

Her R. H. the  
Duchess of Brunswick

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My brother

Forgive my temerity in writing on a subject  
that is not of my Sphere, as I do think it may  
forward the end of this bloody war, without  
Impria we shall have <sup>not</sup> Holland, nor the Low  
Countries, it must be with dexterity that gain  
that court, he that is sent must appear as a  
traveller that no one can guess his real intentions  
he must be a grave man, nothing that one can  
turn into ridicule, nor that can give umbrage  
to the Henrys, for the King himself thinks right  
but they have made him believe that all his  
Kingdoms are Jacobins & that if he did not keep  
on good terms with these wretches he would  
lose his Crown, this Idea must be put out of his  
head, his Mistress is quite English, she might I  
think be gain'd tho' she says that those things

She never meddles with, no one knows of my <sup>own</sup>  
this so pray do not answer me, & for give my imp  
udence, which my Zeal has occasion'd, & since  
Elphinstone has ~~stook~~ the most important blo  
that has been attempt'd this war. may he beat  
Spainards. for they deserve it. Pray accept my sincere  
and ardent wishes for your health & happiness  
being ever dear brother your most affectionate

dutiful humble

Servant & Subject

Auguste