

Duchess of Brunswick  
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Dear brother

Sphram the Jew has been sent to Paris on some secret negotiation, he is the intimate of all those now in Place in the Directory, he has a little as Menische Prime of the King of Prussia, but all titles are useless there, he has had the honour to be nam'd so some years, & had been employ'd to fish out new there, he does not give the King of Prussia longer than a year to live, it's a Dropsy that he has, join'd to indigestions, & his manner of life is enough to kill him with out all his other complaints Prince Henry has the gout, & from that quarter I hear that the Great Duke is to be at Berlin in may, if any thing is to be try'd it must be through that Canal, for tho' I have no hope of the Emperor of Prussia acting an active part in this war yet we can with certainty



assure that tell they are sure that Prussia  
is not too much attach'd to the french, they  
will not engage farther with them than po  
necess requires, & thats a great point gain'd. The  
Duke desires me to offer his most respectful  
duty, & I ever am my dearest brother with the  
truest gratitude

your most dutiful & most  
affectionate  
humble servant  
& Subject

Augusta

no answer to my news