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Buckingham House.  
Saturday  
Evening.

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Dear Praya,

Nothing that is human is certain: but  
from the favorable state of affairs in Russia and the  
consequently good understanding between the Prince  
Regent and the Emperor Alexander, there is every  
probability of my marriage taking place: in which  
case I rather expect there will not be an impossi-  
bility for Lady Praya accepting the situation of Lady  
of the Bedchamber: if there are to be more than one  
Lady, every objection is done away: and even if there should

be but me I am confident the thing can be managed:  
 I should trust shortly to see your Lordship in our  
 house in which case a residence of six months in this  
 country is requisite: should your Lordship not immedi-  
 -ately become one of the Eight and twenty still from my  
 intended way of living hadly I may need only a necessity  
 be with the Dutchess during the winter months for  
 Court attendance as I intend certainly to propose and mean  
 to live with my wife as your Lordship does with the  
 Countess: consider this well and give ray of I say my best  
 compliments and kindest remembrance.

I have much to say on the Catholic question when we  
 meet: it shall tell better than read in the meantime

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you and I wish to get rid of it: the only way to effect  
 that is moderation: we must resist Catholic violence  
 with coolness and temper: I trust and hope the County of  
 Holderness will be wiser: if the Catholics are abundant and ob-  
 -stinate they never can obtain any concession: for the  
 present advice and ever believe me,

Dear Mayo,

Yours most sincerely

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