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My dear Mr Vellacott

I cannot quit this place without leaving some few lines to thank you for all the kindness you have shown me believe me that I am truly conscious that notwithstanding our long & severe separation we have found most valuable & good friends in Yourself & Mrs Vellacott therefore I pray you now wisely all

is arranged by Providence
that in the midst of our
fortune we may if we
please find comfort
& what can be a greater
blessing than good friends
I am so complimented
what I write flows
from an unaffected
Pen & an honest heart
therefore I trust you
forgive this trouble &
with every wish for
your & Queen Victoria's
health Cheltenham 24th

yrs I sign myself most
sincerely

yr affe
Friend

August 24th
1837

Number

Ernst Rudberg

Aug 29 1804 (381)

Sir

I am commanded to forward from my Brother the enclosed Letter, She orders me to say it has been written in so great a hurry that she hardly knows what she has said she relies on your good nature to forgive all mistakes for she never can answer for herself one minute & weave turned sixteen from morning to night —

Upon the Subject of Her letter I seem to say, she never was more shocked than when she was told about the mere idea of any of the family abhorring

what P. She has talked with
Wilhelm about it & he told
me he thought it arose
from the unguarded con-
versation of my Brother
Augustus who has allowed
himself to say many
many things which tell
the Pr. was totally ignor-
ant of & tho he certainly
knew in gros the state
of things here never
to the extent he does now

I cannot add to Lou that
we have been harassed to
a most frightful degree
so much so that Ernest Ld
Clarendon might Stowell
not stay here to see them
upon themself as he does
not that he says any
thing incoherent but

when he is to attend to the
Regiments & the Parade
he stands talking to Lord
Hardinge & Lord Fitzroy
Parements & deputes
& undresses from one to
three a day & at the
Dinner he originally
promised not to be
have been more from
the moment we arrived
He said Yesterday he
had slept 4 hours but
the great favorite Lord
my Brother not two
I believe Lord Z. In. really
spoke strongly yesterday
morning to Lord Hardinge
may have been of use
for an hour at most

he was certainly calmer
in some things on board
yesterday but in others
so like what he was be-
fore he was ill that it
frightened us — May he
have a strong every thing
she can to be most kind
& most tender yet off
the mouse at the thought
for a constitution the
Inventor of Economic
Bath we cannot get off
because she is Distressed
herself & the Mouse
has made round the
Country but we have
learned at Os that I hear
it will not be mended
by surgery it was ow-
ing to her good nature

that the poor Duchess had a very bad one last year. She thought her presence might prevent it from being possible whereas pleased with it at times he is very low & owned to Sophie that she suffered so much feeling he prayed for Death & when the Cholera was raging there was playing. She added it would be soon played for earnest yr ou now how shall have his whole day.

She is up exceedingly at Paris – talks of the

warm bath at six, gets on
his horse at Seven rides
with the horses till nine
returns to Breakfast
changes his coat & goes
to sleep when he talks the
whole time till five
returns or else changes
his dress for Parade-
walk comes in & has
another Dress & Shoes &
stockings ready to be
neat for the L.s Tuesday
& generally there stays
the whole time & when
we go to sophien he goes
into her room but I fear
not to bed — Yesterday
my Brother had a good
opportunity & asked
them to Dinner She said
no She liked Home better —
She has had no answer
I believe at least She said
so to my Brother the
other day I still hope
that in a week we may
still see a change at
least I will try to
keep up the Sun since
we ought to have
nerves of Iron for I for
more than I require
no common efforts
to go on — we are all
pretty well. I tremble
for Sophien for herself
by can scarcely sup-
port herself —
Pray remember me

kindly to Mrs Watson
& believe me
Yours truly

Pray remember me to your
dear Children & write
intirely my dear George

August 29th
1804

I must add there has never
been one closed in a certain
quarter since we have
been here & the indisposition

August 29th 1804

Since I wrote my other note my brother has desired me to inform you that she has forgot to name it then to you that she does not intend to answer my Brother's last letter & has sent Stein a Passport to enable him to write no more through her assuming the reconciliation on any Ground else — It will be happy for both, if he does not & wants to go through Mr Pitt & the Duke of Weimar rather not to change the present chance of getting to Paris — Shall hope you write afterwards & make them known where it is necessary I write in such haste you must excuse such a scrawl.

I am just come from Breakfast & extremely sorry Stein has been there

morning God grant it may continue
so I have seen Sir H. who made
a point of seeing him in the room
not pleased with them yesterday
& he says he is much more hopeful
& he is much pleased with
my Brothers manner — it is
someone relating to Spain but
I assure you I saw a proof of
his feelings & principles we
quite went to Prince Albert
you must be sick with the
sympathising & anxiety

Yours
August 29th
1844

The Duchess
George Villiers
Upper Grosvenor St

Sept 1804

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Sir

I this morning received Mrs Wheatley's thanks for & delivered your enclosed. I am commanded to say that she perfectly agrees with Mrs, as to what you say concerning Mr Bo Thus & thinks it was unlucky that the Letter was not stated on this subject the L— certainly does not soften & glosses

on having made Mr
P. & the L^d C^r quite tolerable
She was very violent about
my Brother who sent from
his servant by the Kings
own orders to look over
his things at Windsor
& was delighted to find
he had ordered his own
furniture to be sent
to town, without he
spoke first a great deal
too much before the
Servants which vexed
us not a little but then
he is supported by the
Ministry — Mrs Stock Sheleen
continues very indif-
ferent & has worry
about trifles beyond
every thing I can
conceive the hurry we
live in with him is real-
ly astonishing & we are
never out of society
from eight in the morn-
ing till twelve at night
That we are so fatigued
we are ready to sink
My Mother deserves to
only have the goodness
to let them know, when
you have seen the D.
C. & Mr P. & beg you
will tell Mrs Stockmar what they
really say — however so
fatiguing as to say know
would in Mamie letter
home & that has slipped
her memory I believe

