

A Copy of a Letter from
Col. St. John

Copy of Lieut. Col. St. John's
to the D. of Gloucester
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Sir

I thought it a duty incumbent on me, however disagreeable and shocking the Task is to inform Your Royal Highness of this Melancholy Event of the Death of Your Royal Brother, which happened this Morning at Eleven o'Clock, after a long Illness which ended in a putrid Miliary Fever accompanied with an inflammation of the Bowels and ended in a Mortification.

His R. Highness dictated to me the enclosed Letter, and charged me either to give it or remit it to your R. Highness by the first opportunity, at the time he dictated this tender & affectionate Letter, He proposed his wishes perfectly and orders me to write as fast as possible for fear they should forsake him Commodore Anson has ordered Capt. Cosby of the Montreal and Mr. de la Convey His Royal Highness's Body Home Capt. Krotterley whom I thought proper to send to England with an account of this Unhappy Event is acquainted with all the Melancholy particulars.

I have the Honour to be with the
utmost Duty and respect
To your Royal Highness's most
Devoted and most Obedient Humble Servant

W. St. John

1821

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