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Woburn Abbey.
January 9th 1812.

Madam

I have been absent from Town since the 2^d - and my absence from this place since I left Town has created considerable irregularity in the receipt of my letters - circumstances which I hope your Ladyship will consider as accounting for the delay in my reply to your Ladyship's letter of the 3^d Inst -

I am not in a condition, to answer part of it with all the precision I could wish not having your Ladyship's former letter here with me. But I believe I am correct when I state that my ^{last} letter ^{carries} full approbation to your Ladyship communicating your private letter and papers in the manner proposed in your Ladyship's letter - ^{which} ~~and that your~~ proposal ^{concerns the Countess} ~~is referred to~~ your eldest son and Lord Salisbury's family: not

as

as your Ladyship's expression in your
last letter now imports to publish or
place them wherever you choose.

To place them.

I have only to add that I have
had no communication with those
whose duty it is to give advice. Such
a communication would, on my part,
be entirely misplaced, and could not
be permitted on this.

As to the course which it may be
fit for your Ladyship or your son
to pursue I am sure you will be
at once that the position in which
I stand would render it most unfit
for me to say one word - or to partici-
pate in any respect in advising you
herein.

I have the Honour to be
Your Ladyship's
Most obed^t & aff^o
William Adam

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