Lord Stanhesbury is now
here & remains till Tues-
day or Wednesday. I think
he sees the Q. just as lon-
ward with, & agrees that
nothing but something
of a Nation should be
entrusted with Stem-
Wtemer. I think he
thinks of Stuart
for on board the other
day when the Corona-
tion Anthem was
played he said to Fitzhen
I hoped that may be
soon played for and
then for Sir Robert. so shock-
ingly I felt pray for
Death then offended Sir
from Thing beyond that

you can conceive for you
know how the Dorlyis
the ground he stands upon
on another subject too
which pleased for this
fear to state to you that
I am certain Mrs D has
worked wonders with
my Mother for she has
remained quietly not talk
ing & making no quick
answers whatever but
my only wish is that
the uniforms are to
be worn Saturday how
warm as they are made
of blue coats with a red
Collar I thought it fell
to when she spoke to me
to come into it good bye

mondly & have ordered my
dress considering that in
our situation it was of
very little consequence
& it was only one more
unpleasant trifle & we
were so used to swallow
them every day it was
much more to vex
our cousin to disturb
her were bed & board
Congress therefore if you
hear of it remember
that Dirty is a pleas-
ant sufferer thought
Mr may be not quite
agreable in the freedom
moment You may
suppose it has caused
other way coming into
morning but the one so
shocked at the original
idea, but it is better to
make up with these
trifling plagues in re
gard to ourselves than
do any thing publicly
to hurt himself the
Queen has got rid of
my condemnation to the
Opera, which is a
mercy for she sleeps
so it is quite dreadful
you would have laughed
to have seen the various
faces of the Prince & his
brother, we expected it
as a usual Sunday
evening not at all at

at the top of the Room
were a blue & Gold Couch
for the K. & Q. & chairs
of each side for the
Royal Slaves a Carpet
& two Bed Carpets to
finish the appendage
of Royalty & a keen
Nobleand raiding to look
the rest of the world
in their places & the
usual Pomp of a
Sunday evening sat
behind us, every eye
turned upon us, I can
not express what a Di
sp of was — The Dance
ing began & we saw
beauty, grace, elegance
vulgarity, awkwardness
ness & shyness in her
fashion The dear Q. got
so shaky that the L. very
indiscreetly persuaded
him to go & drink tea in
the next room & when
once he agreed he re-
turned no more to the
Dancing room which
was lucky as he slept
the whole evening but
between friends it was
the first & I hope the
last of such a scene —
for my sisters & me
agreed had we been
in Spirits it might
have amused us
exceedingly but just
now it did not at
all

I am ashamed to send you such a scrawl but the Pens are so bad as well as the Paper & the Ink I have your opportunity in making a letter — Pray remember me kindly to Mrs Grey Villiers & your dear Children particularly George & believe me

Yr sincere Friend

Victoria

Sept 12

1844

Pray see by the mere take I have made what a hurry I am in they may forgive me I have no time to write at over again —

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Sir

I have promised my Mother to let Your Grace
that we have heard today that Mr Lord C— is come
on the twenty eth, She thought it was right you
should be privately informed & She desires
that a conversation with You, before he
comes may be of service, Mr C— knows I
do not flatter myself with the Ld C—
being of the least use for the — always
is telling us that he could bring every
body, & that the Ld C— had been so struck
from my Sweet Her Lordship wonder
that night I have had some conversa
tion before Dinner with Lord Hopetoun he
told me he was much struck with the two
my Friday & Saturday but unfortunately
found them better since, he said my Fa
ther had spoke a great deal to him about
my Mother & Sister in Law that night
on the terrace at Windsor, & that Stewart
so fond of it that he had hoped the having
it all out with him might have been
of service, he said what every right minded
person must say that the reconcilia
tion was to be wished but heartily owned
he feared the probability of my Father

side tho his goodness of conduct in regard
to what he intended to leave my Brother
now Stickney — & to this you know as I
written went over the Business of the
Church. He talked openly & did not dis
cover how indiscretion would even be
a great distress to the Family this I felt
you in confidence because I thought
might as you have been there with
me to prove myself worthy of that
trust you have placed in me He frankly
said that her society were bad my dear
informer & that I might say she had
good friends He could answer they were
bad & would betray her to her at was
for their own views, & startled me so
I dared not venture to ask further but by
all he has said I plainly see he disapprove
her manner of going on & told me that
I long knew that He was far from fond
of the Child; that Vanity & love of admi
ration were her leading passions with
I also knew but never owned for I believe
I have told you before the my Brother
made us promise never to say a word
against her — When Lord Camden
took her leave the — was most gra

news & told us he should be happy to see him
again therefore now perceive by this that
the danger of the other day is over — I
must in justice to Sheridan tell you that
yesterday he frankly told Mary he had
been very much disappointed with the —
& had stated to them without that she
would not get well, that on Sunday she
thought from every she even whence
were of opinion he was better but that
this there was amendment God grant
it — She owns we cannot see it but
she does — poor Sophia (who I trust too
is to a shock) tells me she sees little or
no difference & that today at dinner she
was far from well & jestly makes
the remark which I believe we have
before made that in general he is
judged by his temper instead of the
therapy he says or does — Mary looks very
much disheartened but not
withstanding this, he is cheerful at
times the dread fade at others — Lord
Fortescue has been with us the day I saw
then found that but thank God he found
him charmingly, at least so I hear from

of course I should certainly not have asked him, the — was most kind to him & knew him particularly partial in that quarter — Col. Cunningham who married Ld Thurlow's youngest Daughter came over here with her on Saturday & on Monday succeeded in the petition to the Ld — at the room Mrs Cox — was most kindly spoken to by the Ld who remembered Ld Thurlow's speech 16 years ago &c if I forget any thing may God forget me; I think if my poor dear Ld Thurlow knew all that has passed this awful year the speech like most speeches would have fallen to the ground Don't you think so? I have stood on purpose many more towards Tees that I might not be prevented sending at Tomorrow for we go every Day to see if the weather is tolerable that if it does seem good I submit to with pleasure this I have been sadly ill day to day quite a poor wretch not able to eat my Dinner — My kind love to Mrs G. William & dear little Children but always a private line little word for my dear George

Sept 11th 1804 — Yrs ever G

[Hon G. Villiers] [Aug-Oct. 1804]

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To P.R.H. Sept 14

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of two letters from yr R. H. wd. I do with the highest sense of gratitude for the confidence reposed in me I have deliberated over & over again on all yr. R. H. has graciously ~~condescended~~ condescended to make known to me and in a few words allow me to say I cannot discover any thing like material & permanent amendment one day may be a little better than another but yet there seems no abatement of hurry plans & projects – Dr Heberden I perceive by three letters I have read this to the L. C.

is quite of a different opinion, speaks in
a most sanguine manner & with the highest
satisfaction of the considerable amendment
he has discovered during his residence
at Weymouth I am assured Lord Roslyn
spoke but too truly of the Princess when he
alludes to it but I cannot help lamenting
that as he I believe is, or has been,
much in her Confidence that he had
not taken an opportunity of giving
his endeavours to check what he
conceived ~~[illegible]~~ to be improper Lendis=
=cent conduct in her, wh certainly
wd have been more likely to have

answered a good purpose than adding
to the uneasiness of Y.R. Its earliest
heart on a subject wch Motives
of Delicacy & Prudence must prevent
Y.r interfering ~~[illegible]~~ Dangerous
There is another Quarter wr Ye
might render considerable Service ~~[illegible]~~
by removing the Veil wch at present
causes so much blindness & partiality
towards the Princess, I really think this
so material, & Y.R. H. allows me to speak
with so much freedom, that I cannot
but wish you would animate him to
undertake this ~~[illegible]~~ Task whenever
~~[illegible]~~ there may be a favorable opportunity

