

Letter from George 4th
then Prince of Wales to the
Princess Sophia of Gloucester
on her Marriage -
Nov: 20 - 1794 .

HRH to Princess Sophia of Gloucester. AA

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Ma tris chère femme,

I had intended doing myself the
pleasure of calling upon you at Gloucester House
this morning, & of introducing to your acquaintance
my dear sister, as I know some whose acquaintance
I hope on her arrival she will so soon make, or
so cordially as yours. As it was not in my power
to call this morning & I am afraid that I shall
be prevented from coming this evening, I take
the liberty of sending my wife's Picture
by my own Valet de Chambre Du Casquier

Tho' I am thoroughly convinced you are born with
 a few faults & weaknesses as it is possible for
 any one of your sex to be brought into the world with,
 still I think you may be possessed of a little degree
 of civility, which I assure you I am vain enough
 to ascribe not a little to the knowledge, you have
 some essential to my future happiness in life, and
 thing is that can even in ever so distant a degree
 concern my other virtues. I hope you will not
 conceive that I can mean any thing that is
 not perfectly respectful & proper by my sending
 the Picture for your inspection by my Valet
 de Chambre. Will you have the goodness to

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 me to him
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 Carlton Ho
 Nov. 25.
 1734.
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 I am your
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 Mary.

Princess Sophia of Gloucester to HM.

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Sir

Permit me to express my grateful Sense
of your Majesty's Goodness in having been
pleas'd to cause an Application to be made

to Parliament for an Increase to my former Provision, which I also owed to your Majesty's gracious Protection. The obligation being conferr'd by you Sir increases the Value of It, and I have only to entreat

Princess Sophia of Gloucester to HM.

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to my
owed to you
The obligation
releases the
only to entreat
that your Majesty will ever allow me
to hope for the Continuance of the Kindness
which I have ever experienced, and which
I shall ever endeavour to deserve; with these
Sentiments I beg leave to subscribe myself

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From the Princess
of Gloucester - July 10th
1806

with the greatest Deference & Respect
Your Majesty's

Gloucester Lodge
July 10th 1806.

Most Obedient Subject
Sophia Matilda

Princess Sophia of Gloucester to HRH

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Sir

I cannot delay any longer expressing to
Your Royal Highness my sense of your
Kindness in offering the Praegership
of Greenwich Park to me, and
I hasten to return my best thanks
and acknowledgements for this obliging

Princess

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Proof of your Remembrance, with
the Assurance of the Pleasure with
which I shall accept of such a beautiful
residence - I trust that Princess Mary with
her wonted kindness has already mentioned
how much I felt this mark of your
Royal Highness's Attention to me, and

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to remain

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August

Princess Sophia of Gloucester to HRH

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They to add that I have the Honor
to remain Sir with respect

devoted and
affectionate servant
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Windsor Castle
August 14th 1814

Sophia Charlotte

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Princess Sophia of
Gloucester

to
Mr Prince Regent

Aug: 11th 1814

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Pcess. Sophia to Duchess of
Cambridge.

(? after marriage of Pcess. Augusta,
"le Roi" being presumably Ernest
King of Hanover, who was visiting
England at the time) [? 1843]

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at Blackheath

le 18 d'Août —

Chère Cousine

Un aimable billet demande mes
tendres remerciements que je retarde
pas de vous offrir, il étoit très impor-
tant pour moi de ne pouvoir
pardonner (surtout) de vous et de chez
Dieu et de Mary — mais hélas
et il s'est prouvé bien désagréable
pour mes petits projets de recreation
J'ai pourtant raison d'être
reconnaissante envers le tout parfait

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pour les soulagemens que j'ai eu -
José me flatte que le dernier
Remede dans toute sa Severité
a presque guéri ma Sciatique -
J'ai suis allé a Londres hier
pour visiter notre belle sœur que
J'ai eu le plaisir de trouver
rayonnante aussi bien que le Roi
qui a voulu me persuader que
mes souffrances n'étoient que l'effet
de l'Imagination occasionnée par
ma stupide Retraite -
J'espère que comme que

cette grande Chaleur n'aura
pas eu de mauvaises suites
dans un voyage dont vous avez
bientôt touché le terme - je
partage vivement la joie que vous
éprouvées en embrassant au bout
de quelques semaines la chère sœur
Auguste à laquelle j'ai pu
encore être le courage d'écrire
tant j'étois engourdie par mon
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de vous revoir chère Amie à
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et contente de me petit trajet
Dieu veuille que rien de contraire
n'arrive et que vous ayez le
bonheur de jouir de la réunion
de me chère famille -

Crois moi avec mille vœux
à mon cher cousin Ma Mary
une toute dévouée et
affectionnée

Sophie Matilda

Memorandum

I hereby request that my Executors & ~~Executrix~~ ^{Executrix} of ~~Residuary~~
 Legatee will give to Prince Albert the ring which was
 given to me by the Queen on my first birthday after
 her accession, & which is named in a Codicil for
 the late Queen of Hanover - namely a ring
 consisting of an Emerald on each side of which is
a single-diamond & stones in all

I hope that he will keep it as a remembrance
 of one who sincerely respects & loves him
 Sophia Matilda

August 28th 1841

Memorandum
relative to a Souvenir
for
H. H. Prince Albert

[June 9 1843]

