

Duke of Clarence to Sir Wm Knighton.

[July 4 1818]

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Aldersbury Alley  
Saturday Afternoon  
Half past five.

Dear Sir  
I am this instant returned from  
the Priory with Lady Pole and have found your  
note announcing the probable and long expec-  
tation of the Princess Adelaide in which  
case she must this day arrive in London: comes  
than eight o'clock it will be impossible for  
me to leave this truly hospitable mansion tho'  
I am certainly most anxious to meet this Prin-  
cess in whose favour I am prejudiced as much  
as possible: I shall be in town thro' by ten and  
have ordered my own carriage to do whatever



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The wishes of the Deput may desire: I cannot  
conclude this letter without considering it  
may be the last before I marry that I shall have  
to address to the Deput: I must therefore re-  
-quest you to express my sincere and unbounded  
gratitude to the best of brothers and masters  
for his continued kindness to me from May 1<sup>st</sup>  
1778 up to this hour and to desire a continuance  
of his great goodness towards myself and my  
future Dutchess, who I really believe will  
fully deserve the approbation and maintenance  
of my Lordship: I shall be off for town this mo-  
-ment the carriage is ready and I am, I shall



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expect directions from you on my arrival at  
St. James's: till the evening advice and news be  
-liver me.

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Dear Sir,

Yours sincerely

Wm Strickland



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