many of w^h must occur, as he seems to be allowed a considerable share of H. M.'s confidence — Lord Fortescue without his better half I do not think it much to be feared ~~with~~ ~~in himself~~ as he is very absent, & never disposed to make an unfavorable report of any one, but Ld Thurlow's Son in Law I much wish had been any where else, for I am sorry to think Rd age does not improve Ld Thurlow's turn of mind — as I ~~have~~ never had a high opinion of his principles (notwithstanding his talents) I do not place any value on ~~his~~ the attachment he may have at any time

respected for his sovereign, must be aware
that he is a principal adviser in these
Quarters — I have lately had two interviews
with the L.d Chancellor, one this morning, and the
in consequence of my especially myself first
~~they communicated from my~~
at his not appointing any ~~interview~~ meeting
~~consequence~~ upon ~~to~~ my application to him myself to
Mr P. near a fortnight ago. His reply to that
H. M. had permitted me to communicate
was nearly similar ~~to that~~ to what I see from
Mr Pitt — I will respect this going to Weymouth
tho' it had been mentioned to H. M. that
he was to form a part of the council on
the 20th. He had no intention of attending.
H. M. had said (I believe to L.d Camden)
"certainly not. The C. as one for he is in

Yorkshire" But he privately told me that it was his intention when he addressed his M. on business to offer to pay his Duty at Windsor. He also ~~told me that~~ mentioned L Camden was much pleased with his reception — May I beg permission to add: that a part of Q. A.'s letter wch is indeed most interesting Dear, I mean respecting Q. our health, indeed it is a matter of astonishment to me how much Q. R. A. is able to endure from day to day but we cannot help hoping that Gn may give us the gratification of knowing that you take some care of yourself &

derive benefit from so doing — Mr.
G. K. as well as myself are most
grateful to Y. R. H. for y.r kind remembrance
of us & our Children, & you are
daily boasting of y.r kind & particular notice
of him ~~&~~ is delighted whenever I tell
him ~~that~~ we have heard from Y. R. H.
For y.r kind wishes with much pleasure
I shall let Y. R. H. is so good as to
promise her, & hope they have much
gratified she will always be in
~~waiting~~ writing Y. R. H.'s commands —
on any subject

T. P. E. Windsor Sept.r

I cannot sufficiently acknowledge your R. H. great goodness & condescension in so frequently communicating to me the true state of things yet Depending my hopes & fears are much called forth by the last letter with W.h I am honored God grant that this temporary quiet & composure may bring on a permanent steadiness of manners but I cannot as yet flatter myself that the amendment is substantial so long as all the plans & projects are uppermost in thought and I fear the diminution of hurry & irritation may solely proceed from the effects of the double dose of medicine W.h was taken on account of bile & indigestion. Surely the physicians ought to risk any degree of displeasure to establish a fact W.h I have long thought to be the case viz. that the fruit & pastry system of diet is the worst possible for H. M. to adopt this I ventured repeatedly to remark but with little or no effect on the physicians. The fall from the horse might indeed easily have been of serious consequence and I feel very grateful to your R. H. for giving me correct intelligence. I had the honor of a long interview with H. R. H. The D. of York on Thursday last who seemed by no means displeased with his visit tho' I think he mentioned some instances of H. M.s manner towards H. R. H. W.h was very unlike what was usual with regard to Mr. P. H. he said tho' he was very wrong towards him on the subject of the physicians yet he spoke in the handsomest manner of him as a public character I wish I could prevail on him to be frequent in paying attention & respect to H. M.

and then mistaken prejudices would soon vanish I mean
~~to see him and~~ to try to prevail on him to fix a time for
going to Weymouth when we last talked on the subject he said
he should certainly go down. — The L. Chancellor was with
me in the country on Saturday I find from The Duke of York
that he entirely mistook H. M. pleasure respecting his
attendance at The council and that H. M. was much disappointed
at his not coming down it now stands appointed for his
visit to take place on the 25th give me leave to ask you
R. H. whether that is not exactly the time intended for Cassels
I am going to ~~Windsor~~ St Leonards tomorrow to ~~[illegible]~~ receive from
Mr Pitt the future control of H. M. fadings concerns and
ultimately to reside at Cranbourne Lodge for that purpose, I am
gratified ~~at~~ to a high degree in feeling that I can be useful to
H. M. or any part of The R. F. but there is one point from
the friendly & gracious manner you have been pleased to notice
us that I feel bold enough to submit for yr R. H. advice —
we are ~~to a very affluent~~ so little affluent that without great management
of the land I hold we could not even keep house "Dig I can and to
beg I am ashamed" has uniformly been my adage now H. M.
proposes to me to quit my home with a sixth child coming
into the world and reside at Cranbourne, without land, without
furniture & without Salary I am so sure that such cannot
be ~~his~~ Majesty's intention that what I humbly presume to
ask yr R. H. advice upon is what will be the best manner
of bringing my situation ~~before~~ into his M. notice and that once
done I have doubt of every thing that is fair & liberal
will take place. + The L. Chancellor & Mr Pitt are perfectly

well disposed to me but really I believe them to be afraid of making any proposition unasked for that is not absolutely necessary.

I have lately heard that the P. of Wales has been as right as possible & on my remarking to a person in H.R.H. confidence how impolitick it was removing all the furniture from his apartments at Windsor to London it was ordered back again and will pass for a mistake of his page - every exertion is making to prevail on H.R.H. not to give up the P. Charlotte This point Mr Fox is particularly violent upon I mean to write to L.d Moira to prevail on him to be within reach and to ask for an audience immediately for the reason I could wish to have it any day is first of the return I am sure the L. Chancellor cannot now succeed in the business of reconciliation. On next Monday we are going to Portsmouth and from thence to Plymouth I hope I might take the liberty of paying my respects at Weymouth in my way I am most anxious to do so and yet am half afraid of being de trop

I might have had profited by ~~Had certainly frequent~~ opportunities during the three months I had the honor of being ~~under the~~ at Kew & Windsor but I could not avail myself of them and would never for a moment encourage any remarks to the prejudice of L.d Cardigan Gen.l Grenville, Gen.l Harcourt or Mr Greville all of whom frequently were mentioned as objects of removal to my advantage

