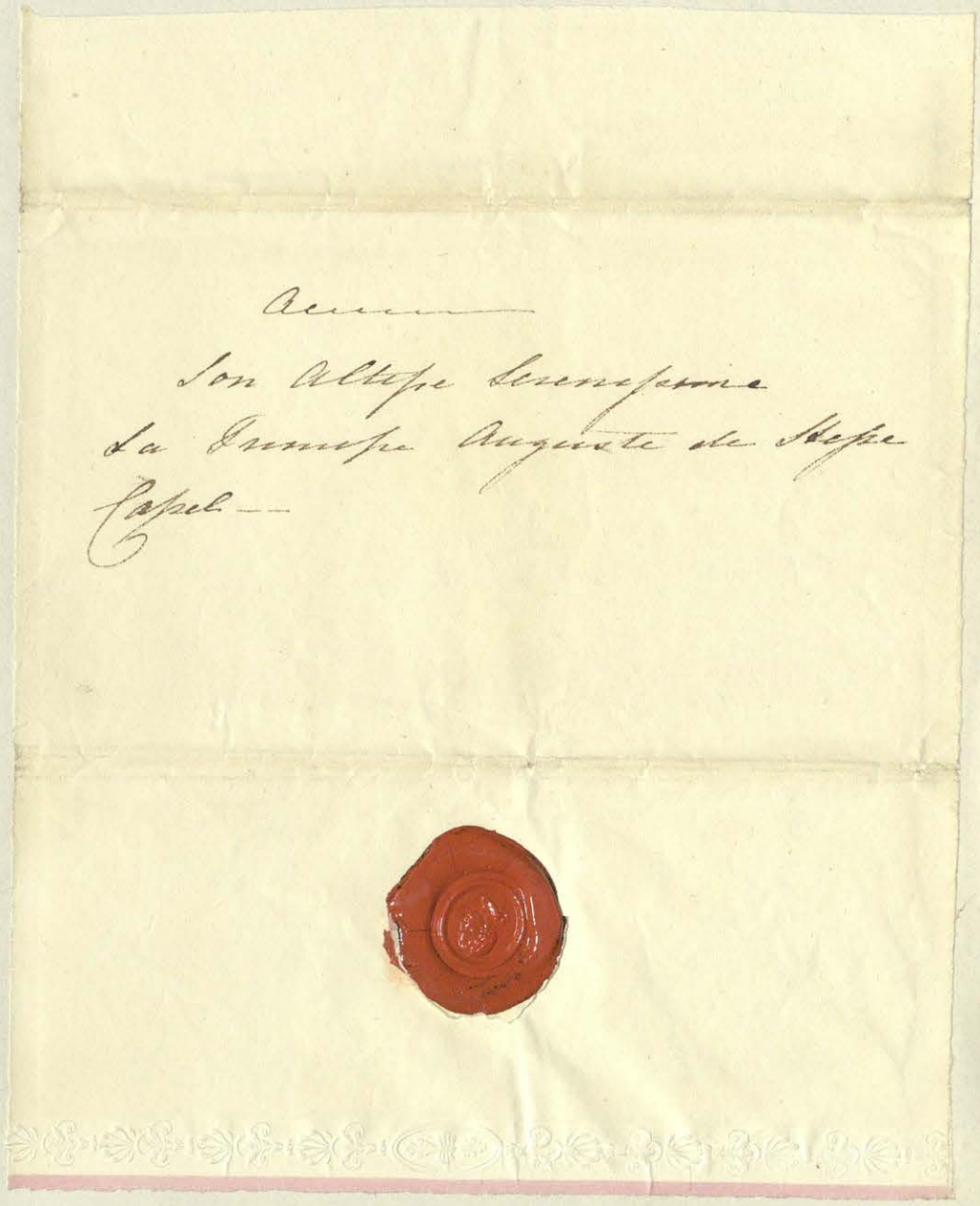
Son Altesse Serenissime
La Princesse Auguste de Hesse
Cassel —

Jan. 22 1818

Just as I received Sir Benjamin Bloomfield's very obliging letter & communication about William I really was in the act of taking up my pen to You my dearest Brother, for I prique myself upon always having acted candidly, & told You the exact truth about my Mother, she was remarkably well last week, & has, but very constantly, but on Sunday she had a severe return of want of breath which made her very low, tho she came out as usual, it went off & she was very tolerable on Sunday evening & was less bad Monday since which she has been better tho low, of course I was most anxious as we ale were for Sir

