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Duchy House.
Thursday
Eight.

Dear Paine, I enclosed a letter for you to de-
liver to Lord Minto with: in answer to yours of
the 2nd instant. I shall observe the more informati-
-on you can get from all sorts of people on the
Catholic question the better: not being perfectly
master of the sentiments of Mr. J. W. Hippesley. I do
not know if we agree: but am happy to find
the Basis of opinion. I hope Council of Regency
to be changed.

I wish some thing could be done on this fatal ques- not
 tion: for the agitation every year in Parliament affa
 cannot be prevented and as long as the heads of the E. L.
 opposition on both sides of the water support Lam
 the Catholics they will flatter themselves with Pou
ultimately carrying their point: the grand obsta- tho
 cle and danger at present is the Pope: affairs having to do hav
 thank God taken so favourable a turn on the to p
 Continent. I trust we may at last look forward with
 to Europe being once more born firm which can only que
 the Prince of Spain the Emperor of Russia the and
 King of Prussia and the Prince of Sweden who are -m

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not Catholics, will have much to say in settling
of
affairs: fortunately the three Ecclesiastical
Electors are abolished with the consent of the
Catholic Princes in Germany. Think therefore
Princes might at least try to persuade the Ca-
tholics to do away with the Pope. I cannot
have any objection to your showing this letter
to Lord Minto and talking this idea over
with the Lord Lieutenant: I hope the Catholic
question will never be carried: but we have seen
very extraordinary terms and times in Parlia-
ment: unfortunately with the rising price

tion the question is popular: you and the right
thinking people ought to be solid and steady:
and it is under this idea, particularly approve
of the appointment of Lord Minto to the
his Lordship to be a cool and firm man: as usual
write me word.

As his wife, with me in every kind wish to
wants Lady Gray and our remain,

My Dear Lord,
Yours sincerely
William