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Ed^{dy} the 26

My dear Brother In the first
place the King is grand & fully
satisfied than yesterday -
Charlotte desired me to
say to the Princess & he
could inform the Queen
she had received a letter
from you in answer to
her note last Sunday -
& read to the Queen all
that part concerning the
Princess of Orange stating
at the same time it was
an want of confidence
that made her keep such
other parts of the letter, but

that as it concerned some private
 conversation that I had
 written her & you some time
 ago she could not enter
 into it as it was agreed
 upon it should remain
secret & sacred - The Queen's
 remark was in the first
 place that Charlotte had
 recd that she never
 had on any of our own
 opinion her own feelings
 directly or indirectly from
 you on the subject of the
 Prince of Orange, but that
 when she began the
 subject with her & said
 "She hoped it was not only

knowing your feelings more
I certainly ventured more
than once to recall to her
mind that your honour
was at stake & that until
the Byronage was known
I had heard you say you
could not feel yourself
so engaged as you had
promised her in business
to leave - and that it was
her who had broken it off
& that you & your mother
to prove this to the world
I thought an enquiry
of these dearest conscience
I suppose decided to take
the step she did in
writing to you, which

I am afraid you but one of
us had our copies of the
two letters was given, when
as I told you she sent me
a copy - She however said she
thought your letter had
been wrongly worded & that you
had misrepresented your
sentiments to the little letter
in a Public & private point
of view - & in the end
concluded however - to which
the little answered she
should reply to your letter
and not respectfully but must
repeat her opinion as
conclusively as you could
with her power - but that

but my determination to take
no notice as to what she
should say - She read over the
whole of your letter & eyed
me voluntarily & this only
remains to be made to me
was that as long as she
was under your protection
she felt herself safe -

She is completely over with
it & I think your letter
has half killed us all & so
for me when we read
it your beganing to end
I only wonder I ever alive
as it has wrecked my
feelings to the quick -
Yrs MARY -

one word more, finding
Charlotte gave me my
name without regard to
arrange with the Post
for the last month or
two weeks I believe the
subject has usually been
named & I believe when
you have talked
to me on the subject
I have always told you
I found it never could
be thought of again
even as far back as when
I was with you at
Brighton - which will
show to you how little
need we have had or have
any to you or delivery any