Henry's return whose excellent manners we were sensible would cheer her & do her good, he came last night saw her & assured her he would be of service to her & this morning dale day she is more herself as to spirits & breathing for may understand that she has gone on as usual, we have all privately talked with Sir Henry he assures us that there is no danger at all but at my Mother's age we must be aware that wonderful as she is that medicines will not have the same effect as upon a younger person but she has begun some new draughts that she finds comfortable to her stomach which is the seat of the decay, you need not be uneasy at all, & all we wish is that should you write that you would exert your pen as

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to make her laugh, she was very chatty & cheerful in the carriage today, the great thing is to draw her off from herself & she appeared as she felt much better to night — but we must not say prayers about it as we do, for that both worries her, & lowers her, therefore we do all we can to amuse, tho God knows that we have little in our power to amuse her with she comes home as Albert & at times as lively as Augusta & Mary who is with us now make her laugh & talking over old stories sometimes succeed to a charme, she is enchanted with Adolphus's letters & is most happy that he appears to wear so very bright a prospect for his happiness she is especially anxious about dear Catherine who she is very partial to & whose kindness & amiable conduct during her stay at Bath was perfect in every way

I rejoice to hear such good accounts of you, I was on hopes before this time to have sent you a Bath Gowning which I bespoke for you, but which is not arrived the moment it does I shall send it you for it is something you have not — & will prove that the absent Ones were ever in my "mind's eye"

My Mother desires her kindest love as do my Sisters, I shall certainly write again in a day or two for I beseech you to believe that there is no cause of alarm, but I felt it my duty to tell you the sweet truth which you are now in full possession of

May Heaven bless you & make you as happy as I wish you for none can be more attached than

Windsor Castle
Jany 22^d
1818

Princess Elizabeth
to
Prince of Leiningen
Received
Jany 22 1818

Jan. 25 1818

After my letter of the other day to You it strikes me that You will like me to write frequently so I make no excuse but take up my pen to say that thank God my Mother is much more comfortable to day yesterday was but a so so day, & she was dreadfully low, & made me so bad that with all my wishes to be of use, I really could not be with her for seeing her breathe so uneasy really frightens me so, that I cannot possibly stand it, & thank God, she cannot bear us with her, tho I entreat her to cry as I am sure when her spirits are in that state it is better to give vent to tears than choke herself by overcoming them, to day she is easily well has taken a long dose two very

cheerful & quite in her old spirits —
I shall not tell her that I write for
she is so easily alarmed that I should
do her harm — the great thing is to
amuse her, & draw her from herself
Mary fortunately is with us
& remains till Thursday when she
returns to Town — I own I think
that my Mother is altered in her
manner & I tell Lord Peel that he
may not be shocked, when you see
her — She was so ill all last week,
that this second, this day seemed
was the more trying to witness, but
she will not make a single alteration
on, on share herself, in the least
thing, not angry but provoked when
I took the liberty to say give up in
little things & have can do great things
but the truth is that she has been
indulged & cannot now bear to be told
any thing that does not suit her own

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ideas sometimes she thinks it is owing to her deep that she is uneasy, but when she is better, she is perfectly happy & enjoys everything —

I will now take up no more of Your time than to assure You of the unalterable attachment of

Your affn

Windsor Castle
January 25th
1818

Sir Benjamin Bloomfield will have just received, I am grieved that poor dear Mother has such frequent attacks, You will be glad to learn that my Mother whilst I was writing to Her had an excellent sleep & breathed quite easy during that time, indeed the whole day has been a very good one —

Princess Elizabeth

to

The Prince Regent

Jany 25th. 1810.

Jan. 26 1815

Mary has shown me your most amiable & kind letter & you may depend upon my writing daily as you wish it — Thank God my Mother has had a very tolerable day, not quite so easy after dinner but it was very close as her room & she said that she thought the noise then affected her, the lovely heart of the dear Mary was very comfortable & sheer again

Jan. 26 1815

letter when I quitted her
at eleven o'clock — I think
you much better not
come but make Leo
B. write me a note to
thank me for my letter
& say that you have
too much to do to write
but that you are all
anxiety about Her
& long to see her
& — that come when you
come to Town unless
she wishes at any time
before
to see You & she has
but to send, this will
delight her — & that
you hope London will
do her good — for she
always thinks with the plea-
sure of that — & that you
are so aware of her ex-
cellent constitution &
natural good spirits —
that you long to have
a chat with her —
that every one feels the
want of the weather
at present to break
& whisper every one —
She is so fully aware
of your affection that
a word of you or from
you reaches her. for I
am convinced that
she loves none of her
children half as well
as she does you —

many & we both think
that she looks so good
& shows so much strength
that tho we are aware
of her attentive state
of health we would hope as
she is laid that much
might be done for her —
& she has so wonderfully
look after hearing
Both I was astonished
to see her, she has been
out today to take the air
& to Frogmore which
proved that a remove
have felt benefited
Goodness Dear
Windsor
Jany 26th

Princess Elizabeth
to
The Prince Regent of Wales

Jany 27. 1818.

