

Brought to the D. of Gloucester
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Dear Brother

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With the letter that conveys the joy My heart now
possesses, it is grievous to Me to be oblig'd to acquaint You
with an event that as it disgraces the Family must cause You
You pain, the D. of Cumberland not content with his unwarrantable
conduct in the St. Albans business, his attendance on Mr. Bailey
and his connection with Petty place and Newmarket Grooms
has now stoop'd to marry Mrs. Gordon Lord Inghams Daughter
this cruel blow I had to meet whilst in agonies on account of You
and to break to My Mother. It is impossible I can ever
see her or ever look on him again unless he will
promise not publicly to acknowledge, the story has been too
industriously spread by Her family for anyone to doubt of
the truth; but if He does not avow, Her people will by degrees
grow doubtful and I can without disgrace see him. In any
Country a Prince marrying a subject is look'd up as dishonorable
nay in Germany the children of such a marriage cannot
succeed to any territories, but here where the Crown is but
too little respected it must be big with the greatest mischiefs

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Civil Wars would by such measures again be common in
this Country, those of the Yorks and Lancasters ^{were greatly} ~~have~~ ^{been} ~~occurred~~ ^{giving to intermarriages with the Nobility} ~~by such alliances~~. I must therefore on the
first occasion shew my resentment; I have children ^{whom I must} ~~whom I must~~ ^{know} ~~know~~ what they have to expect if they could be ~~seen~~
to follow his infamous steps. The enclosed is a copy of the
letter he has wrote to me. His retiring out of the Kingdom is
the only decent thing he has done. I could not write but
have sent Deaken with my firm resolution of never
seeing him again unless he consents to let this affair
remain doubtful, and that he never names the subject
to my Mother or Me. When I have his answer you
shall hear again from me on this abominable
Subject

A of Glaston