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Widow's letter
 Aug. 24th 32

Dear Lady Eliza I am afraid I must
 have appeared in your Eyes most un-
 grateful for not having before
 this expressed my gratitude to you
 for your kind congratulations on
 my Birthday & the beautiful Table
 you have sent me for my Cottage.
 It gives me great pleasure,
 I assure you & I value it the
 more for being of the Irish
 Box type. It is so very good of you
 to have recollected the Day & to have
 placed such a beauty into my favorite
 spot. It is universally admired &

by none more than me. We have
had so much company in the fall
exercise that I had that I have
hardly had time to breathe, which
is not only a cause for not having
written sooner to express my
gratitude towards you.
I am quite well, but my spirits
have not yet recovered from the
severe affliction Anne's death
has occasioned. I do my best to
struggle against my own feelings
& to endeavour to get again cheerful
but it is sometimes very difficult
to call with so many things which
lay heavily upon my heart, to assume
an air of quiet & quiet when one
feels so differently inwardly. My

God Almighty help me & protect me
to go on to do my duty unto
these wars.

I hope that you are all well & that
you have more quietness & less
trouble than approaching your home.
We have had some cases even in the
Castle of a slight attack of this
dreadful malady, but luckily none
ended fatally.

The poor G. of Gloucester is still
very unwell & I am afraid will
be long before she can recover
her strength again. I am very
sorry for it & wish I could think
better of her health as I do.
She is ~~very~~ very low & that
herself and seems to fear that she
suffers from the same illness as

The late Queen died.

The King, thank God is quite well &
in very good spirits. He desires
me to give you his kindest regards
& me to bid her to give our best
compliments to Mr. Elg.

Believe me, ever, my dear Lady

Elg your most aff. oblig'd
Friend

Arthur