Sept 17 1804

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My dear Mrs Vellacott

It is a long while since I troubled you with a letter over home the pretty taken up as I not filled with such delightful incidents to make a letter very entertaining I have written to Lord & Master to day but wished to tell you some things which are for your own private ear — & which it shock me I ought probably to know when my Uncle was here he told me my father had told him that my Mother had refused her returning to her room tho I thought so shocking & entire now so wrong for a woman of principle that I determined to tell her — fortunately I had an opportunity & said to her that my Uncle had fairly asked if it was true that I had unwarded I doubted not but that I would act — She gave me her solemn oath my Father had never said one word on the subject but told Mr that when she should go to her Room, he would have the neat room but that he never would distrust her

for that the moment she wished she should go away this to be sure did not astonish me if he wished to return, yet his saying so vexed me as it certainly put my Mother exceedingly in the wrong & he ended with saying to my Uncle as she doesnot dance it she must take the consequence I thought it my Duty to say that if it was not so she ought to let me say so if I was asked otherwise she would be most exceedingly blamed — I saw she wished the subject dropped which I thought taken from me for soon I have so often spoke that she is not quite pleased with me tho she pass the saying so — I am just in saying that circumstances have so occurred that I am sensible I have often for the sake both of my father & the family said things that in my situation as a Daughter ought not to have come from me — but what was to do? Yesterday family owned to have my fears in regard to my father, before I had set eyes on Sir F — for I never saw so much goodness as bursts out at times

which makes one think most seriously of the nothingness of human nature to see so fine, so religious & so good a man thus afflicted shakes the heart & makes one doubly thank on the goodness of a just & merciful Providence who will give us strength & fortitude to carry us through it — My mother is very much re-lieved indeed my anxiety & yet not knowing what lies — this morning suffices I shall not say I have written when but I am certain if I am wrong you will with your usual goodness attribute to wishing this night. The Lords is quite gone so I cannot say God bless you love to all those children particularly my love

George

Sept 19th

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I was in hopes of writing Mama very good accounts as I really thought we were getting better, but within these two days I am sorry to say I do not think so such a hurry & much talking in short the most hurry thing I ever witnessed I saw Sir H. Inlemann this morning & spoke very cheerly & honestly to Sir in he is himself sensible of the change & attributes it greatly to his Diet & the bad food he at present nourishes himself with the little Rest & the constant motion he is in his food is taken whenever they always com plaining of hunger — No wine & hardly even tasted after four & from that hour till twelve o'clock at night talking, walking riding & running from one place to another Sir H told Sir in yesterday that Melon was a very cold fruit that Dr: Pharid Sir & Sir H said every to that he abused the medical health all day & told me fairly Mr — Mr-y is afraid of being ill I have not strength of mind to stop him from taking the things which have hurt

ful to Him in short He honestly told me that my father gave himself so little rest that by the time evening came on he had exhausted both body & mind so much that for a time he actually became delirious but not me beyond words I never heard him say so much, & therefore I think I am justified by telling you the real truth others who do not know Lord Raglan say he is charmingly Lord Raglan who has been here since Thursday evening told me, that Mr Ellice was nothing that you would call wrong yet she thought saying he was as well as ever was doing no good rather harm — Mr Ellice found Montbellew than she expected, this she more saw a character so totally changed & a degree of heavy that was she sorry the family would feel here an constant anxiety whether exactly what I feel the new comer is here, in every good sense & do him justice very good humoured tho not being used to such rustic manners

rather annoys me I hear from Mary that he told Her, that he feared the Journal would never be made ch – & that Ld L – w had told my Brother that was my Father to prophesy the Child he would be the first to stand up against it saying "that a Man who Lounged upstairs five or six times a day on a difference drop was not fit to undertake the education of such a Child as the one all are so anxious about" This is in confidence but I thought it might you should know ch – My father intends going for a few days to Lord Dorchester & taking us ch there in short I am of opinion the worry of mind continues & the bother is that that bother does remain rather longer than it did the horrible & humble – when we hear he is better he expresses himself warmly attached to Mr P. the moment he is not so then he is violently against him – I must again say that my Mother is ch good humoured & only now wishes hart right when she does not I literally believe fear gets the

bitter of judgement which at home I pity
for I say as much as lays on my power
to place myself in her situation which is
difficult enough — & to justify when I can
I will now and happy too to believe
me

Yr friend

Sept 17th
1852

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I say a mistake Your kind letter never reached me yesterday tho it ought to have come on that day but instead of Weymouth they sent it to Ringsgate tho I must plead my excuse for not answering it in either of my letters which I have written I shall undoubtedly follow your good advice on the score of conversation with Lord R—n entreat him to do what he thinks right which I think he will be willing to do as he also seems to understand my letter in a kind to him for he says one can give him no advice for the present take more at a time is too true — Since I wrote to dear Mr. G. Villiers yesterday I have been told on the secret of my life that Nothing is far from pleased with my Father & says that he thinks this place has not been of the use that was expected this is good authority & I understand but you may believe it is not to be breathed, that I am so ill with

the seventh the other day that they were
obliged to send for Norton who granted
him immediately with a look but this
I dare not know You see our prospects
do not brighten which almost breaks
my heart still I am nothing to take
that the disappointment he has met
with may have increased the hung
the many she say she is quite well
which shows how little he is really
known which undoubtedly is a comfort
I understand Ld C — as soon as he told
a person that my Brother had said
my father was as ill as ever but
he thought that was not the case &
had written to Stern to tell him
he only went himself by agency
so the only alteration he found was
an unbounded flow of goodness wh
was too much from that quarter
I believe she is gone — heard of Rest in
our great mercy & tell that is re-
stored we have every reason to rejoice
for she used always to say that if he
lost her that he should die & to tell you
the truth she did say the other day at

cannot go on as it does whether that would
be to health or his present mode of life
I do not presume to determine but fair
lly own to you that these things create
an uneasiness in me the causes are
imagined than expected —
I fear you will be surprised with my
letter but allow me to say Your good
nature has been so deeply felt, being
so little used to that kind of endearment
that I am sensible I may trespass on
it with I beg to be forgiven & at the
same my whole soul is wrapt up in
both my Father & Mother who I see
very unhappy, & a kind of restless
anxiety of both sides which I long
to alleviate & know full well I am
not the person to do it the I have
spoken freely to my Mother & tried
to work up her feelings but fair
ly we must remember & regret
that She is a German — & leave this
unpleasant subject of pride for herself
& disinclination to those who perhaps feel

which may be or might be better from
them not to have) & if it were to be given
from dear Soul I would immediate
ly directly Mais l'homme proposes
& Dieu dispose & I certainly claim
Right — but Patience is necessary
every where & particularly they
moves before I quit my room in
the morning like Lord Byron I am
obliged to brace my nerves with so
many Drops of Patience a grain of
forbearance an ounce of good humour
a few more drops of good nature &
Kindness of courage Shake them up well
& swallow them before we make our
appearance in the great world which
we never quit from morning till
night — Think we can succeed to it if
I did the train of thought would be so
melancholy we could never pass —
I am just going on board so have
only time to thank you again &
beg with my kind love to Mary
& your dear children that you
will believe me sincerely yours
Sept: 19th 1842

Sept 1804 (390)

You will be surprized at my troubling you again so soon but I have just heard that at last an answer from the Lady is come to my Father. It is under the seal of secrecy for Yourself & Mrs V but I thought you might be alike to know what refusal first where her age secondly that it must have been itself that made him make such a proposal, & thirdly that nothing was impossible — It made him furious as I understand & B says he has not seen him so bad as the three last days for a considerable time nothing would please him that was done in his own House, but with us, tho I did not think he was wrong I remarked that it appeared in that light I told Lady Radnor had been with us. She quitted us last night the

