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eines gestern erhaltenen Briefes
der Frau Herzogin v Gloucester

I have many apologies to make for not having
acknowledged Your obliging letter until to day, but Company
in my house must plead my excuse.

The subject is most interesting to my feelings that induces
You to write and warmly do I participate in Your legalty
and attachment to Your King and Master, and in the present
state of his spirits much to be wished and desired that all
should be done to relieve and ease his mind – but when
Politics are in question, it is very difficult for me (even
as a much attached and affectionate Sister), ever to touch
upon that subject, as You must be sure I am equally
attached to both my Brothers and honestly own that I can
enter into both their feelings as their situations are quite
different. My Brother King Ernest Augustus would not sign
the Constitution granted by William the 4th, why? – because
he did not approve of it, and 2dly, because he would not
bind himself to that which (if he ever came to the
Throne) he would break. – My Brother the Duke of
Cambridge actes as Vice-Roy and conscensiously signed and
recommended with the advice of the Ministers of that day
the Constitution William 4th approved of. Well then, my dear
Sir, both Brothers in their different situations have acted
honestly and to the best of theit Judgment. How can I

there for attempt to persuade the Duke of Cambridge to an act which I know he would construe as dishonest on his past, having signed the previous Constitution which the present proposed Constitution completely overturns. I know full well his feelings and it is most painful and distressing whenever it is alluded to – therefor however I may wish to be of use in this unfortunate business, I can not argue upon it with him, his scruples are so strong on this subject – and as a man of honour I cannot but admire his principles, as much as I do King Ernest for the Headiness he has shown. I pray God he may surmount all his difficulties, it is impossible not to respect his firmness and decision. Perhaps with his mind as affected at this moment it is a good thing that such unfortunate business calls him off from his own melancholy loss. I grieve not to be able to give You any assistance, but I trust You give me credit for my feelings.

I beg You to believe me with esteem

Mary

July 25.

Bagshot Park