

July 24 [1814]

My dear Mr. Butler

In the first place I made  
 it my business to have a conversation  
 with the Duke of Kent this evening &  
 he went solemnly declares he has  
 not been near the Ps since her  
 death which was the 17<sup>th</sup>  
 day of a month he has immediately  
made ever since he has been  
 in England & which he has  
 not intended ever to make  
 again after the escape  
 the Duke of York gave him  
~~information~~ — & I saw Baillie  
 to day & he said it might be  
 most clearly understood though  
 he attends Charlotte & gives his  
 advice as a Man in that he

her but the smallest person  
 influence over her for though  
 she takes his advice with perfect  
 good humour yet she never  
 has followed his advice she felt  
 it her duty to speak out and  
 strongly as to the very great  
 inconsistency of the long rule  
 with a knee so much smaller  
 for that it certainly is &  
 increased in size since these  
 long rules - he told her fully  
 as to what pain she suffers  
 in the knee she must be  
 the best judge of herself -  
 but that her wearing mode  
 so much as she has done  
 since she has been at Comborne



*Samuel Johnson*  
*To*  
*Mr. Samuel Johnson*

*July 24<sup>th</sup>*