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My dearest Brother
I hope you will
forgive my troubling you with
this letter, but I can not have one
moment's rest till I have
justified from Sophia in your
pension who I may much
fear has been most unjustly
accused & misrepresented to you
on a subject of all others the
furthest from her thoughts or
wishes to meddle with. And
though Ernest has promised
to set it all right yet I can
not feel easy till I have told
my own story which is briefly
this — that on the Queen's birthday
Ernest dined to the unfortunate
horrors concerning the Berke
& asked me if I kept the Berke
the last time he was at Windsor
upon my saying No! he said
"But Sophia did and was
closeted with the Queen near our
chamber" I felt sure it was a lie

However I determined to make
 inquiries and found from Sophia
 it was the greatest falsehood
 possible - As Ernest left us early Saturday
 & did not return till today I had
 no opportunity of clearing this up
 before - But as it has dwelt much
 on my mind I named it to Augustus
 & expressed surprise that Ernest could
 possibly believe for one moment
 such a thing & likewise added
 I trusted you did not harbor a
 suspicion that Sophia or any
 of us could wish to interfere in
 what does not concern us -
 Upon which Augustus with
 his usual good nature answered
 "I am very glad it is not true
 and I shall certainly acquaint
 the Prince it is a lie" I asked
 when Ernest came today I told
 him how much hurt Sophia
 was at its being supposed she
 had seen the Bishop in that
 directly or indirectly her name
 in any way could be brought
 forward - Where Ernest answered
 "He believed it was a mistake as

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to the last times of the Bishop's being
here that we called on Sophia but that
you alluded to a former occasion
which was two or three months
ago — Now I must tell you that
the Bishop of Salisbury as well as
the Bishop of Chester have always
kept up coming to see us whenever
they happen to be at Wexham &
we & all of us receive them
it is therefore hard to suppose
that because he happens to
call on us once or twice in a
year that it is with the view to
repeat all the unpleasant disputes
that occur at Wexham there
and if he was so absurd as to
do so equally cruel to suppose
we should in any way make
mockery or blacken any lady in
His Majesty's eyes — I had flatter'd
myself you knew all your sisters
well enough to do them so far
justice that their first object
in life is to keep Peace and
when they can do us good
they will do us good — I can
only read that if you for a
moment thought Sophia or any
one of us had done any thing

... you are not
at one fairly come forward to
name the person who dared
to misrepresent any one of your
letters so shamefully - I am con-
vinced my dear Brother this
suspicion does not arise from
you & whom I so greatly
mistake. This circumstance can
only be your friend or ours
upon my telling Frederick that
Augustus & Adolphus had seen
I was they all addressed
to you without any
name as they felt sure
heart would give credit to my
veracity & thus excite the
of those who can have nothing
but that of making mischief
but I am I wish you would tell
us the channel who gave you
this information as it might
save us from making more
unpleasant misrepresentations
I hope you will forgive this second
step you are better than I am in
sometimes much the same
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Dear Brother
I am
yours
affectionately
J. M. W.

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