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Wednesday

A thousand thanks for your best
and kind letters - poor George - I
have been very much depressed and
by no means well - I felt myself
so very much in spirits, that I was
at our time going to give up the
whole week's business - but it is
my duty to do as much as I
can, that I may be as little
troublesome as possible to you and
the dear children - I have got
the grass for dear George, which
I hope will bring back - as I

write me a paper I did not
know I play over Sunday, however
I shall certainly return - I
hope you will see me on
George on Sunday - I am to be
at it - God bless you ever

J Gordon

After 1800

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I have just seen the Duke of
Cambridge who wishes much that
you would come to town tomorrow
on account of the committee of
privileges, and I sign the
petition for the Duke, George
I will stay in town while
I hear from, or see you
I hope I shall see you with
and will be here and duty
keep the dear children for
as they is for - My dear

continue the same - God
Bless - you all goes with
sincerely
D. Gordon

MARGARET

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Margate 1801

His Royal Highness
The Duke of Cornwall
St James

[Aug. 25. 1801.]
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103.

Margate
Friday 25th 1801

Having a few minutes
to spare previous to my going to
the House, I could I employ
them so pleasantly as in writing
to you - and I hope you will
not think them wispend - I got
your dear letter this morning
and thank god you all were
well - the prospect for the future
is beyond every expectation just
the dirt thrown into the boxes
for every night - notwithstanding

which as I can play 5 nights
without breaking into the second
week I shall return on the
Friday, Monday being my night.
The nothing makes me so happy
as hearing from you - do not
trouble yourself about writing
but when you find it perfectly
convenient, remember me
to the dear children - God
bless you, with much love
Yours most affectionately

John

[30 August
1801]

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Friday

God be in my heart
I am about my dear George for
hills as all our accidents -

Since I wrote I have
had a very pleasing invitation
to perform at Canterbury Tuesday
& Wednesday, as I am likely to
to get a good deal I did not
think you would be angry at
my accepting it - I shall be
at home by 7 on Thursday morning

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MARGATE
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1801
His Royal Highness
The Duke of Clarence
W. G. W.

nothing shall keep me a day
longer from home, be so good
therefore to let Hardy be at
the Green Inn soon on that
day - I have got your last
dear letter, I hope in God you
will not be the wiser for
your dining at Colford - I
think I can perceive by your
letter, that you was inclined to
drink more than your usual
Moderation - I have not been
quite well since I came from being

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I have
I shall
the
I have
play
to
ever
at
some
I
been
with

Very
good
at
that
best
and you
for
I
was
and to
and
been
being

Started the very first day with
my old complaint in my stomach
which has not yet left me, but
I am sure as soon as I get home
I shall be as well as ever
the time seems so long that I fancy
I have been away a month, I
played in rights in one week
to get it over, & by that means
was allowing for Tuesday & Wednesday
at courtship, I shall be home
some days before the first
mentioned time - which would have
been on the following Wednesday -
with my dear George I do not

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MARGATE
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1806
His Royal Highness
The Duke of Clarence
W. W.

know whether I should wish I had
been at home or not when his
accident happened - I do not sleep
much, but when I do my imagination
is so full of ~~them~~ all that my sleep
is a constant source of disappointment
to me; though is as happy as the ^{day} is
long, he paddles, about on the sands,
all the morning studies his own
dinner, and admires the pretty
young ladies behind the scenes
in an evening, - you will pity
me when I tell you that is how
however I have contrived to avoid
him pretty well, god bless you all
may your spirits & ~~be~~

Oh I'll take a
walk in the park
I will not tell them
how they will be
glad of it. Wm. Pitt

received 1st Sept
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105.

