

W. H. to Duke of Gloucester

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Queen's House Dec. 3. 1771.

Dear Brother

By the unpleasant communication I made you ^{on the return} ~~of the~~
~~letter~~ ~~written~~ by your servant, and a subsequent one by the post
 you must be pretty anxious to learn the conclusion of that bad
 business, by the last I believe I acquainted you with Deaken's
 Smith's journey; that no stone might be left unturned if possible
 to save him. I ordered the Lieut. Colonel a week after to state to
him on paper the proposition, to this a very cavalier answer
 was sent of refusal, and an intimation of returning in a few days,
 upon this I was drove to the unpleasant necessity of declaring
 the part I meant to take, which whilst he remained abroad
 was ~~not~~ ~~obliged~~ ~~to~~ ~~do~~ ~~so~~; ^{I therefore directed} ~~the~~ ~~Chamberlain~~ ~~to~~
~~say~~ ~~to~~ ~~him~~ ~~that~~ ~~the~~ ~~Chamberlain~~ ~~to~~
 had received ^a notification that would prevent my receiving
him and those except his own Attendants that went near
him; after this was done on the 1th I received a letter from the
 Lodge desiring to see me when he would come into ^{such} ~~what~~ ~~was~~ ~~his~~
~~and~~ ~~to~~ ~~see~~ ~~me~~ ~~but~~ ~~this~~ ~~you~~ ~~must~~ ~~have~~ ~~received~~ ~~it~~ ~~was~~ ~~too~~ ~~late~~ ~~after~~
~~the~~ ~~letter~~ ~~had~~ ~~been~~ ~~sent~~; ~~thus~~ ~~all~~ ~~intercourse~~ ~~is~~ ~~at~~ ~~an~~ ~~end~~; ~~which~~ ~~would~~ ~~grieve~~ ~~me~~ ~~still~~ ~~more~~
~~his~~ ~~precipitate~~ ~~return~~ ~~had~~ ~~not~~ ~~been~~ ~~the~~ ~~case~~ ~~I~~ ~~could~~ ~~not~~ ~~have~~ ~~been~~ ~~so~~ ~~late~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~business~~

A. L. to Duke of Gloucester

I am not conscious that I have gone the utmost length to provide what his conduct
knowledge of what he had done; thus all intercourse is at
length obliged me to adopt.

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