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Now the 7th Regiment
 my kind Brothers I must confess
 say my heart is breaking —
 but God's will be done & an
account submitt — The words
anxiety I have indeed
 ever since I heard the news
all her words ever till
 but soon I was not prepared
 for the work and stead
 I have just heard of —
 & I should have what I
 write, but as haste is
 going to soon I can not
 help scrambling a few lines

I long to see you & still more to see you
 & as the Duke kindly has
 said I may do I shall
 will be the greatest relief
 to my mind I have
 decided to go to Bath
 the summer half Sunday
 in the ~~the~~ & of the 1st
 pretty well have been
~~Monday~~ & go to I shall
 to see you - I shall
 never be happy or feel
 comfortable until our

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first meeting —
You know I always loved
her (Charlotte) & looked
upon her quite as my
child & she never from
moment of her stand-
ing life was altered toward
me therefore I should
be very ungrateful
if I did not love her
don't surprised — You
must have great
comfort in feeling
You would have my
blessings the Lord give
& a half of her life in

allowing her to know &
know when she intend
visit & when I would
please visit her
attended to her - and
God knows there is a poor
how uncertain & how
short a time we
travelling last in this
world - It is our only
hope for both young &
old - The Duke I suppose you
will meet at all ways for
you always be there
& be of any use
after Monday -