It was delighted with her being here & told
her servants he would give her the wealth
he had intended she where because he
could not bear to see it the case that
had it he would destroy for on it he
had written "for the L- of my Heart"
He said after receiving the letter that
he was sure he should not live long
& that he could not go on as he did
he blow their for as I have unbelievin
confidence I think it my duty to
say so. I was not on board yesterday
but I hear it was but an indifferent
day today I hope he is better & I am
sure when the Handes arrive wh
will be to morrow he will be well
for I agree with Mr P. I am con
vinced now that yesterday been
I told my brother that the friend
by post there had both asked & eg
required my letting know what
what had passed been so answer

about

Sept 10th

1874

Sept 1804

(391)

I should have thanked you my dear
Mr George much sooner had not
that old torment Time, who I wish
even hang to stop men too fast
for me to catch them — however
as the Pg is on board I hope to be
able to thank you today for one
of the most amiable kind letters
I ever received & you advise
so good, so kind & so what I could
wish that I agree to it & have &
shall follow it & tho I grieved
to destroy it I did it as I promised
never to name it I spoke with
Sir G on the subject & told him
what of the Gl said very strongly
more on the subject He should
do his best to put the right

for nothing so I am to say what I am
desired You must be very aware
I have a very difficult card to play
& tho my broad back could bear a
good deal yet at moments it could
scarcely stand its weight & what can
be said with propriety to a friend
cannot to a Mother — for some
days we have been quieter but not
always Thesame
I was obliged to go with my Mother on
board the Yachts which are already
in harbour to settle every thing
& the R.y being on board sailing at
was the only time I could hopefully
manage to get there without Sir
being offended I hope it will suit
well but a small vessel does not
allow of much noise however I
trust both Old & young will be
pleased
We go to Thorney tomorrow the
22 Somerset Mr knows I am not

very military but as they chose to
quiz me, I chose to astonish them
& talked most wonderfully of
Lectures, echellons, oblique lines
& de bite they could hardly
believe it was me – but I found
my military ardour would not
serve longer than to cause a hearty
laugh – Pray give my kindest
love to George – I fear there neither
Mimi nor any of your children
will be forgotten by me, the
friendship Count Mr & Mrs Vellen
have shewn us is too valuable
to be easily erased from my mind
I only wish it were in my power
to prove it, but alas in my
unfortunate situation I have
only words. but believe towards
you these words are in italics.

I will write again soon but being obliged to leave for Dunmow I have only time to assure you of my being

Yrs affly

Sept 27th

1864

Jul 27 1804

you will be glad to hear from me again —
I can with truth say my Father is
better that is to say he has been quieter
but as he says his schemes depend, I can
not say so for this morning he
has been as mad as ever about the
subject of the Lodge — in the Park that
I own vexes me for in those points
we do not agree — this it is the fashion
which I dislike very much, poor Lord W—
J. who was here owned he was a
good deal hurried & I own probably
when I think my Father urged
in regard to Mr P. about the Medical
Gentlemen who are here & would
wish some friend of Mr P.'s would
tell the K— g that Mr O would not
be jealousied if they were not at hand
& that the country required it for
I cannot bear my Father not

withstanding of so very straight forward character — I intended to have written & have thanked Lord Lord Mr G. Villiers for his letter long before this but I am engaged in preparing a fête for Saturday which has & does take up much of my time this the day before yesterday I was particularly anxious to have let you know that my Father had had a fall from his Horse but thank God not hurt which is nearly a miracle for the fall on the Pavement very hard the Horse just flying from under him & he coming down on his side with the Dog whom seem alarmed the Gentleman much but he was not at all hurt which makes me think he is steadying Do believe me

probably has not as well as the
Medical Gentlemen think — He
has brought the three Stones he
he wanted & amused himself
with moving furniture from
one to the other yesterday & is
delighted with having a new
Hobby Horse — He talks of making
alterations & Brown is sent for.
Every thing appears good here:
perfect & pleasant between them
both tho at times a real cross
weather must work things other
wise but where confidence (I
mean mutual confidence is
lost I defy friends both to be sen
sible. It is a good test a favourable
Season to live & I trust weather
may Heart now may poor Head
would even allow me to come into

so egregious a mistake one must pity & pass in silence what one feels it would spent in bitterness in this case it is unforgivable at least from me — this I had some conversation before my sister in the most respectful way but which she could not answer — & as a proof in some things poor soul she must feel herself wrong she never speaks to them she ought to speak but makes no talk & then is surprized & then dont talk to them so those see it is all alike very extraordinary — I write write if I could Mrs G. Bettein if I have time but for fear of being prevented beg leave to remain ever Dear Madam Sept 29th 1874 Your friend

(1) Oct 1804 (393)

I received Your letter the night before last & could not answer it either then or yesterday & now I do it before Breakfast in hopes of being able to send it Off by to days Mail — I can not thank You enough for telling me what I really wished to know about my Brother but if I was to say all I feel on the head of Your kind & dear letter I must keep: perhaps longer on Your time than I have time to run on now, therefore to have done — I own myself without this week I think we have lost ground with Her Love, for She is quieter but an eagerness which is perceptible, & inevitable I have witnessed a Scene between the two which very near knocked me & indeed all of us completely down, for if as a real Friend proves to be present at scenes it would be unpardonable letting for Daughters even the grown one never to see —

It began as all differences do about servants
& those dreadful Stables which no woman
can understand they took yet restant but
my Father which the truth had the best of it
Mr He did say things to her so unfeelingly
sharp — but unfortunately so true that one
did not know which way to look. She
would have the last word forgot the
situation of my Father & I fear has
done herself much harm — In short
Mrs Bartley to Lord Dorchester which
is to take place next Wednesday has be
gone in a Storm I trust it may end in
a calm but I am concerned for Mr Stathan
knew She was wrong & therefore wish
say nothing to me, for with my honour
I should in a respectful manner tell
her She was wrong however I did say one
thing which I trust was right when my
Father was gone She said did you ever see
any thing like it I hate her meddling with
my stables but now Ye know I take the

