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L le 13 July [1726]

J'ai recue ma chere Clayton
 avec ^{plaisir} votre lettre, et celle de
 My Lady pembroke, Je vous
 renvoye la reponce, ill ette
 impossible, de mangager si-
 long tems devans, Je la pris
 dettre satisfie, de moy, que
 Je le ferais le plus tost, quil
 sera possible, la pauvre
 Dutches de Shrewsbury et bien
 tost detruie, cette le glorieux
~~sou~~ ouvrage, de S^r John Shadwell
 qui a eut la follie, de venire
 quan, l'evque, ette ala compagnie,
 il luy a donne de chose tre
 fort, pour les tomach, et quant
 i trove, que cette trop fort,
 ill luy a donne de lodinume,
 qui la mette endormie, pour
 cette monde, J'espere que l'air
 de la Campagne, vous en fera
 du bien, et le bonne Mon^s
 Clayton aussi,

I received my dear
 Clayton your letter with
 pleasure, & that of Lady
 Pembroke. I will send
 an answer, it is im-
 possible for me to
 engage my self soe
 long before, it can't be
 till after this turn, &
 that is the soonest I
 can, the poor Dutches
 of Shrewsbury is soone
 destroy'd, it is the
 glorious work of S^r
 J. Shadwell. who had
 the folly to come, when
 the Bishops were of
 the company. He gave
 her something very
 strong to ease her
 Stomach, & when that
 was too strong, he gave
 her Laudanum which
 laid her asleep for this
 world. I hope you
 find benefit from the

Je ne vous dirais pas combien,
Je vous aime, vous le devez,
sçavoir, Ma Chere amie

Caroline

country air, & good
Mr Clayton all soe
I wont tell you how
much I love you,
you ought to know
it my dear friend

Caroline

+ Mrs Clayton had
requested of the
Queen that Lady
Pembroke might
be a Lady of her
bed chamber

This letter was wrote
since her Majesty was
Queen tho' it be mis-
placed as many of
the others may be
few or none of them
having any dates.

Surely not - Geo II
succeeded June 11 1727