

Draft to the D. of Gloucester
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Dear Brother

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The Executors of Lord Baltimore's Will having desired to have one of the Messengers to fetch some papers from Popley. I take this opportunity to send the short state I drew up during the transaction with the Duke of Cumberland and have added the copies of what has passed on paper, I do this the rather that we may not have this odious affair to talk over when you return.

My Mother is some days better some worse, and I still am of opinion it must end fatally. My sister gives up her whole time to my Mother and except coming once ^{the dressing room at} Fort. James has not as yet appeared in public; she seems much graver than formerly, and I should rather think by her whole manner that it goes on but coldly between her and the Hereditary Prince though she has not dropped the most distant hint of it. believe me ever &c.

J. B.

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