German visit me & Dd D— who I cannot do without what do you think? that she has been coming to town taking the German who he feels the more in his side & prevents them being with me — I believe she was sorry she had asked him at least I said what I really think in one sense & prevented myself from entering in to a quarrel — I pity her, for she has been spoilt; my Father has from over goodness been the cause & now he cannot stand contradiction & to tell you the truth I think it quite wicked He should be teased & plagued & tho I am no favorite (which I am glad of) no one has worked harder or with more zeal than myself for him — I also love & respect my Mother & know if she had some true friend who would reconcile it on a Religious basis all might still be well but our prospects therefore & I own I am so disheartened that I wish myself away ten thousand times in a day however begging your pardon I believe if I was invited to the Black Gentleman —

shake subsided so entirely that it will occasion some staring at least this shocking scene has done some good; in short my heart is mean broke, & often when I long to go & talk to poor Mr L— I feel he looks on me as a meddling busy & I shrink back— but I have one comfort that if I died tonight I can say I never have had a single quarrel with this honey, have made wh mellow I am worthy to say Mr Perry has again written to Sophia which is a great delight to me for her admiration of them is such that I should be wretched if he did not feel it & her manner excellent I think some others were as good, & often it strikes me, how hard, that so good a man with so large a family should not find in most of them that comfort & that openness which is so necessary to create affection & would tend so much to his own happiness but L. & P— are different from other men Prince has the same feelings as Lord Melbourne but they at homes dont the Cards so taught

to hide feeling that believe me it is often a most trying situation — but one is so melancholy a subject to touch on — if it goes on long we will soon forsome after — Never mind it is of little consequence — But had I the wings of a Dove I would fly away & be at rest" — Now for Mama own sub: just a bit of interesting one to me, I do not perfect friends but without feeling yet to my hearts core I think you really should represent to the Duke your situation & I am certain he will attend to it for it is impossible H. M. should give Mama all the trouble & anxiety concerning Sir Francis without some salary. The manner, I will think of for to bring it forward, for I know in that quarter there is much in that & will write again in a few days — we go to Lord Dorchester Wednesday 10th & stay till Saturday week not leave this place till Monday three weeks the 29th when we go for some days to the New Forest, so you see every scheme is struck too & carried through — Now I must add more to this long letter which I fear is very tedious to you that my Father is again fade of the Child — & talks strangely

about the Governess, I say strangely because I think in the situation of that Child that it requires much thought, & a great deal of veighing in mind what is wanted, last night Ste wanted a person who knew no thing of the world I own it strike me as singular for a novice would not be ruled by the person you would wish to find out about a young P.P. to whom an experienced person would be of the greatest consequence & use — At the sentence too uttered by a person to the last thing one would — with in short the K — wants it to be a woman's choice — which probably I think wrong, for what one woman could have influence enough to be answerable for a Being who is to have the whole sole care of the Child — The K. says it will be a ministerial job I dont pretend to contradict St. M. but I am of opinion the person should be pointed out & approved of by some of St M. confidential servants & those who are approved to teach the Child directed & approved of by Mrs a woman cannot answer to the Country undertaking such a thing. Ste wanted to name one here a very amiable one but

who from her nerves & ignorance of the world would be as fit to be the Governess as I should be to be first Minister — She is a very amiable quiet woman — but by all I hear not at all the thing in confidence I write tell you who it is but pray remember all this is for Yourself & if it is of any use I leave it to Your Judgement to mention or not mention what I say but I think it a subject of too much consequence for those who are to talk it over with the Q — not to know the truth — Ld G. Murray is the Lady she has a tribe of children & is totally Governed by the Duke of Atholl she told me so herself — I trust Your Ld will not think me impertinent or meddling in telling you all these things but it is of consequence for You to know every thing I can have no interest in what I say but I am trying my word with You — I took Your Mont & spoke to Ld M — about my Sister in Law — & told Him how

mistrust it was to other may Father says
about her, he told me it was astonish-
ing how my Father knew her character
but that she was always <u>crossing him</u>
& he appeared to doubt her strong religious
principles which she does so talk so
much of — The clock I fear with three
three two or three nights has been very
indifferent. She says "I have had a de-
lightful night" but the servants say
the contrary & I own she talked to Jane
I did not like, saying poor Brown was
enough & that rest was nonsense — &
that at sixty six one ought not to have
more sleep, I heard it with grief & vi-
sitors, but it <u>costs sleep</u> those unrea-
sonable speeches & one dare say nothing.
She has had one or two very bad headaches & Bellman tells me he should
tend to them so does Dundas say she has
been down here for two days — She is gone
away again I do not regret them — My
Father wanted them to go to Ireland but
he refused it. I walked more to morrow

I now continue again to know tho I am almost ashamed of the length of this Box with wish one further for Dr told me that he feared apoplexy if the Ld did not read of these head aches — this has been agony to me — but he has done his Duty to me have me for at times he looks shocking by — My Brother commands me to say that my Father of late has read some letters — the advices given contain a short letter stating how Bonaparte situated & Mon have a fair plea as the Ld himself proved this to Mon & as she generally shows Pa all the letters she will certainly say every thing

with her power as she thoroughly feels that she owes you much & will be glad on an opportunity of proving it — I mean she has had a long conversation with Ld R— n who agrees perfectly about the Child's establishment being settled & approved of by her R. confidential servants & has said to my Mother exactly what I have said to you, which I did not know till this minute but I am glad — that she thinks as I do — & she told my Mother she thought Sir Robert might in not having any thing to do with the Child that I am convinced is the wisest thing for my Mother to be cannot be too quiet only I feel so glad of this, governing it will not affect her feelings for it really

kills me — The servants thought Mrs
Bellew yesterday. to day she looks ill but
is gone onboard it is to rough for
Mr L. so Mary & me remain quiet
which I regret as I fancy Your
Mrs life is dreadful so hurrying
it is very wearing —
Pray give my kind love to Mr
George Villiers my particular
remembrance to George not
forgetting me to my dear
George must now be fond with
me —
Believe me that (Mrs Ellis I fear
will be a great plague to you)
all my goodness yet that Mrs
who writes it is even hardly
in being able to express Your
Mrs unalterable regard & gratitude
believe Mrs yr sincere friend
Oct 8th
1852 —

Oct 1804 (394)

I am ashamed not to have answered but since I have seen Mrs. Stotesbury haven't had one minute bite to day I have two or three times taken up my pen to let you know what I had heard, I felt particularly provoked, at not being able to write, as I knew Mrs. Lindsay but like the mighty beyoulant she had not said a word — that I had heard. he did not appear displeased spoke kindly of Mr & Mrs Allen & merely said that she thought he had been one hurry in writing as he could not let him have the horses without a delay nothing, however I gave Mrs my horses & she asked me if I did not think so & I answered before Mr L & Mary Sister consider Sir this family & the undertaking, particularly Cambrian what is no small undertaking, that true, she said & then she ended, & then again she heard it saying I cannot let Mein Ranger of Cambrian for that is now looked upon as part of the Pack hunter Sarcourt is now in good humour & she would take

that all — but I wish do what is right
by him — now you have the whole & he
has not said a word since — He was certain
by letters & my Mother found them so
but to day he is more burned the Chancellor
arrived yesterday & was remarkably well
received by Stein He is gone on board to
Day I own after breakfast I thought
my father very unwell extremely
irritable, not with any fear, but actually
offended & He said He was sure that
they had done nothing in short fancies
against Boyatt & that he was a plague
& torment to Stein Of course, silence
there occasions is the best thing, one
day he says he sleeps well, the next it is
I fear that in that point he does not
improve — & I own the subject of the Castle
does set him off beyond any, body, and
it may go off when we return — & He has
totally forgot that He ordered Mrs Egerton
to move & talks as if She was in the
apartment still the Boyatt has told Stein
in a letter he had that the door was cut
through into Mrs Egertons rooms from

the Prince Thorn — & he continues to be a jury about the intended Road which we have since found out He originally proposed themself — I only hope that my sister in law will now not be seen be for my Brother for I have the very same good account you gave me from Edward who says He is all good humour & ready for any thing to be recommended always speaks affectionately of you all — in short a quite contrast to those, God grant the Chancellor may now do no harm poor man one pities him for all his grievances that so worthy a creature should be so undetermined

