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Gordon Mount

H R H
The Duke of Clarence

[?1796]

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I am very I want to
see you before I leave town – and go very
uncertain whether I shall meet you at
Richmond or not – I left the dear
Children quite well – and very
anxious to know when you return
George Ireland he would not stay
in the House if we both went
away – perhaps you may have forbid
the Dinner at the Castle – and by
that means I shall be put out
of my suspence about seeing you –
God Bless you – yours ever, Dora –

[? 1796] A A. p. 34.

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Wednesday Morning

I returned last night at half past ten very much tired as you may suppose after playing in both plays twice – but do not find any inconvenience from it today – George is very well – tho his cold is rather troublesome – you will let me know tomorrow whether you wish us should go to Richmond on Saturday or not – I could wish for the child's sake more than for my own that we did not as I fear he has caught this cold in going backwards & forwards so frequently – I wish you we come home as poor George and I feel quite alone in the world without – to visit your picture

very often and crop to have the door open.
I don't know what I should do without him – he
won't be a moment away from me – the first
thing he did this morning as soon as he was
awake was to pull open the curtain and
call to me – I could almost wish you stay
at Windsor today tho' it is so very dark – God
bless you and believe me ever yours
Dora

W.M. 1794. [After August 1796]

W.M. 1794

17.

Windsor Frost
Friday 2 o'clock

I write a few lines from this place for fear I should be too late for the post on my return to Richmond — George is very well and slept last night better than he has yet done, and no more pimples have appeared — Topsy sleeps as she always does, and as I trust in God she always will — I have no news with troubling you with the unfortunate affair remains just as it did — I begin already to wish the time of your absence

Hospital – my pen and ink are
so bad that I can scarce proceed.
God bless you & believe me ever
sincerely yours

J Gordon

Gracedieu

I am very I could not get any money last night for I should have liked very much to have come down this evening – I am promised to go on Thursday – Lord Harrington expected you to dinner yesterday I told Redwood that I had not seen you mention it – so write and I shall get it tomorrow before I set out – I wish to know how the dear children are – or had you in the house last night I had not slept an hour – such a pain in my left side I imagine

I must have strained myself
with the fall at least I hope so
I am going now about the letting
leases — God Bless you and
the dear Girls and ever believe
me yours sincerely
and affectionately
Victoria

Windsor Room Saturday Nine

I am this moment returned from the Treasury, and forced them to give me the 50 Gs — they are distracted about my refusing to play four times this week — Wrangham says it is their intention if I refuse, to leave me out of all new pieces — I said with regard to that they might do as they thought proper — the between acts I should be very sorry if they did

I am now going home very far
from well Mr Ferguson & Dudith
are behind the scenes all nights &
rather troublesome — however I grow
then had very little opportunity
for I was best part of the hour
in the Dressing Room — I was afraid
of stirring about — I wish I was
at home, where I am here. I feel
like a person deserted by the whole
World, and open to all kind of
unpleasant situations — God bless
you & the dear dear Children
yours affectionately Victoria

I am afraid from the completion of your letter that you are not at all better — I wish to God I was with you which I certainly will be by 11 which hours I am happy to hear the dear little ones are well, Mrs Floyd is very ill. I was very much tired last night and am but very poorly to day in consequence of it, I wished much to have come down to night, but Floyd is obliged

to go to bed — or I certainly should, God bless you — bless the dear little ones — I was kept so late at school that I missed the Grampton coach. Grampton sent Carter on horse back — to take care of your dear selves — for the sake of your dear children, yours affectionately

