

Draft. to the Duke of Gloucester
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Dear Brother

I am mortified at finding myself under the equal necessity
~~of making known to you, that which we have both thought must~~
~~sooner or later happen in Denmark, on Friday the 7th at about~~
three in the Morning, Struensee was seized by a Colonel
Steller at the head of a party of his Grenadier's Guard at the
Palace as he was coming from a Masquerade; this Officer
with a General Eichstedt, General Kantzau, the Queen's Chamberlain,
and her son Prince Frederik, went immediately to the King
and obliged him to sign an order for what they had done,
and for confining General Gachler, His Lady, Brandt, Doctor
Burger, Struensee's Brother, and Colonel Falkenschildt,
and for conducting the Queen to Cronenburgh near Elsinour
where she is a Prisoner with her Daughter; her only Attendant
was a Maid of Honour, but on Reich's hearing what had
happened, he made such strong representations in my name,
that her whole Court have been sent to wait on her. You may
easily judge of the affliction this has occasioned to her

whole

whole Family; the King has notified this event by letter to Me
wherein he has promised every kind of regard shall be
shewn to Her; but the Man, forced to sign the order for Her
detention can have but little power in making Her
situation even tolerable, if he had a least. I have ordered
Smith to receive his representations in my name, I have in my
answer reminded the King of the promise he has made
Me, and have wrote a friendly letter to my unfortunate
sister. When I hear more you shall be acquainted
with it. the making any reflections on this whole transactio
would be useless for from what passed between us the last
time I saw you, I know we think entirely alike on this
subject; but you may rely, ^{on} whatever can be done in Her favor
shall not be omitted

You may easily believe this has been of an advantage to my
Mother's weak state, who seems daily to lose ground, I can
add nothing, but that I ever remain &c.

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