

HRH to Dow. Lady Elgin

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October 10 1799

My dear Auntess,

I have to acknowledge the receipt  
of two Letters from You, for which I will beg of You  
to accept my best Thanks, but it has not been in  
my power from various causes to return an answer  
till this day. It appears to me I must say that  
the Rent of the House at Blackheath, as well as  
the time it is proposed to be let for, is very considerable  
of such an expense that I should hardly think  
that the Princess of Wales even, could wish to  
put me to charge for so short a space as six weeks  
or two months that it would be proper for the Princess



to remain at any rate either at Muckboth  
or any where in the Country. At the same time  
that I think the expense of this House is very ex-  
-orbitant, yet if there is any thing that can be found  
on the other side of the Street, even a mile or a  
mile and half distant or two miles, there is no  
expense I am not ready to submit my self to, &  
no temporary inconvenience to the Child & myself  
my dear Lady that I should not wish you for a  
short time to put up with, sooner than that the  
Princess of Wales should not have the Child in  
the neighbourhood, though I shall always suspect  
from you during your stay, that my Child is not  
made the Partaker in the Puppet at her early age  
of any large Company or Society, where either she  
may become the object of flattery, or meet with



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such indulgence as is afterwards to be prejudicial  
either to her temper or disposition so as to impede  
her further education, which is ~~one of the things~~  
I have most at heart in this world, which I  
we shall attend to with the watchful eye of  
a Parent, and which hitherto I have seen so correctly  
& properly carried on under your tuition. To be  
suspicious of her, if any other Person, or any other means  
can be found to accommodate & meet with the  
wishes of the Princess of joining the child in her  
neighbourhood without incurring me to such  
unreasonable expence. I am ready to stretch a  
point to indulge her, & desire that you will  
give such directions & make such enquiries as  
may be necessary. I am most truly delighted  
at the good accounts you give me of the state



of health of my Child, pray give her a kiss from  
her Papa together with his blessing. As to my  
beloved Mother I desire you to express what  
I ever must feel about her, I do not write  
to her having nothing worth while saying, and  
she hardly would have time to write to me again  
in account of her approaching departure for  
Windsor; I have written a few lines to her however  
nevertheless I will trouble you to present my best  
love to her & all of my dear Sister, and my  
dear Mother.

Ever very sincerely & affectionately  
Yours  
George B.

Carlton Place.  
Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>.  
1733.  
P.S. Pray remember me kindly to the Duke & to Duchess  
I am just stepping into my Chaise for Brighton