

Ld. Chamberlain to H. P. H.

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Sir

I have much satisfaction in being able to inform
your Royal Highness that Admiral Payne is
considerably better than I expected to find him.
Sir Walter Farguhar says considering the
very severe shock he has received, he is much
better than he himself expected, that to bring
him round will be a work of Time & much
attention. I went this morning to Brompton
& found the Admiral in Bed, he seems still
to think that his Complaint is a Surub &
unformed Gout. he desired me in the strongest

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Manner to assure your Royal Highness of
His Gratitude for your Goodness to him, indeed
I am very sure it has had the best Effect
possible upon his Mind.

The Hamburg Mail is not yet arrived
The Wind is so strong it is supposed it cannot
come in. People are very anxious to hear
The News confirmed, That Events have
happened advantageous to the Austrian
arms cannot I think be doubted, If they
amount to the General Expectation, it may
give a fortunate Turn to the late unhappy
& unfortunate Events, If the French are
really retreating in Disorder their Army

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will be annihilated as they ~~will~~^{must} not expect
mercy from the irritated Inhabitants.

The taking of Cospa at this moment
is a most lucky Incident. The Papacy
from that arsenal to Italy is so short
that the Napeans may easily send a
sufficient Force to oblige the French to
abandon their new conquests in the
Neapolitan Dominions.

It is supposed the Napeans were not
in the late Engagement with the Arch Duke, but
that they are gone with Suvorow into Italy

I have the Honor to be

Yours Royal Highness
obedient & very devoted Servant

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