

My dearest brother

Through discretion, I deprive myself
of the pleasure of writing to you, but on
your Birthdays & the new year, which
are time that every one think he may
offer up his good wishes, & I flatter my
self that you distinguish my stationers
from the others, or you are very unjust
against yourself, there is great reason
to fear that the Illumines party in
Berlin has totally changed, & undone
that Country, that the Court does not see
their own Interest, that they will be
the Slaves of France, the King begins
to flut which makes the Queen very
uneasy, she has a great Party against
her, his favorites do all they can to

alienate him from her, its doubly wrong as
she tries to oblige every creature & is very
attentive & friendly with these good
men. Mr. Tolmie's brother to him that
is taken coming for Egypt is going to
see if Mr. Banks cannot assist him to
get him released. he wants me to give him
a letter of recommendation to Mr. Banks
that he is really brother to the worthy
Tolmie. I have no sort of knowledge
of Mr. Banks but I can answer for the
Probity of his Tolmie's he was some time
with the famous General Ferdinand & that he
had not a farthing in his pocket, he left
because an honest man could not remain
with him it said that he is married to the
Eldesst Daughter of the Duke of Ouland
they will have nothing to support each other
& it will pay all his debts, he once wanted

me to propose him for one of your Daughters
but I send him away with a flea in his ear,
I would rather know them dead than in such
bad hands, Sever am my dearest brother
with the truest gratitude

Your most dutiful
& affectionate Subject

Augusta

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Handwritten text on a rectangular piece of paper, possibly a letter or document fragment. The text is written in a cursive script and is mostly illegible due to fading and the angle of the photograph. Some words are partially visible, such as "Duchess of Devonshire" at the top and "Your most obedient" in the middle. There is a faint stamp or number "1810" visible in the lower part of the fragment.