Westminster
6 o'clock

I promised myself to write
you a line as I was much
horrified for could resist the desire
I had of telling you I shall be
home by 7 o'clock on Thursday
I am now desiring for the sake
of posterity - the desire of seeing
me here is so great that the
bill entirely turned into prose

and as I get half the Moore
 I think I shall in the two
 nights buy some something
 that was worth staying for
 my Brother but with 90
 the party was hard work and
 12 guineas - I have said my
 dear Toby first dear father
 talk but I have bought for a
 very pretty work box & my
 dear George a writing case

one
 sort
 pp
 ago

for

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and Henry a new proposed
settlement - Give my love and
affection to all - God bless
you all - says your most
sincerely

J. Baker

Excuse this unbecoming scrawl
but I write in great haste

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W. M. 1801

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As the Carriage is to return immediately
 I shall only say once & thank you for
 writing, you have only to consult your
 own judgment with regard to Miss Boston
 & it is impossible you can be wrong, and
 however you determine I am sure
 will be right I rejoice to hear
 the dear Children are so well, God
 keep you all so — pray your ever
 affectionate father
 J

I shall see you tomorrow

W.M. 1801

W.M. 1801

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I must be at the Theatre
 by 11 tomorrow to sign the Procs^s
 by the order of the L^d Chancery
 therefore I think I had better
 not go out of town tonight —
 as it will be impossible to be in
 town time enough — if you should
 stay in town too perhaps you
 will go to Covent garden
 to see the new after piece
 & I will meet you at supper
 I am with this paper G^d adieu you

(Addressed) H R H

I must be at the Theatre by 11 tomorrow to sign the Books by the order of the Ld Chancellor therefore I think I had better not go out of Town tonight - as it will be impossible to be in Town time enough - if you should stay in Town too perhaps you will go to Covent Garden to see the new after piece & I will meet you at supper - I have written this for fear I shall not see you -

London

1000

THE
ROYAL
CANADIAN
MOUNTED
POLICE

See 88

~~Scott Street~~

6

I thought you might like
to hear how dear Mary is - she
was very cheerful all the way
and is now going to take her
leave - I will write tomorrow
after Sir John has seen her and
trust in god I shall be able to
give you satisfaction about her
give my love to all, god bless
you & ever believe me affectionately yours
Ed

W.M. 1801

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95.

Wednesday 20th Nov

I have written to
the doctor in hopes of having seen
Mr John Hays, but as he is not
come I am afraid of losing the
lost - I think I can venture
to say on my own judgement
that she is better this morning
but her feet ran very high in
the night, I was up all night
with her in your room, and
I am very confident my being

with her the whole time mounted
 a cushion of the floor for
 she threw off the cloths very
 impatient, and it was by holding
 them down when she slept
 that caused a most profound
 prostration - Her pulse is
 much softer - she rest are all
 well - God bless you yours
 ever most sincerely
 J Gordon

I am very much tired I am now going to bed
 therefore excuse this, I am now going to bed

W.M. 1807

mounted
for
very
lovely
is
all
years

am going to bed, I shall remain here till she is well

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In case I should not
see you - before I go to
the Bar Chamber, I must say
false alarm, I now tell you
myself in word & truth of body
and mind that I have had
a most terrific overturn
and narrow escape - there
was no truth any where
God bless you - your
J. A.

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H. P. J. J.

I am just returned from
Lancaster - I shall be glad to stay in town
tomorrow, as I feel not very well today
George is thank God perfectly well, - it was thought
necessary last night to have the report concerning
the accident of my carriage contradicted
which Mr Palmer did, previous to the
beginning of the race - it was really
well received - and the people seem'd
very much pleas'd at my showing them
that attention - for it was believed by
every body - as it was not reported in any

of the papers - if it is at all unpleasant
to you to come to town let me know
and I will be down by dinner God
Bless you and keep you with yours since
Dor

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37.