J Graham

W. M. 1796

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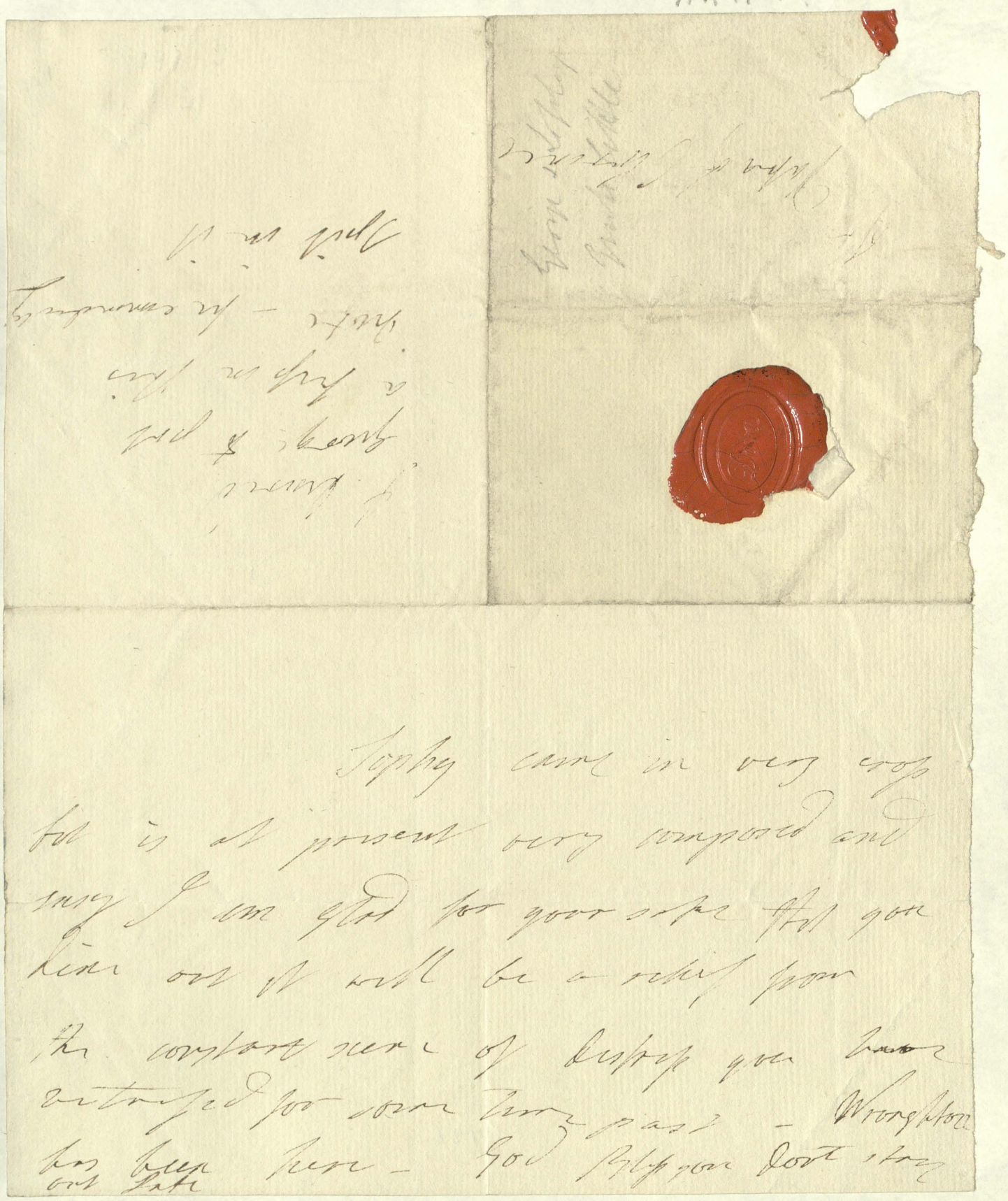
I refused playing last Night
till past four o'clock – when they sent
me £2 with a solemn promise of the
same sum this morning – I had ordered
the carriage at 10 this Morning hoping
to spend a couple of hours with you
and the dear little ones but was prevented
by Mrs Lewis who sent late last Night
to say he would read the new Comedy
this morning – Miss London made me
very happy last night by her account
of the dear Children – will you have
the goodness to give the enclosed to
Owen to pay Mrs Walker – we have

had very great losses — I heard last night that Gr. Sheridan forfeits his whole property in the Theatre unless he brings out the Gamon Play at a certain time this season — Sir Pepper Arden I understand is deeply concerned in the Theatre —

3 o'clock I have been prevented finishing this and have only time to tell you to keep the deer babies and to believe me ever yours

Fanny



Sophy came in very cross but is at present very composed and very I am glad for your sake that you leave us it will be a relief from the constant sense of despair you have entertained for some time past — Wrangham has been here — God bless you dear Sophy

[c. April 1797.]
A.A. p. 39

94.

Sunday Evening
10 o'clock

I have this moment received your kind letter. I hope I need not say how much I wish your return and yet believe me notwithstanding this, I feel happy in the idea of the consolation your society must be to your brother — I went to town this morning, but returned with only ½ — I see some people in town to day who said the Princess has within this week lost much popularity — It is my wish (tho I feel I do not succeed as often as I desire) to make your home agreeable to you — and your attachment to it proceeds more from your own goodness of disposition, than from my weak efforts — your dear Aldborn I

I am sure will ever make your home
acceptable – and as for I think
dearest Victoria experience great very great
happiness; they are both as well as
possible – I mean Sophia Fearsome –
George is not as well very excellent
ones the others I regret have an
headache – Lord came yesterday to Dinner
and went at 7 o'clock this morning,
I will make myself as happy as I can
in your absence, but even absence
cannot make me feel more sensible
of the happiness of your society, for
I do at all times – God bless you
and return peace of mind to the Dearest
and consequently great relief to your
poor wife most sincerely I pray

[? 1797]

