

Written by the late Princess Sophia Matilda,
Daughter of William Henry, Duke of Gloucester.

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to
Her M^{ty} &
Prince Albert who
expressed a wish to have
some of my father's
handwriting

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Jan^y 13th 1804

Dear William I feel great regret that
We shall again not pass your Birth day
together. It is a day We have so much reason
to be proud of, and that has given Me such
infinite Satisfaction. You have lost no opportunity
of distinguishing yourself, and the World does
you ample Justice. You are young enough
to have many more opportunities of rendering
your Country Service. To bear with diff'culty,
and Resolucⁿ, is a virtue you see the need of,
it cannot long be your fate. I hope I may see
you many Returns of your Natal day, and
enjoy health. I have no fear of anything
else. The Attachment your Sister, and you
have for each other is the greatest Blessing and
Comfort

To Me. Indeed she seems to have no
idea but attending to your Welfare

The Duchess has a little return of
the St Antonij's fire, she has seen Vaughan
who thinks it will last but a day or two.

Ever your affectionate Father
William Henry

[Faint, illegible handwriting, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]