Friday 9th March

After but an indifferent
 night as usual, I am risen
 this morning better than I expected
 to my work table, the fallow
 of the House I fancy put you
 Shandon into good humour for
 he was in the green room for
 the first time this season & all
 excepted and remarkably civil - you
 appear to be one of his great
 favourites - I should very
 soon to you and the dear

children, no applause or success can
for a moment compensate for the
loss of your society and the happiness
of being with the dear Babbs, I am
now going to return and from
there to South Street, but I fear
with all my endeavours I shall
not be able to get into my room
before Monday next. — The Col. &
Lord are both here, the latter begs
me to present his duty, I have
sent you the times which contradict
all the other papers concerning
Cornwallis — kiss the dear Babbs
for me and ever believe me most
truly & affectionately yours J. D.

W M. 1796.

[? 24 April 1802]
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You will see by the papers
the fate of the Gypionable grounds
& in consequence of which, I am forced
to play in the Gores to night, I
refused to perform in a play as I
could not be properly advertised —
the play of the Priests being very
long and the citizen proportionally
so — I must stay in town tonight
I have not been so well as I wish
to be & am really afraid the
going down so late might hurt
me — I shall be at Musky by 12

tomorrow, & have written in case
 you should return today from Winton
 I will not close this until I have
 seen Adolphus and brought the
 enclosed I received yesterday - I
 shall go to the University today
 myself - I trust in God that you
 are well & that you will find all
 the best of Winton - the ability
 of Remble is quite overpowering
 but on those occasions the best is
 generally taken from the audience

~~Adolphus is going on as well as possible - he is to be in Town on~~

Adolphus is going on as well as
 possible - he is to be in Town on

W M. 1796.

[? 24 April 1852]
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Tuesday —

I am just returned from the
 Theatre & have rec^d L^r 63 — which
 was paid with the greatest seeming
 pleasure — I shall see you all
 tomorrow every moment till that time
 I must consider best, at least to me
 God Bless you & the dear Children
 I shall not be able to be at
 Church — ever ever attached
 Your Father

[W.M. 1800. ? Sunday 22 August 1802]
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Coatbridge

half past 10

We got here about half an hour ago safe after a very narrow escape of being robbed — we observed two men dressed in black, very well mounted follow our carriage all the way from Tottenburne, and within these miles of this place, one lagged behind & the other rode to the front seat box, on which James went & then and desired him to get the seat box down, as he prevented his driving — on which

he struck Mr Guener, & Mr Lloyd
 call out to the Boys to stop
 which they did, & said that they
 would not drive if the man was
 not driven from the horses,
 on which the man got up to
 the carriage and after saying
 he was a gentleman ^{on} & Guener
 getting between him & the carriage,
 he turned round & struck Guener
 a blow on the face, this threw
 him completely off his horse, &
 then rode off - I am very
 thankful we escaped so well,

[W.M. 1800. ? Sunday 22 August 1802]
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I feel the effects of the Griets
more now, than I did at the
time, my first sickness so I can
hardly hold the pen - It has
determined me to stay here
to night & never again to
travel after Jack - Hoyt &
James behaved very well - God
Bless you all Slip the dear
Address for me - I had not here
mentioned this, but I feared you
might have heard it with additions
be so good as to write to the girls
for the same reason also may be
claimed - I am afraid you will

truly be able to read this - but
I am a good deal agitated - but
which a good night will remove

I will not tomorrow stay for
Parry, once more good
night you all and when
we start on the 10th

Yours

Juan is very well
today

[? Tuesday, 24 August 1802]
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Margate 24th Aug 02

I am this moment sitting
out for Canterbury when I play to
night - I hope I shall soon hear
from you all - we have had
a good deal of rain here and some
Thunder & lightning which has made
it much pleasanter than it was
Margate is by no means full, and
is I think more disagreeable than
ever at least to me, remember
me to the dear children, and
pray if you cannot write yourself
to not let Miss Jordan neglect it

for a day - I was very greatly
amused last night several
people sat to know whether I was
really come & how I was after my
journey - I play football
here to morrow, and Saturday
Hardy or Thursday at Canterbury
so that this week will pass off I
hope quicker than the last when
I have two idle days - God
Bless you all - & ever believe
me most affectionately yours
J. Wilson

[25. August 1802]

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84.

