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Private

Stowe November 20<sup>th</sup> 1714

My dear Sir-

Altho' I shall be in London to-mor-  
-row, I cannot be an hour in expressing to  
you the sentiments of my heart upon the dread-  
-ful calamity with which God has been pleas'd  
to visit the Nation, and our illustrious Royal  
Master - I cannot permit myself to be confin'd  
by the ordinary rules of etiquette, or merely to  
hint my condolances, to the ordinary expressions  
of them at Court, or my sorrow to it's publick dis-  
-play. I owe too much to the Prince,

I have too warm a recollection of old times,  
 when He was graciously pleased to honor  
 my Father with His friendship, & allow  
 myself to lose a single moment in earnest-  
 -ly requesting of you my dear Sir to take the  
 first opportunity & lay ad the feet of His  
 Prince Regent, my humble but most heartfelt  
 & deep condolence. I trust His Royal  
 Highness will not be offended by my pre-  
 -sumption, or suspect me of a wish in to-  
 -king this step to depart from the respect  
 due to His Royal Highness - If I have been  
 carried too far by my feelings, they are the  
 honest feelings of an ardent and anxious

mind  
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 Highness  
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mind deeply impressed by the remembrance of  
 favour which I have received from His Royal  
 Highness, and participating as far as a sub-  
 -ject can be permitted to participate in  
 His Sovereign's sorrows, in the deep grief which  
 now overwhelms him -

I shall be much gratified  
 if I could receive a few lines from you, and  
 I will thank you, telling me how His Royal High-  
 -ness's health bears this great calamity, so  
 heavily pressing upon them individually, so  
 deeply affecting the future repose and in-  
 -terests of the Country -

Believe me my dear

With great esteem and regard

Your very faithful

servant

Richard Buckingham

J<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Bloomfield

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