We are to morrow to have our take leave but I enjoy it for those whole those kind of things but I own fairly not dancing if it was not for others I should not enjoy it much — for often a sigh comes over me of the sad changes which have been made & which prove so much how thoroughly illness had to do with them

I cannot tell you what pleasure it gave us having You & Mr G. & Miss here

I only wish it had been prolonged & that we
Men of Your dear Boys have suffered by
travelling & that we found Your Brother
as happy as I wish all who belong to
you I am ashamed to send You such
a scrawl but I have often been called
off & none of my Sisters can be here
if I write on your way. homeward
I shall send this to Completion wks will
take me off

Kind Compliments to Mrs & Miss Villiers
if I have any Money I wish would
again & then Miss my love to the Boys
but particularly George & Dermot

Oct 25th

Yrs

VW Q

My dear Madam — I am much
concerned to find by the letter with
wh. I was honoured from y. R.H. this
morn. that the one I took the
liberty of addressing to y. R.H.
last Tuesday had occasioned
either regret or displeasure —
I can only say it was the pure
=st from my wish to create
either, nor was I vain enough
to suppose that the ~~wishes~~ judgment of so
humble an Individual as
myself c. be a matter of much
consideration — I now beg to offer
to y. R.H. the expression of my
gratitude for the assurances
contained

in your letter that no personal
objection was made to me —
but my dear Madame allow me
to say that if for a moment
Y R H had condemned you (from the words it has)
yourself (in imagination) in
my situation, you wd have felt
as I did, for knowing that it
was not merely to gratify my
own feelings of affection towards
P. Wm: that I visited her constantly
but because Y R H afraid me
daily that my visits (true
honour & friendship) were her greatest
comfort & did her good, & behold
by a L. Thyme that I wd be near
to when Y R H was able to see
company was at once
shewing me I had presumed
too far in asking admission
as a friend & felt it the more
when ~~I found that~~ I reflected
of benefit to Y R H, how much
the irritation produced by this
order had injured her health.
Y R H is very jealous in
saying you wished I had written
or spoken to you sooner, but
that indeed was a liberty I never
wd have dreamt of taking
for whatever may be my
own feelings on any subject
I am I hope too well aware

of the deference respect due
from me to every part of
the R Family to claim any
privilege but what they may
be graciously pleased to grant
and receiving one line from
y R H I could not think
of intruding on you — I
have now only to implore
forgiveness if I have given the slight-
-est offence by any thing I have
said & perhaps may expect that
any thing that concerns me I
have given y R H one moment's
uneasiness, both duty and
inclination always leading me
to wish the reverse — I have the honour
&c —

Nov 2 1804

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I wrote you two lines before we quit the Place which was entirely to be followed by Mother to do me in the week I should let you know that my Father has mentioned the subject of Governess to the Lord Lord of the House, who has told him that he did not feel Your Brother in Law half so much as Your Mother who was the the most outrageous creature that ever was born. My Mother is

anxious that I should
know at that period no
one has been more truly
the friend to the parties
so thoroughly as loyal
& faithful & upright
I consider him & therefore
for at times I feel
as if I could almost
believe he had exhausted
all things
we said & done which prove
the contrary so completely
that it breaks one's heart
more as nearly quite
broke you between them
all I love in a state of
anxiety hoped the idea
for I love Alexander so

deservedly & am
in readiness for
fear of more disposition
in the family
I remain dear Mrs G
Yours affectionately
Victoria

Nov: 2d
1864

Nov 7 1864

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I shall trouble You with a few lines tho I have little comfortable to say I have spoken with my Mother who will give no opinion but says She's sure you are right & only hopes of the re-unitation takes place that when the visit is made You may be with us. The visit to Stoke Park took place on Monday but nothing has transpired, tho She has never told at my Mother thinks have been threatened & I believe my Mother truly watched for fear of its effect. my the contrary party that it may occasion them to take some rash step or not come, in short she is harassed to death & I believe my Father sees a renewal of sadness

which is even a cause of grief to those who see there & must witness this unfortunate line of conduct which sometimes I pity, & sometimes I blame — but forgive this for I am writing a warm secret to you — She — showed me the copy of the letter she has sent to the D. of C. with a message desiring love Mary B — n. you may believe I was opposed to it written but I do not disapprove I see in a favorable for Oh what will become of her if she does not come?

I have had some conversation with my Mother to day I thought it right but Oh give me your advice do? I long to do right but dread forever even anxiety should make me act wrong God knows my heart I have discovered I am to day I do

my Dear Boy The L^d C^n refused at
first taking any message which
offended Me — but Mr P. at the
down times at Windsor took when
the Old Man often said that he
did not see that that superseded any
thing as a short message surely
he ever would have seen worded for
the Launch — This I think he
mean Me — worshipped with
I was ashamed to send that at
a mean one in the morning I
can scarcely see I am so tired
Love to Mrs Anderson & believe
me

Ever yrs

V R

Dec 1804.

I have never had an instant as my Mother has been unwell whether morning & I suppose you I have been all anxiety to write for be lieve me tho my Father talks much of keeping his temper he is harassed to death The visit to Blackheath has done more mischief than you can imagine for only think of Her telling him that at the time of the Political Dinners at Ch House there was a thought of a Ball being given, where she heard she was to have been asked to & that she had intended to have refused if the Father & Mother had not been able to have gone — my 2d Brother said he never had heard it, & did not believe it, that had have even no weight, so that she certainly has added fuel to the flame, & my 6th Brother being on the scene He was so angry that I am sure The P.