Margate Wednesday
12 o'clock

I was very kind & good of you
to write knowing as I do how you
are employ'd - I have but just got here
after playing at Canterbury last night
I am pretty well wandering the very
hard City I have been on since I
saw you - the House last night was
very crowded & I play again there
tomorrow, by the honest desire of
all the people, many Ladies come
from the Boxes to request I wd,
this evening I play Woodland
here - but having been up since 6

& not having staid too long the
 whole right of Liberty, I shall
 now go to bid & enable me
 to get through my business tonight
 I got 30 £ last night ~~last~~ ^{last} ~~night~~
 I need not tell you I am really
 tired & if I escape the Wingate
Delight - I shall be contented
 I think you have disposed of the
 money to great advantage God
 keep you all well - I will
 never travel it right again
 I never experienced such unpleasant
 effects from Wingate as I had after

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as yet to the ^{very night} Inn, & give my love
to and bid the dear children
god bless you and all the dear
ones. I am this small and may
not writing now - yours ever
Affectionately

J

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MARGAT 79
AUG 28
1802
A. M. Highroy
The Duke of Cornwall
St James

do not write for
them it is perfectly
correct

[? August 1802]
see letter of 31 August 1802.

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Grange 12 o'clock
morning room

I did not recollect what it was
too late my directing my letter to
Bosley, instead of St James's - It proved
me very much after I had written to
you I heard accidentally that the Ep
of Cambridge, was to sleep ^{at sitting room} there - It struck
me that it might be so prudent (in the
case) to go on, and its being so early
and so beautiful an evening immediately
determined me, and I was rewarded
by the most delightful ride I ever had
and reached Canterbury by a quarter
before 9 - It had been this morning

The Bishop got to Canterbury, and was
 not a few minutes before us for bringing
 the books you say; twice on the
 road in consequence of which we overtook
 and passed her twice - the book
 was tied up with ropes and I have
 some doubts of her getting to her
 journey's end without meeting with
 an accident - they have raised
 the prices here and I am sorry
 to add that I shall have no good
 excuse for quitting this place as soon
 as I could wish - when you write
 say how your foot is and let me
 I trust you should say if you
 be ill ~~that~~ to send for me. I am

now
 me
 Dear
 Dear
 yours

[? August 1802]
see letter of 31 August 1802.

are going to a rehearsal, remember
me most affectionately to the dear
dear children - God bless you,
yourself and give us
sincerely and most truly yours

Yours

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30.

Friday

I have this received your
last letter and am happy you
all continue so well and every thing
goes on so well with you - I find
by the papers of today that they
have mentioned the accident that
happened to me last Friday & which
I am in hopes would not have taken
away - but as it is over, I may
now tell you that I was near being
brought to death, my eyes being
in flames up to the extent so that
I concluded my last scene in my

patient notwithstanding all these
disasters I shall soon come safe
to you & the dear children
I am glad you liked the
Mint. The Duke has sent for
20 tickets & old Glover has been
the very often and always
singing about the safety of
the children - he says
there is nothing like them in
the world - I shall be anxious
about the result of this day's

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resting, God Bless you all
Love to every body & ever believe
me most affectionately
& sincerely yours

J Gordon

Yours great Henry

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I have this moment received yours, I am glad the dear children were amused with the stoned hill - I have also just got a letter from you - and am sorry the result of the meeting was not so favorable as I wish you wished - we would have very they are our way - and while I continue happy in more spiritual matters, I will not repine at trifling disappointments - I have been offered the same terms here, to play a week longer, but independent of my wish

to see you all again, — I assure
 you I am much fatigued — it
 gives me great pleasure, and indeed
 revives my mind from work and study
 to find that you do not disapprove
 of my journey to Liverpool, for
 in however advantageous a light I
 might consider it, the idea of your
 disapprobation, would have made me
 very reticent, and that added to
 the misery of quitting you all,
 for so long a time, would I am
 afraid have been more, than I
 could have supported, with all my
 boasted resolution; till dear George
 & Harry that I am now going to

fulfill
 my
 wish
 of
 following
 in
 the
 footsteps
 of
 the
 great
 men
 of
 the
 world
 &
 so
 forth

