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My dearest brother

Will be surpris'd to receive this through
William, I did not know how to get at you
as I fear'd you would not like the Oranges
or General Constant presenting you this letter,
they might surmise more than it contains, &
I would not for the world be thought to interpose
in Politics, tho' this is a hint which I thought
my duty to mention, the Duke has from good
authority that the Tories wish to be reconcil'd
with us & have desire his intercession, he only
waits ~~for~~ until they have explain'd on what
terms the negociation is to be finish'd, I hope
that you will not take it amiss, for no one can
be more zealous for the good cause than him-
self, I leave to him an other very disagree-
ble subject, which my feelings, makes it im-

possible for me to write upon, Prussia does not
yet feel the mortifying situation in which
their Pusillanimity has placed them, they now
are obliged to submit to every whim of Paul
& Bonaparte, & dear very dear will he pay for
it, Poland the moment the french advance
will join them, they are with reason Democra-
tes, for their fate was very hard, as in time they
will see that the french are not more to be
depended upon than the other Powers, Bonaparte
has gain'd the Emperor of Russia by promising
to make his Son Constantia King of Poland
to overthrow the Grand Signor, of driving away
the Turks out of Europe, Constantinople has
always been the object of Russia, & now it very
likely to succeed. Bonaparte on his return
to Paris came here, he wrote to the Duke that
he wish'd to see him, he made him a visit
in the evening, & afterwards to the Play where
I was, desir'd to be presented to me, & met

I graciously permitted, he is not so ugly as we had
heard, exceedingly polite, quite in his writing
& speaking as other people, the next day he
dined with us, & I must say that I never saw
a french man so modest, we talk'd of the
most trifling subject, but kept up the Conversation
the whole Time, he is at Hanover whereshope no
body will see him, I cannot close this without
saying that we are in hopes that My Son William
will at last conform to the wish of the States by
marrying, we neither know who is the Princeess
if he will marry, I shall not fail to ask your
permission as soon as I know, till he is mar-
ried I shall never believe it, & he has so many
humane windings in his head, that if its possible
he will always find fault with every Princeess
as marriage is what he dreads the most in the
world. I ever am dear brother your truly affec-
tionate
& most faithfully
humble Servante
& Subject
Augusta

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Duchess of Brunswick
11th Feb^{ry} 1801

[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text follows, including a signature and a date at the bottom.]