

Duchess of Brunswick

52200-1

Brunswick Jan 20th 1801

My dearest brother

Your precious description of my son Augustus
~~which I received last week~~ ^{which I received last week} ~~is to my heart~~
~~is to my heart~~

I hope ~~that~~ that he will be as happy as he can be
in such a melancholy situation, we shall not
let him feel his misfortune, if attentions and
affection can soften so total a loss of sight.

I saw in the Papers that we try to engage ^{Jupiter}
to reconcile matters between ^{and Great Britain} ~~Russia~~ ^{and France}
any thing of la carte de Tays ~~they will not meddle~~
~~with our concerns~~ ^{and friends will not meddle}

I have seen a letter from Paris
where its said that had Buonaparte been kill
all the Emigrants would have been murdered &
that the Jacobins would have ^{eyes thrown}
again the order that reigns they begin to pay
the Annuities that are due since the ^{Revolu}
tion, that's a fact for our people ^{is most fortunate for the people} that had money
in France at the time of ~~laws~~ ^{that the laws}
when laws existed

Duchess of Brunswick

thought lost they have received something lately,
Du Lac's Philosophy is that when things are
at worst & that there is no remedy, dissipation
is the only way to keep up the spirits, all the
treachery of the Court of Vienna was so well known
that they are detested, & was it not that we
are sufferers, no one would be sorry for them
but Germany is for ever & ever disjointed,
time must do what our Heads could not, so
we must see what effect the peace will have,
at bottom Buonaparte is a coward, he trembles
when any body comes abruptly upon him, he
is a miserable creature, always in the fear of
being assassinated, they will I hope end in
cutting one another's throats, but the vices
that they have brought to light have really
infected every nation, General Constant
is nominated to command the Dutch troops
in our pay - he is a very gentleman like man
brought up at Calen, speaks very good English

He will make himself esteemed I am sure, what
you say is but too true, that the Powers thought only
of aggrandizing themselves, I hate them, & am
ashamed of belonging to such selfish people.
I never glory'd so much as now of being an English
woman, and your sister, the Dutch will pay
the arrears of the Hanoverian Prince's pension, & we
flatter ourselves that the pension will be recover'd
as she has no sort of ~~concrete~~ connection with the
politics of that country, tho' they do not think
so they certainly will be much happier at Tilla-
bourg with what they will receive of some other
Territory than ever they could be in Holland,
the great point of the French is to cut us off from
the Continent, & the blind Prince, did not see
that in its true light, they are themselves the paper
for we are the slaves of the French, we dare
not stir without their leave, I am always afraid
that they will at the Peace by to get Hanover out
of your hands, for they have a great mind to
52201

if it, although you and I am at all this get through
God who has so particularly bless'd & preserved
you, that he will frustrate their ^{vain} intentions is the
wish of her that is to all eternity your most
affectionate devoted

Subj^l humble

Slave & Subject

Augusta

January 25. 1707

Elizabeth of Denmark