

His R. H. Duke of Gloucester
Weymouth 25th Sept. 1780.

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Sir,

Give me leave to congratulate
your Majesty upon the happy event of the
Queen's safe delivery of a Prince. I had proposed
myself the pleasure of paying my Duty to you
some time since, when such an event should
have taken place; but as I have but within
these eight ^{days} ventured to bathe, I fear should
I leave this place but for ever so short a
time at present I may relapse; therefore
I presume to trouble your Majesty with a letter
to make my excuses.

I have the honor
to be your most Dutiful
Subject Brother
William Henry

Weymouth
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