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 Duke of Clarence's
 Letter

Durby House.
 April 15: 1812.

Dear George,

I am to acknowledge your Lord-
 ship's letter of ^{the} instant and trust the same suit
 has ended to your wishes: I perfectly agree with your
 Lordship that Mr. Fisher's report and Plea were
 right in their statements about provisions on your
 side of the water and I even believe the crop of
 Potatoes has not been so bad: I rejoice to hear your
 Lordship's part of the country is quiet: tho' it is not a
 bad thing to have a good and well regulated body of
 troops near one: I have not any fears for Ireland if we

can only keep the French from landing during this
war in the sister Kingdom and I really think with
even common attention Ireland perfectly secure from
invasion: still however, I hope not many years will
elapse before I see all religious distinctions done away
in the Empire: I remain Lord Sandaff in politics
to be of the sentiments of Lord Acland and Charles
-mont: Your Lordship ought therefore to press the
Duke of Richmond promise he remains and cannot
see how you can be refused and at the same time to
procure the promise of the Government and Castle
for the first vacancy: tomorrow I dine with Lord
Pergall at Smith's: but as the Catholic question is

Sophia: I have public wants and the laws intrigue
and scandal of our most extraordinary Petitions
to the newspapers and the ladies who correspond
with the Countess: God bless you and ever believe
me,

Dear Prayo,

Yours most sincerely

J. H. H.

a matter in which we must differ I will not enter.
 Your Lordship may however rely on my showing
 moderation and temper to the Delegates who
 present their petition tomorrow to the Prince Re-
 gent:

I believe Mr. Smith expects the water in June and
 in hopes of bringing your Lordship and the Countess
 back with them: nothing will give me more plea-
 -sure than to see you all again how happy I shall be.
 My daughter unites with me in every sense and you
 wish for your Lordship's and Lady Prager's health
 and happiness: Smith is our hospitable and excellent
 host and Mr. Smith is all kinds of attention to