

New Haven Oct. 31. 1818.

My Dear Brother

As I understand from General Taylor that you do not come to hear this evening I feel it my duty as much as my inclination to acquaint you with what passed between the General and myself this evening. As soon as I came into the room he bowed his head and said a little but with a sort of catch which proceeded from difficulty in the face of tears. After talking some he said I don't know how you have been Taylor - I know you and would you like me to repeat to you what he said to him, he said I should like it of all things. I then related what he said and he seemed it was exactly what he desired me to say. I then told him that General Taylor thought it very natural for himself or any person who had been in the army many months to be anxious to know the real opinion of the Officers though he had every reason to be satisfied with them. That he had perfectly stated to them both what he had believed to be his own commands and that he had been very much struck with the candid and handsome manner in which they had received the communication - the reply they made General Taylor's description in a letter to me for he had a bad headache and feared he should not be able to see me. That I could relate it to him if he wished it - but it appeared to me as more likely to do justice to their feelings - and integrity and more satisfactory to himself if I read the letter to him. He said My dear you are quite right. I then read the whole of it - when I came to the conclusion he said - I had not thought it would have come to this - but pray read it again and read it every now. I did so and then he said and said I had hoped to get better but nobody knows more how what I suffer

They don't know immediate danger. Did they ever know the you? I said
 when you are under a fever the Physicians have always told us candidly that
 you were in great danger - He then asked whether they talked of danger now? -
 I answered, this Morning they both together told Mary and myself that they thought
 they could ease your distress likely to have a fever and they judged of getting
 your Pulse - but that they could not derive from the daily experience that you
 are very ill. He said, So! - then he laid the handkerchiefs and cried but
 with the same difficulty - and after a few minutes of continued silence he said he
 hoped to have seen you all happy and now I shall not arrive at the end
 of my breath. I said indeed we are all sensible of your Affection and most grate
 full for it. He added I have caused a very dull Summer to you all for the Business
 could have given his Brothers balls and parties on account of their Marriage
 and now I have been a care to every thing. I answered indeed at all the parties from
 the Business thoughts or from the thoughts of any individual of your Children
 for from the treatment of you I sleep nothing could cheer the Affection and the
Business end of every one of your Sons - their whole and soul depending
 upon your recovery - He said I wish to God I could see your Brothers like their Mothers
 them but I am too ill I can only see you and Mary. - He then said I pray from
 Night till Morning and from Morning till Night I think a great deal for you
 you I wish I was near the Sea being when I ought to be at Dear Dear Windsor
 I said that is most Natural - and as for praying and thinking I am sure it is the way

would to think and I felt when one entertains what you suffer and with what you
 have toward Nature you submit to it all. He said my dear I thought a great deal
 He then mentioned the legs and said they were very bad and that they had been much
 as the day in the chest and asked I wonder what it can be. I said have you ever asked
 the Physicians whether they think the swelling of the legs is connected with the
 pleurisy of the chest? He said he no I cannot plague them with my foolish
 queries and questions. I replied plainly no question can be asked after
 such a long illness and the distressful Affections and Distresses of Sir Thomas and
 Sir Henry demands that you should not keep back any of your feelings or
 ideas respecting your health. - He often put his hand on the Pillow which
 the Conversation was going on - and at last He gave me the hand and said I
 beg to thank you for having executed my Commission so exactly and perfectly
 fully - and He could say much indeed - then He was silent again and I
 thought was asleep - but soon the hands move up and down gently as if He were
 in prayer. And all of a sudden He said I don't think the account is cheating you
 I am sure you don't think so. I replied I do not think it cheating - but you
 will soon come speak to the Physicians now you have their written Opinion and
 I will please it as your Father that you may look at it, at your leisure for they
 say that your Constitution is wonderful though they are under Apprehension
 and I he finished by saying - I will keep the Paper. - I was plain these Questions

you have with her - and should she ever be so much relieved by I am before
left her - but she showed great firmness of character great Religion and great
kindness to every body in the manner of speaking - very affectionate towards all
the children - and repeated her grateful thanks to every individual for the atten-
tion paid her during this long illness -

It was a very painful task to my feelings but I shall never regret the Duty
I felt I must discharge in the manner perhaps the least painful
to her - I was ever the manner to myself and had not heard
breaking, because I was under the cruel necessity of telling her an awful
truth - but as a matter of duty I could do it - that is all I can say -

I hope they don't think you can read this - but I wish to tell you all
myself though I don't expect to write but I wish to tell you in
my own way - God bless you

Your very truly Aff. Son

Augusta

Princess Augusta

to

Mr Paine Regent

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