will know it my Father so wished. He has heard nothing either from the Ld C— or Mr P. W. & upheaven on said suspicions your letter I am sorry to tell you was given to the C— r who has used an consequence of the paper being worn & his not having shewed that it was so infamous a one, he dared not presume to lay it before my Father so you see that the Ld C— r has undone much of the good (I am sorry to say) that one had flattered oneself your paper would have done, but I am of opinion that those who try to make the breach wider deserve to be hung — to say that we are safely housed is nothing new to you, & Baron Munster being here does not lessen it; for every feeling is called forth of every sort, & I hear that this morning he cried, & said to my Aide de Camp, "I am in sad suspense; Mrs. R. Stanhope is here & has acted wisely

for when she told her with some degree
of anger many things concerning my
Brother she told him it was cruel to
insult my Brother more in her eyes
& who ever said any thing to wounds
the breach was wicked; she said to him
never would be respect, to which the
weirdly unsoiled Steuart nature
with be Steuart nature & in the
state things are Lr Sh. may see
things not exactly on that subject
as you would on others ——— if
there indeed ——— I was called off by
my Mother who desired me to con
sider whether it would not be
fair & honest by you to let you
know the state of things & the fate
of your letter, I said I would un
doubtedly, for the handsome &
friendly part you have so nobly
acted by us against unbounded

confidence which I am sure I shall
even give you but I say in secrecy to
you I am grieved to find that my Da-
ther can have nothing to shew itself
for also this morning in talking
over this business of the letter in
Mussemmer, wherein he says my
Brother gave him the exclusive
right to the Child he turns to my
Mother & says as we last Elope
knows what that means, which
of course the instant he was gone
I was naturally questioned whom
now on Wednesday last when he
told it me he said the reason of
that word was owing to an Bu-
ther fancy that my Mother should
have any power over the Child,
& that the severity with which she
treated us was such that my Bu-
ther had a horror for her education
He asked me if I knew it & I said
yes — for to tell you the truth my

Brother had told me so but that I did not say — of course I told her that it meant that no one but my Father should have a word to say concerning the Child not even its own Mother herself. She says she is certain he only meant the sister in law & no one else, for three years ago he offered her the care of the Child — This I believe he had altered his opinion in the Summer when this letter of 28th. was wrote — Now you have my long say — my Mother is unwell out of spirits & all is gloomy & melancholy I assure you I am ashamed to take up so much of your time but I thought it better you should understand things — by the bye she told me somebody had told them that the whole party

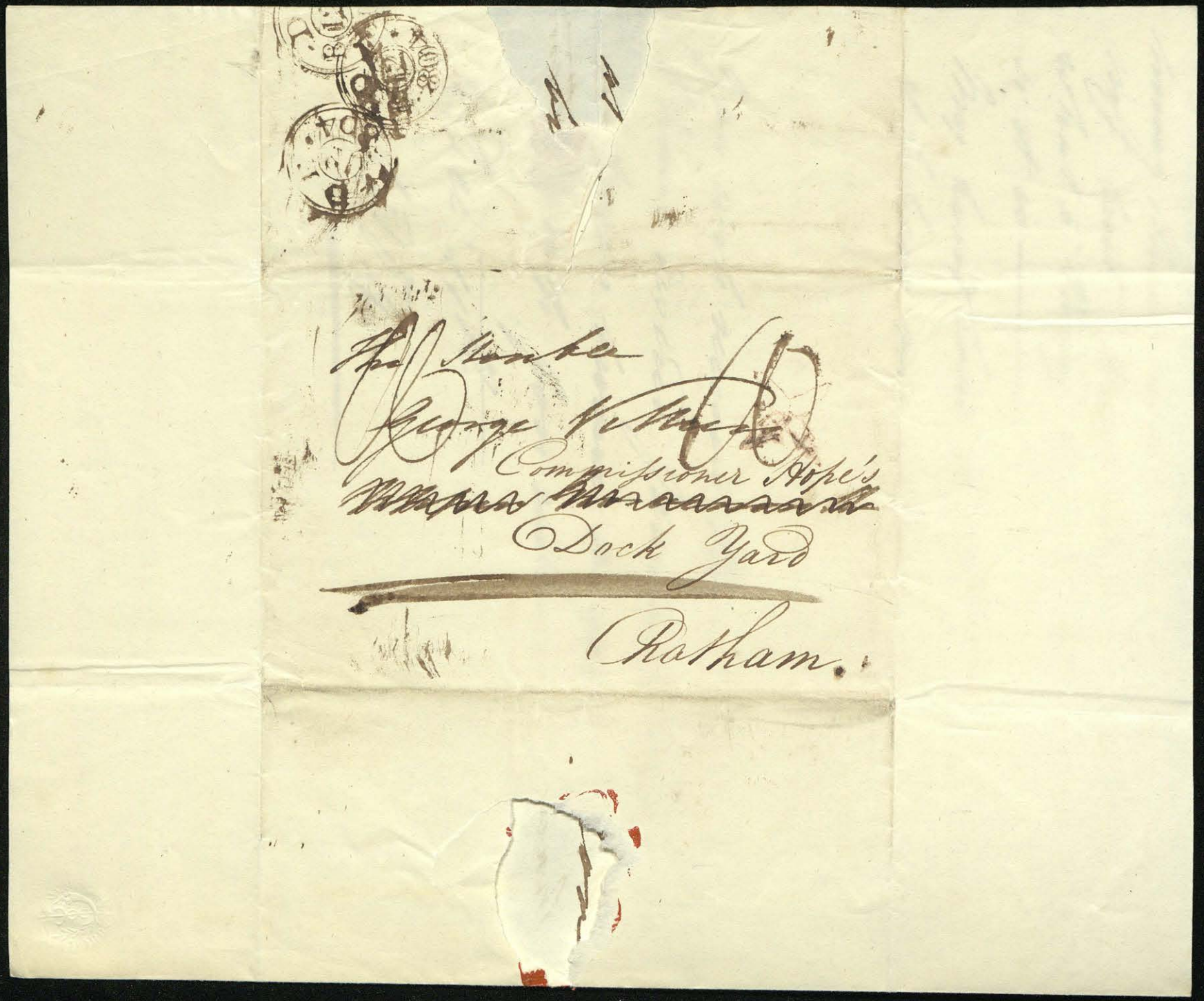
bring them heads that they would not put him into a passion — what a thing to go & tell him but so it is ——

My kind love to Mrs G. & believe me sincerely Yrs friend

You will receive this, this evening I have desired James to leave it at your house he goes upon business for us ——

Dec: 14th

WM



The Honble
George Pelham
Commissioner Pope's
Dock Yard
Rotham.

Dec 1804

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My dear Mrs Bilkin

I write you a few lines to thank you for Mons, you always do so good & no one feels Your or Mr G. Villiers's goodness more than I do, You may believe we were in great anxiety & indeed have remained so all this week I thought my Father sadly bad might & it must have been pretty shocking for all my sisters were equally concerned with myself & they came to me after the fearfull so I remained with my Mother who had seen so soon — To day she is

extremely better, particularly this
evening — but last night I have
not for months been so truly
alarmed — & she talked incoherent
ly of Sir Robert in the most
unpleasant manner —
I wish to God that something
may soon be settled for it af-
fectedly keeps her mind in
an agony & he plagues herself
to death — My Brotherin-
law indeed nearly wrote
me yesterday to come down Wednesday & to
stay the evening — I
have time to add no more but
that Mr G. Villiers having
spoke in the manner he did
to the — Ld C — is delightful
for we understand now it

Emma is sent for — there is a report that she is ill whether true or false I cannot tell —

My second Brother saw my Aunt on Friday last & she said she had not seen Victoria in such good humour for the two years

Yours

Dec: 14th

1864

We delight in the thoughts of Sunday