

Duke of Brunswick

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Melmont-house 31 Mars 1813

Sir

It is with the most lively sense of gratitude and duty that I approach your Royal Highness to acknowledge the interest you have taken in every thing relating to my revered Mother and in endeavouring as far as lay in your power to mitigate to me that irreparable loss by condescending to give your Royal orders respecting the funeral, and thus relieving me of all anxiety upon so deeply afflicting an occasion. It is with very great concern therefore that I have been given to understand that I appear to have been wanting in duty in not having requested the high honor of your Royal Brother's presence at the funeral of my Mother. If I have erred in this respect it has arisen from my ignorance of the customs of the Country, from a supposition that I should be invading the Lord Chamberlain's prerogative, and from the belief that their gracious presence had been requested and obtained, as I saw the Princes of

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The Blood Royal mentioned upon the Paper of Circumstances
my knowledge of my duty towards the whole of your
Royal Highness's August Family and the deep sense of the
many favours I have received at their hands will ex-
onerate me from all intentional disrespect, and I must
claim your Royal Highness's further most gracious indul-
gence, if I have otherwise acted in any just and
dutiful attention through ignorance or mistake.

I have the honor to be with the most profound
respect

Sir

Your Royal Highness's

Duke of Brunswick
31. Mar. 1813.

most obedient humble servant
and most devoted Son and
Subject

William Duke of Brunswick.