You will be delighted to find
that my Mother is quite
another person to day
vastly well & has been
tolerably improving all
day She took a very long
drive was vastly more
Cathative & alert & we
think her charming
by this evening — I begin
to flatter myself that
if she is prudent that
she will really recover
for I am quite sure

mohis at the change, she
has been in very good
spirits & laughing in
her old style —
God bless You & trust
that You are better
& free from pain

Jany 27th
1910

Princess Elizabeth
to
The Prince Regent
Jany 28th 1810.

My dear Brother

I am happy to be able to continue my good accounts of my Mother — thank God she is charmingly & has been to St Leonards to day where we staid two hours — Sir Henry think her much better & looking very well — I hope to be able to give more of them some thanks & assure you that I am

Jan 28th 1810

Your

Jan. 29 1818

My dear Brother

I received last night after my letter was closed to You an from Count Mensdorff informing me of the Secretary Prince of Hesse Homburg's arrival & his purpose of coming hither ask me in May You may easily conceive the sort of flurry it threw me into I instantly went to Augusta & Mary & we agreed that I must instantly inform the Queen of it in the morning, which I did before my sisters & henrietta upon my reading the letter "You always wished to settle & have always said that You thought a woman might be happier & more comforta

ble in having a home," I answer I have
even thought so & add that a time may
come when I should deep for a home,
in our situation there is nothing but
character to look to & Grand Mama
has says that Miss Dunn is ex-
ultant. I therefore candidly now
I wish to accept this offer I am
no longer young & fairly feel that
having my own home will be
a comfort in time tho it causes
me a degree of pang which I feel
deeply more than I have words
to express – but God knows our
lives have been lives of trial &
even now be so, I have need to
the utmost of my power to
do my Duty as a daughter &
Sister I pray the Almighty to

Jan. 29 1818

strengthen me in those opinions
for did I not feel, that I should
in every sense beg to make my hus-
band happy how may depend
upon it that I should thank my
Cuff very wrong were I to wish
to change my situation,
My Brothers have told me that the
D. of Sussex Slankoning had proposed
some years ago for one of your & that
the Kiny gave no answer, there was
no difference as Ever made known
that in that subject he was pre-
judiced & behind some to marry
therefore I answered Her "the please
to recollect that I always told the
Kiny I never could make Her a
promise which I might repent of
& circumstances with them there
few years have strengthened me

in my opinion — My Brothers
so thank God my wife therefore
very flattered me have one dall
been — I shall write to Lord
Innovation to let them know what
I have said to You — I shall
await Your answer with the
Prince anxiety

Albert

Princess Elizabeth
to
The Prince Regent
Jany 29. 1010.

Jany 29th
1818

Jan. 29 1818

your amiable letter I have received & it was a balm to my heart, which I greatly wanted; I may Nothing more, but I grieve to say, tho I read to her every line I wrote to You this morning & to Count Mensdorff, which She might have stopt, for she had time to say it, when they were gone, she then pettish changed & She never cared me till dinner time tho I sat in my room the whole day, & when I did appear I seem more wounded, my wish is to act honorably fairly & candidly & You should not mean a violent word, but that I am aware is

must have all the things I have & Augusta who was present will tell you what an evening I had, when we see you, at last they brought us word that Count Mannsfeld was come, she said that she would not see him that he came to me & I might see him in the morning that of course I must see him & unless he asked to see her she would not see him she would not dine at table or play at cards — so they staid with her — I said as usual nearly choked but I did it & when Mansfeld was gone often bringing it in message she said she was so indifferent about me that she did not

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can to what I did I bow this sort of
thing with patient silence, till she said
that, & then I said that I was
sorry to hear her say so & that
Ofus said with perfect mildness.
Then Mon had better say nothing
of you I do not wish any Civi
lization, but why did she not
say I dislike it? Then tell me
Oh do as I please, that I was
of age, & might do as I liked
or something like it, but really
my head is so overset with
it all that my senses are
scarcely clear, & she said every
one must judge for themselves
Augusta was kind enough to
come to me in the middle of

the day and spend it with her. She looks not the least displeased & she (Augusta) says she "it would not be perfectly comfortable so judge of my agony when I contrasted what I have ~~to-day~~ — this evening — I could make many remarks, but I write not to plague you & only give you what I am in the world to be the cause of everything wrong, You have long known what my sentiments have been, when I one really loves one may do much, & I have not faulted in regard to my Mother for I have done every thing that can be done to make her happy but I am hardly used