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In the year 1747 - King George 3^d decreed that
a Settlement should be made to take place
upon the demise of his Majesty for his own children
upon that of his Brother the Duke of Gloucester
for his Nephew ^{son} William Frederick & his
Niece Sophia Matilda their children -
which was sanctioned by parliament passing
both houses thereof - The settlements were as
follows - ten thousand pounds per annum
on the Kings Sons - six thousand pounds per an^{num}
on the Kings Daughters - (survivorship being
allowed in each sex to a certain amount to run
one into the other) Eight thousand per annum
on the Kings Nephew & Four thousand on

his Sister - no Survivorship could be in that case being of different sexes -

The first time the bill was acted upon was in the year 1805 upon the demise of the Duke of Gloucester - when these annuities as abovenamed were received by Mr W F. & his Sister - viz 8000 - & 7000 - in the year 1806 by the representation of Mr William F. the then Duke of Gloucester to Mr Pitt - his own income was with the Kings Sanction encreased to 14000 on the consolidated fund & that of his Sister was encreased by one thous^d making it five & with the promise of the addition of two thous^d more upon the demise

of her death the 700 from W F. & his Sister to Mr Pitt - his own income - became - dec of

[June 9 1843]

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after Mother the Duchess of Gloucester whose
death took place in the year 1807 when
the two thousand were added to the 5 making
7000. - all these sums were settled & paid
from the Consolidated fund -

When the Kings Sons received their
Establishments - the King allowed 12000
to each - & in the year 1806 these
sums were increased to 18000 & settled
finally upon the consolidated fund -

In the year 1811 when the Po of Wales
became Regent - & the King was consi-
-dered as virtually dead - The income
of the Princess his Sisters were settled

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their six thousand being increased to nine thousand
still keeping the proportion to that of the King's
Niece of two thousand more — and the
Prince kindly settled besides the sum money
which they received from his father the King
of 4000 at made 13000 — & the Queen
continued to pay her one thousand & there
at made 14000 — 5² 14000 went
on by the marriage settlements to the two
who married afterwards — but the two
who remained single lost the said one
thousand & had but 13000 —

Princess Sophia of Gloucester to ? Duchess of Cambridge
[1843]

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June 9

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in sending that paper to you

in two then (since this morning

there being two in accusis

as to dates merely which it

is best to rectify &

It is from memory that I

wrote — to the first Error

is that the settlement of 14000

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for my brother & I for me
was papered as I said justly
in 1806 but it was by Lord
Grenville's Government -
Although my brother had
in the Autumn of 1805 spoken
to Mr Pitt on the subject
who died in July 1806
This papered in the spring
after Mr Pitt's death

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the Principles at the suggestion
of the Prince Regent was
inserted upon reflection in
the spring just abt Easter
of 1812 not Eleven as I
was in haste and
said we should make
one of substitutes 12 from
one volume total

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versaries were printed several
times it substituted 12 for
once voluntarily

See that the business

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did not come on last night
I am shocked to hear of the
loss which Mr. Goulbourne
has sustained -

Yours truly
L. M.

Peers. Sophia Matilda to Duch.
of Cambridge

(c. July 1 1843)

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Leichte Confina

Je vous remercie tendrement pour
le petit cadeau de fleurs d'orange
que ma belle Sœur m'a fait
parvenir de son part, Et je ne
manquerai pas de lui exprimer
ma reconnaissance directement à
la chère marie au plus tôt
que je la saurai chez elle
dans son propre foyer —

Je n'ai pas voulu vous
crire plutôt — craignant

Peers. Sophia Matilda to Duch.
of Cambridge

(c. July 1 1843)

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les premiers instants de votre
épreuve — mais vous agrez
maintenant j'espère la punance
de la part que j'prends dans
les regrets occasionnés par
la séparation actuelle —
La conduite de la chère Auguste
étoit parfaite le soir de Noël —
Me a pu recommander si
bien, de faire taire les

vives émotions de son cœur
sensible ! — La petite
Marie s'est attirée aussi
une admiration universelle
Et vous chère amie chaque
bien aura partagé vos
souffrances aussi bien
que celles du cher Dieu
Je pense souvent à
vous et je regrette
infiniment mon absence

Mrs. Sophia Matilda to Dada,
of Cambridge

(c. July 1 1843)

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à cette cérémonie si touchante
nous avons pourtant tout
espéré à présent quant au
bonheur de cette chère Enfant
son Mari étant si aimable
et surtout being in love
with his Bride — après une
longue connaissance pour
de si jeunes personnes !

Permettez moi toute Vieillesse
vieille fille que je suis de vous

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assumer sans prêcher et
sans hypocrisie que le
bonheur est en nous mêmes
si nous voulons le chercher -
Je vous enverrai pour
preuve de mon assertion
a l'Evangile de St Luc -
au 17. Chap. au verset
21 - qui dit que le
Regne du ciel est
en nous mêmes -
au fond voulant

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dire que nous devons
essayer autant que possible
d'être indépendants des
circonstances extérieures
Malgré cela le cœur
se fait, et se fera
entendre par fois
adieu adieu moi
vous devriez en même

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J'ai pensé souvent que la
bonne et chère M^{me}
Chartotte auroit été charmée
de savoir sa petite fille
établie dans son ancienne
demeure. — qui
lui étoit vraiment bien
cher —

Blackheath

July 7

[1843]

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