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My dearest brother

at last yours of the 16 of Dec. have at last,
reach'd my Hands, and as all your letters
do, have given me great pleasure, M^r L'pen
ville is much like, I hear it from the
different parties, he would be more than
if he could bring those powers to a right un-
derstanding of their true interest, they mis-
trust each other to such a degree, that no one
will come forward as they ought. Paul is the
only one that could bring them to reason, by
declaring that he that would not join him
he would look upon as his enemy, & Paul
may be what he pleases, he will not aban-
don his allies, Haugwitz is quite the most
phos'd & that our friend de feu work, next

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and resolution is seldom in a German they weigh the power and the consequence so long that they lose the opportunity of doing any thing and the example of the of Sardinia & Naples their present situation is a fresh Instance of the fatal consequences of acting in concert with the french, they first seduce a bribe, & when they have got possession of the Merits of the Subjects, they come triumphantly take possession of the Kingdoms causing the weak & ignorant to believe them mighty conquerors who must carry all before them & see the work of an Almighty Hand in all their Successes France is a scene of misery & wickedness, and they are the scourge to other Nations for the Treachery which so generally prevails all over Europe, and when it will please God to stop their proud career no one can foresee but it is the

Duty of all Christians to withhold themselves never to make Peace with a Nation who renounces their God, & the merits of our Holy Saviour; an Individual of such Principles can never be trusted, then how have faith in Treaties with such Monsters, we see how they by means of their Priests, have seduced many of the Irish, & what murders, robberies and misery they have caused in that Kingdom, and is not strange that any of the People of rank & Property can be so blind to their own Interest as to oppose the Union, but the Irish are naturally wrong headed, & violent at first, & when the matter rests a while they come to their senses, & there is no Doubt this affair of the Union, in a short time, they will see in a different Point of View, As for the french talking of Peace, that is only to lull the People into quietness, who anxiously desire it, the Directory neither expect, nor wish for it

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'Peace would make an end of their Reign
I have not writ to the Prince nor Pr^{ince} of Orange
of the death of their Son, as I fear'd too near to
grief, but beg'd to the Prince of Wales to say some
thing kind from me, I am very glad that you are
so kind to them they will ever feel a sense of
your goodness as ever body must do that is un-
der your protection. I am very uneasy about
Wurtemberg they I fear ^{are} ruin'd. Suetra is a wide
place, the Duke is adored he is very fond of
her by all accounts. I suppose they will go to
Bavaria all is pack'd up, by my last account
they had left Hildgard & were at Sais today
which could only be for a short time I must
not intrude any longer on your time there-
fore to assure you that I ever am & ever shall
be by the ties of gratitude & affection
your most dutiful & faithful
Subject & Sister
Augusta