

Duchess of Brunswick

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My dearest Mother

I seize on the earliest opportunity to express my warmest congratulations that ^{from} a weeks bathing in the Sea you already feel yourself better, no one can wish more than myself the continuance of the good effects the Sea bathing, I must add my best acknowledgements for your kindness to the dear Princess, I hope that she will not fail in her duty & attachment to you, I had often assured her that if she could bring herself to speak openly to you, you would then judge if many untruths was not told to the Queen & all the family of her in Town those lies did quite the contrary effect, no one believed them, & they were so silly put together, & never long enough continued to gain credit with reasonable people, I am very uneasy till I know the result of Mr Aldingtons negotiation, William is very happy to have been the choice of the Duke, Mary of Brade herself, the whole family had heard

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that he was given to drinking which is not the case
as he gain'd first the Grand father who does on him,
one always wear, by not being too much cry'd up,
& his free open character did the rest, I flatter
my self that will turn out much better than by
his talking one could expect, he made him^{self} worst
then he was by abusing every thing that was sacred,
he has caused me many rest less nights, his heart is good
& if she knows how to manage him, or will follow
my advice I am sure that all will go very well,
he loves me, & I do much better with him than his
father, who from being so partial is often his dupe,
from the time they were children they on all occa-
sions heard me declare that on no consideration
I would ever pay their debts, & I have keep'd his
the Duke on the contrary pays continually, has no
thanks for all his kindness, it could not be other wise
they say, it makes me quite angry when I hear it
they dare not hold such language before me,
Augustus & George are an exception, they content

with their Allowance, Augustus has made up his
mind to live here, & I really believe that now he sees
that its the only reasonable thing for him to live
with his family, we do what we can to make
him happy & easy, and I am sure you would be
pleas'd if you could be eye witness to my augmen-
ting consideration, I am as comfortable at home
as possible, my health is the only thing that I wish
was better, its four weeks that I can not stir from
my chair, but with great pain, & yet as the Duke
likes that I should be of all, I desire to go to the Play
with him, he is so well that he certainly will bury
me & he will be an inconsolable widower.

I beg your pardon for troubling you with my family
concerns, but its a great relief to open ones heart
to a friend. I ever am My dearest brother

your most attached devoted
humble servant and Subject

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Augusta

Duke of Brunswick
August 3rd 1761.