Such is the fate of a disinterested lover

Jany 29th 1848 God bless you Yrs

[Jan. 30 1818]
(cf following)

have been from Brussels my dearest
Brother I am at Gratefully for Your
extreme kindness & affection I have
at little respect that I have forgotten
what I said last night. & I am
surrounded regarding my Brother.
as Landrum has ever been my
character. I write in the strictest
confidence & never to betray
to my Brother what you
shall answer. my some months
ago Prince who advice me
wrote to tell me being Jos
Thus worked it but my one
Dear was I write never to

any thing underhand she wished
me to speak to Count Mensdorf
but I again answer I value
him too much to put him
in an awkward situation
& with mere name the
subject till it comes properly
if it comes at all & that
so all Ernest knew & then
I wrote to him — Believe
me I am nearly distracted
thank God Mamma thinks
that I have acted right my
Mother is so happy that
all frightens have been
events then as you are to
be trusted what I have
said Dolly approved of
what I had said to my

[Jan. 30 1818]
(& following)

sisters & said it was perfect
pleasure to see Mrs C write
so hearty for Immediately is
going to Brighton I think
you for your noble honorable
conduct to Belvoir

G P R

I write wrote to night on
things of one — Poor Mr Pitt
says she is so wounded
he may conceive that she
cannot have time
they give Mrs Perrine so good
a character that I asked
from thinking Dear Victory

like a woman of course at
47 years of age would I not take
a little tea – quite convenient

Princess Elizabeth
To
The Princess of Leiningen

21 Aug 1818

Jan 30 1818

I promised You a few lines more my Mother's health is infinitely better she complains of a little headache, but that I really believe is chiefly owing to her being so distressed with me, which I sincere at much & sincerely regret — I rely entirely on you Dear have ever proved kind to me & after all Count Mensdorff said of the Prince of Hesse character I cannot but think myself most fortunate He kindly told my Mother they, which Ave gusta repeated to me &

Jan 30 1818

after a long conversation with her (who has been all kind ness) she said "look at the bright "side of the measure & dont you "tell Your Pa with pining "over my Mothers manner "it is hard upon You but "tele my Brother that he "must altogether prepare the "L. of A for Jean of Stewart "necessary him well that "my Mother is a spoilt "child for my father spoilt "her from the hour she "came & we have conti "nued doing so from the "hour of Your birth & she "is vexed that she cannot "manage this when you are away" — I can see Your

work smooth it & soften her, I minutes a hundred I never can say enough of & pray Almighty bless I asked him if he thought me wrong he said no — God knows my heart & that I acted from a wish to do all that was correct in every way my heart is so full that you must excuse blunders —

Jany. 30
1818.

I read Your letter this morning it is Hope my Mother is away by

Princess Elizabeth
to
The Prince Regent

Windsor 30th June
Sunday Evening

My dear Father, I
have received your
kind & affectionate
letter of the 27th
Instant & have it
perused & commented
upon by my Mother
& the Princesses
Augusta & Mary who
join with me in
thanking you for
the same &
assuring you that
we are very
sensible of your
affectionate
& kind remembrance
of us on every
occasion.

Princess Elizabeth
to
The Prince Regent
Jan 31. 1810.

do you wish a line each day concerning my Mother I am happy to say that she is very well in appearance & has been certainly better ever since we a great blessing — With me she is cold but I thoroughly forgive that, she acts even upon principle & the only thing that hurts me is that she should not have thought me wanting to you if she thought me wrong — I only hope that you will believe that I seen you alone twice since I did but one day in the Spring & that for so short a time I should have wondered on coming

Dear Lord Clive what my Doctor said — believe me Yrs. great haste

Jan 31 3, 1[illegible]

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Princess Elizabeth
to
The Prince Regent
Feby 3d 1818.

Feb. 3 1818

I would not worry You with a letter last night tho I longed to thank You for all Your kindness & affection which I feel as a blessing for which I cannot be thankfull enough for, particularly at this moment — My Mother is thank God much better, we had some talk last night not relevant, — & the sunset as you quitted the house, of all wh You were warned with affection & Your amiability talked over with loving sentiment of affection, She asked me whether I had sent my answer & I answered her how could You think that I would

do such a thing till Tuesday when
I see my Brothers, she thinks
that she did not speak harshly etc
I am sure she intended not to do it it is of little
consequence what past but it was
what the Dow Lady Harcourt calls
sad, sad, sad, & proves how many
days it is that we should pass
for after this, I am sure we
should not be comfortable
certainly not happy — but I am
let me stage close & pray before
this for ale I wrote is anxiety
to

Victoria

Feb: 8th
1848

I long to hear that you get better
ever