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Sophia slept in your
Bed last night and rested as well
as ever, I hope we shall see you soon
today, George is quite well, God
Bless you

yours sincerely

J Jordan

Sophy sends
to make more
enquiries but she has no appearance
of illness about her

Friday half past 8 o'clock

[? 1797]

W.M. 1795

W.M. 1795

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Monday morning quarter

I am writing unnecessarily
to hear from you, I hope to God your letter
to Pay will contain some better hopes of
the Prince obtaining peace of mind for I
can perceive his situation, affects your
spirits not a little. Sophy was very good
all Day yesterday the house left her
at noon – the night was a very distressing
one, however I have the pleasure of assuring
you, that she is this morning perfectly well
I have just got her to sleep, George has
a few spots upon one of his hands which are

so much troublesome, but in every other respect as well as possible. I have not sent for my family, for I cannot spare any attention from poor little Doffee yet, when she is reconciled to her new manner of living, I will – let me know in your next letter when I may expect you back – Gordon has leave me not to mention to you, that the Barge Master is dead, God bless you and may this find you in good health and spirits are the sincere prayers of yours Affectionately

J Brown

Monday morning 9 oclock

I am waiting anxiously to hear from you, I hope to God your letter to day will contain some better hopes of the Princes returning peace of mind for I can perceive his situation, affects your spirits not a little, Sophy was very good all day yesterday, the Nurse left her at eleven - the night was a very distressing one, however I have the pleasure of assuring you, that she is this morning perfectly well I have just got her to sleep, George has a few spots upon one of his hands which are as usual troublesome, but in every other respect as well as possible. I have not sent for my Family, for I cannot spare any attention from poor little Poffee yet, when she is reconciled to her new manner of living, I will - do let me know in your next letter when I may expect you back - Gordon has desired me just to mention to you, that the Barge Master is dead, God Bless you and may this find you in good health and spirits are the sincere prayers of

yours affectionately

D JORDAN

George & Sophy.
Sophy being weaned

[?1797] See preceding letters

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Tuesday post six

The Dear little Sophia continues as well as when you left her, Landon does not think she will sicken before tomorrow, or tomorrow night. I wish you was returned home, to remain with us for a couple of days together; God Bless you I hope you will meet with every thing that is pleasant in London, and return with health and spirits, where very sincere good wishes wait for, and attend you wherever you go — George is as well and as impatient as we

yours forever

half past six

The Dear little Sophia continues as well as when you left her; Dundas does not think she will sicken before to-morrow, or tomorrow night,- I wish you was returned home, to remain with us for a couple of days together; God Bless you I hope you will meet with every thing that is pleasant in London, and return with health and spirits, where every sincere good wish waits for, and attends you where ever you go - George is as well and as impudent as ever

yours

D JORDAN

Early - George & Sophy only Children -
Feared Small Pox?

82. London

Windsor 11 o'clock

I am very happy to hear
very thing went off to your satisfaction
and that you spent so pleasant a
day — I have been very unwell in
consequence of my knee, which has been
very bad indeed — the dear children
have been very well and happy
Underwood will be here bye & bye to
see them — it will keep them a little
beyond their dinner hour, but not much,
Underwood could not come sooner, I
hope you will not come to soon
unless it is perfectly convenient to

you — if you do come to town, bring the money for the Insurance office — I was obliged on Monday night to send for the first Surgeon we could get — he seemed to treat me very properly — he says I have injured one of the ligaments that connects the knee together it is very painful, but I hope it will soon be better — God Bless you — yours ever — Jane Gordon

Wednesday 11 oclock

I am very happy to hear every thing went off to your satisfaction and that you spent so pleasant a day - I have been very unwell in consequence of my knee, which has been very bad indeed - the dear children have been very well and happy Underwood will be here bye & bye to see them - it will keep them a little beyond their dinner hour but not much, Underwood could not come sooner, I hope you will not come to town unless it is perfectly convenient to you - if you do come to town, bring the money for the assurance Office - I was oblidged on monday night to send for the first Surgeon we could get - he seemed to treat me very properly - he says I have injured one of the Ligaments that connects the knee together it is very painful, but I hope it will soon be better - God Bless you -

yours ever

DORA JORDAN

I found all the dear little ones well – I expected to have heard from you – but must give up all hopes of it now, as both Post and Coach are arrived – we are all quite well I hope so God grant your health and contentment will not leave you – God bless you ever

Yours most sincerely

After 1797.

116.

