

D. A. Gloucester Bagshot Park  
Dec: 18 26. Dec: 15<sup>th</sup> 26

My dear Greenwood

I returned here yesterday evening, & we shall not move from Bagshot Park till the 1<sup>st</sup> of January; Tomorrow we expect Mr & Mrs Stanhope to remain with us till next day. Nothing can be quieter than this Party composed entirely of your intimate Friends who would be delighted to see you amongst them. If perhaps you can with perfect convenience to yourself, you

stern here for a couple of Days  
before the end of this month I need  
not assure you that it would  
afford the sincerest satisfaction  
to the Duchess & myself & I assure  
you will fix the time most  
agreeable to yourself -

On Wednesday I received a Letter  
from Dutton dated Naples Nov. 25  
communicating the following truly  
melancholly Intelligence "A Ship  
of the line having Lord Hastings  
on board arrived in this Bay  
Yesterday & I have just seen

Lord Huntley on his return from  
the Ship who says Lord Hastings's  
Death is fast approaching & he  
is not expected to outlive the  
Night!"

I shall be entirely guided by  
your Advice on this occasion &  
I will either write to the Duke  
York or not as you recommend,  
& if you think it proper I should  
write to him I will do so at the  
moment you point out  
Ever with the sincerest Esteem  
& Attachment

My dear Grenville  
Very truly Yours  
William Frederick

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The Power would be a very  
acceptable and desirable  
appointment for me, but I  
did not mention it as I  
conceive the Duke of Wellington  
would prefer it to Plymouth,  
should he not I should very  
much like to be Constable of the  
Tower — W.P.