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I will my promise to them, give
 my love to my dearest baby
 kiss the dear little ones I want
 of God's gift all right, but little
 follow, I have sworn I will kiss
 in bed several times. — How the
 times hang — God bless you all;
 in the midst of every thing
 not desirable to advise in
 private, I am ^{anxious} ~~anxious~~ for it I am
 the most melancholy & dejected
 person in Margate, all now
 God bless & preserve you all
 & ever believe me most
 affectionately & faithfully yours
 J.

W.M. 1799

[2 September 1802]

W.M. 1799

29.

George Wednesday
half past one

I this moment receive
your dear letter of Monday and
regret afresh my stupidity in not
directing my first letter to St James
my memory tho' very defective in some
respects is very faithful in others —

You make me as
happy as I can be when from you
all, by saying that you are getting
quite well, I trust in God. I shall
meet you perfectly restored; my heart
is with you all nor can I recall
it for a moment, — the House

here was fuller than it ever was
 before 1720 & the people uncommonly
 civil and attentive a lady with company
 called and asked me to dinner, — which
 great honor, I began ^{soon} to decline —
 which I suppose surprised the party
 not a little — the people say it is
 very unkind of Mrs Jackson not
 to be seen any where but at the
 Theatre — I go out early with
 poor Woyd and my rater and
 walk by the sea, and that
 I find sufficient amusement —

So the dear children
 never mention me, I fear not often,

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however I shall soon see them —
 I fear Frederick will soon forget me,
 Mr & Mrs Skelton's one week is quite
 a prison here — we have got
 very comfortable lodgings, and the
 servants pay attention to us as
 usual, particularly so — I have written
 two letters to George & Sophia, take
 care of your dearest, Bless the dear
 children for me, and ever believe
 me most affectionately and most
 truly yours —

Love

[Margate September 1802]

Wm 1799

86.

Friday 30th

It was my intention to have returned on Tuesday, but will take your advice and stay until Wednesday. How happy your account of the dear children makes me and am very glad to hear that Japhy and George are both their health taken out very little baby. I see reminds me of Peter & very little boy & girl of George & Japhy & the rest, but is not I have seen none (at least to my eye) but so well looking - the two angels

that I have played I am turned out
 very quiet for the Proprietors; to
 night I am a party concerned and
 fear I shall not profit so well as
 they have done, there being a Prosperity
 tonight, and tomorrow some public
 entertainments that of all things
 affect the Theatre very much. However
 when this then gives me occasion
 the thought of returning home is
~~never~~ a consolation, and I really
 believe should I return without
 a Shilling I should feel quite happy.
 I am glad your writing is not
 inconvenient to you - for notwithstanding
~~that~~ the ^{only} pleasant moments I spend

[Margate September 1802]

in reading your dear letters, yet
 I would be content to relinquish even
 those, sooner than be in the least
 uncongenial, troublesome to you - as
 you, give me permission ^{to write} to ask
 the Duke of Cumberland, I did not
 imagine you wd ~~be~~ be displeas'd
 at my making the same request to the
 Duke of Cumberland, I therefore wrote to
 her, in consequence of which I received the
 most very civil answer -

Richardson has just call'd
 who is here in a very bad state of
 health, I did not see him - I
 think it is odd his coming at all
 (Love you) God bless you & the
 dear dear children prays
 yours ever affectionately & sincerely
 your mother I bid her

I have seen with
pleasure that you
are well & have been
at school with the
children