Windsor Castle
Wednesday

We all miss you sadly, only the longer you are away, the more we wish for your return. I was actually awake a little after you went but it went off, for your sake I wish it over in your absence, tho for my own I feel more at ease in the idea of your being at home in case of any thing unpleasant occurring — give my love to dear George — God bless you

Ever yours sincerely and affectionately

Victoria

I could not help pitying you — she reminded you coming all the way

[23 January 1798]
AA p. 41

I understand I am to play tomorrow, and thursday, therefore I hope to see you in town tomorrow. If the new play succeeds they will expect my performance on the friday and saturday — how happy should I be if you could continue in Town, three days — however if you cannot I will continue to see the Dear children before the end of the week — I have no chance of escaping next monday the Room overflowed last night from very pot, and there is the same prospect for the next performance of the Blue Beard begins to decline, but the rage for the castle Spectre is astonishing — I am now going to

[illegible] the lottery tickets – God send they may be lucky – I will pay the money to Robinson as soon as I get it which will not be long – let me know what time I may see you tomorrow – God bless you and the dear children, ever yours sincerely

John Gordon

Friday 12 o'clock

[? c. 19 September 1798]
AA. p. 42

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X £52 to Duke of Clarence. 33.

2 o'clock

I am this moment returned from St James and am much disappointed to find you are not to be in town this day — I trust in God the dear children are well, — may I come down tomorrow to see them, for an hour — you will be surprised at seeing me absentee for Filey, but I trust not angry when I tell you the reason. Pop Sidons had bound them to play on that night, but since, she is in contest for being her second daughter — Pop Sidon come here ~~[illegible]~~ against I would play, otherwise Pop Sidons would be obliged to quit her child. — on so serious an occasion I thought it would not

Dear

to either honour or indeed politeness, and hope you will agree with me in this opinion to the first reason I can see you will-yours I will set out tomorrow at 9 o'clock – and return at 2, so that the Horses will rest 3 hours – if you have any objection let me know. I got £52 last night – I have sent you this by Lloyd – Very serious this, – God bless you and the very Dear children and believe me most affectionately Yours

Victoria

If you want this money let me know that I may not dispose of it

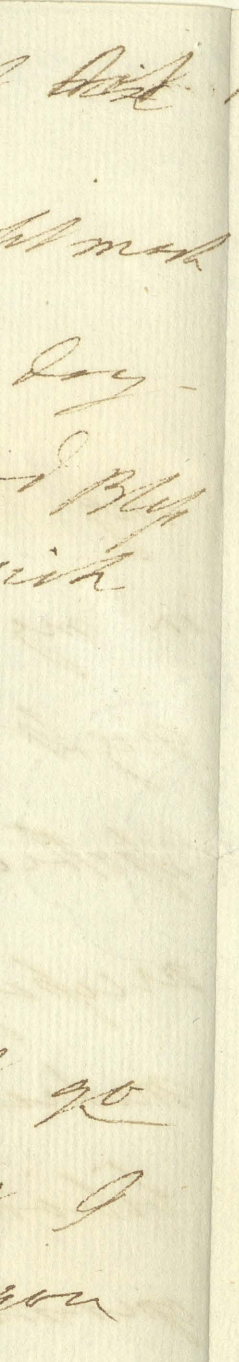
Windsor

Sorry for the pain in my stomach has ended in a complaint in my bowels – I was very ill all night Taylor who was the nearest apothecary I could get says it is necessary for me to take some castor medicine to buy & prevent a bilious fever – it will have done operating by six o'clock, when I shall see you – I hope you will let the dear children spend the day with me – I shall bring them home

to their dear Papa sick at Osborne
I do not think they would respect me
by being in the country this day —
the air is so thick — God Bless
you dear for your dear sick
or well —

Victoria

Pr Victoria will not go
out or do anything that I
know is unpleasant to you



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May the Children
stay with me till we
have

I received a letter last night from Philip London with the pleasing intelligence that the dear Children were quite well – I trust I shall see you tomorrow with a further confirmation of it – the morning proved a very pleasant one & very lovely but me – and I would you given a great deal to have been with you & my dear babies – I meant to have gone down to Windsor

yesterday, & returned as I say
and I had ordered the carriage
for that purpose, but seeing you
knew does not agree with me –
I was originally very unwell.
All right, yet no sleep and was
not able – God bless you and
kiss the dear ones for me
who are at all times your
most affectionate
& sincerely
Don

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85.

I am very happy you return tomorrow – as I must send in my determination by Friday & have enclosed you Sturdees letter in which you will perceive he has made no proposal – but unexpected for them to offer £2 per night for 3 nights per week & 10/6 for extra nights – for 5 years for Boxes on the usual terms Mrs Sidons has never had by agreement more than £7 per week for Boxes & Mr Kemble has stipulated

entirely ignorant from what passed to him of the contents of the written proposal of the Deputation, which I stated you to have, & which he has taken to show Sheridan — the Lord Chancellor on all with I wish you were here with us — yours

sincerely

Grey

I have a cool letter to say to you I too heard from Bate Godley — she could not get a sight of S — but mention a word of the

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