

Duchess of Brunswick

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my dearest brother

Thank God that you are recover'd from your ^{very} dangerous illness, indeed I pass'd some very anxious moments, but they are over, you can easily conceive what I must have suffer'd on receiving the first news of your sickness, do be manage'd, for unfortunately you never had any opinion of the faculty and always held Medicine too cheap. I do nothing without consulting my Physicians. This winter my Stomack has been by my diet much better, for at our age one must be very caution what we eat & drink as our digestion is more difficult. all our Stomacks are good for nothing, & when I feel I can not eat nor sleep. M^r Desjuc goes first to Berlin to take leave of his friends there, but as he is often prevented from circumstances to follow his journey I would not give him a letter for you, he has open'd the eyes of our

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Clergy on their atheism, which goes so far that
religion is not learnt in the Schools, but as they
they please to have it understood we are all infidel
ted the Consistory & all our Ministers give in their
Judge opinions, I do sincerely repent not having
brought a Clergy man with me, for can you believe
it, they think me a too great a sady, to give me the
absolution at the Communion, I have found
fault with Wolfe's complain'd to the Minister
whose department it is to see to their doing their
duty, but all to no purpose, & as there is not
all the firmness there ought to be on this subject
every body does what appears feasible to them,
it grieves me, for he thinks quite right but these peo-
ple have subdu'd his reason, & all I can say is
in vain, his great fault is that he likes not to
appear but to let others act, and in such a case one
ought to exercise all one's might. its really very
wrong, I look upon it as a sin, & speak my mind
very plainly, I distinguish those that abhor the
free thinkers, while others give Preferments to these

worthless men because they are employ'd at the
University of Helmstadt, which by the by cannot sub-
sist want of young people coming there. I cannot
conclude without wishing you many many returns
of your birthday with every blessing this world can
afford I ever am my dearest brother

your most attached &
most dutiful Subject

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Duchess of Devon

May 15th 1004

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