

Ld. Rodney to Capt. Payne

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My Dear Friend

It is impossible to tell you what I felt yesterday - on seeing our Great Amiable, and Royal Friend, the shock was so great that I went instantly to Mrs Fitzherbert, but thank God, I was not let in, as my anxiety might have alarmed her, as I fully intended to have solicited her, to use her Influence to induce the ..... to go into the Country and have with him a few of his real Friends who were more attached to the

Man than the Prince and whose Company  
with gentle exercise and conversation  
might soon restore him to his Health.

No Man can have more sincere Love  
for him than yourself. I am sure you  
will be of my opinion, that the Country  
Air is necessary for him, as almost all  
that had the Honour of paying their  
Duty to him yesterday, beheld him with  
the same Eyes as myself, and hope most  
of them felt the same Dutyfull Affection  
and Anxiety. Remember my Dear Jack  
the Prince ought not to be his own  
Master, when his Health is concerned,  
a Great Empire expects he takes care  
to preserve it for their Happiness. and

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I hope to God, that it will be a long,  
a long age - before they regret his Gf.

My sleep has been unhappy this  
night and I get up thus early, to tell  
you my thoughts, and to send my faith-  
full African's enquire of our  
Royal friends health after the  
fatigue of his Service yesterday -

Dear and burn this, and be assured  
that I am with truth, and sincerity,

Yours affectionately

Rodney

Sworn

Lord Rodney

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dated May 8<sup>th</sup> 1791

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