

A. L. to Queen of Denmark

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Dear Sister

It is very natural to imagine that You are anxious to know what has happened on the arrival of M^r. Wraell, but I thought it would be highly imprudent to trust to the common post a single line which might in the smallest degree seem to look towards that affair; but as this letter will be delivered to You by Prince Ernest I just mention the affair on which You shall hear further from on the return of the Messenger and by M^r. de Lichtenstein who will by that conveyance receive as full instructions as I can think myself at liberty to give. My Dearest Sister it is not by calling myself an honest or an honourable Man that I can deserve either of those Epithets but by a correct conduct; for to get You safely out of Denmark I certainly said I would not assist in getting You back to that Kingdom what I said I will scrupulously fulfil. therefore on receiving through the hands of M^r. de Lichtenstein a few days

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before his departure the account that M^r. Brasell was to
be sent back by the S. Nobility, I directed him to leave a
letter for that Gentleman at his Lodgings, giving him
notice that any thing he had to communicate he ought
to put on paper to send to Litchfield with an introductory
note from the Baron shewing it might be delivered
to Me; but that whatever answer it might require
it could alone be obtained from him Lichtenstein
at the end of the Month at Hanover; so that I
should not acquaint any other person with what
had pass'd in this affair and did not chuse to
see the Gentleman and still less to commit
any thing on paper; indeed I cannot desire to
say any more than if the S. Nobility shall at
any time bring the King to recall You with that
relat^{ed} and dignity that alone can make it advisable
for You to return to His Kingdom I shall not only not
prevent Your going but support those who have been
accessory to it; but from what I have declared I cannot

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either enter farther into the Affair or be entrusted with
the plans on which they mean to act; no consideration
shall get me to go a step farther; I sent my
Ultimatums when the Young Man went back to
Hamburg and shall therefore say nothing
more; ~~besides they seem to me to intend to leave~~
~~the progress of the business by my hanging back~~
~~and keeping to general Words they will see~~
~~your true interest as well as Your own~~
~~taken care of for they would have been disappointed~~
~~from Me; but more of this next Week~~
Queens House
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J. L.

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