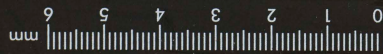


St. James's March 17th 1789 10.
My dear Friend, I am at length sitting down
to write to you - it is a most tedious indeed - I have
been lately in a continual hurly burly a whirl of
not of engagements or amusements. I suppose you
nothing less - I believe the joy I have felt on the
King's recovery, & from the many concomitant circumstances
of that happy event, has almost turned my head
at least it has confused it most extremely - I
am beginning now to come to my senses again
and to think of the King well & his Government
firm and established as circumstances that
have always existed, & I only remember the
deceitful dream or I dream that that are over as a
horrid dream from which thank God I have
awakened, I trust for ever - Indeed my dear
I could not bear to write, nay to think even
during that period - I could have wished to have
slept & been insensible to all that was going on
about me - it was miserable to exist at that
time, alone ones reflections were dismal &
heart breaking, in society, one was sure of meeting
some unfriendly enemies whose insinuations
in human language, was irritating & oppressive
to the last degree - now they are scarce silent
& proper to disbelieve the King's recovery, or to doubt
the continuance of his health - the fact tho'
is, & thank God it is so - that he never was
better in his life, or more equal to business
as a proof of the strength of his mind & nerves
he has heard I believe every circumstance

of the Duke of Yorks conduct, without that knowledge, I have had a cough & cold then. 3 weeks, the effort
having occasioned any thing like a relapse which of wrapping up as I have done this winter, I mean
his most sanguine friends always I dread and to catch cold when I wore nothing, and if a
if you were here by my fire side, which I breath of air touches me I am ill.
heartily wish you were, & hope you will be The French Embassy, as it has begun to open her
soon, I could tell you a thousand anecdotes there on the Kings recovery - I have been as true
relative to this dead & good King whose suppress there & he is going to give a Ball, I was
heart, magnanimity, & true amiable god also very loyal & generous and one at his side
equal character was never so well known on Friday guests on their occasions - they
before. Oh! the thousand instances of generosity are now beginning - I intend going out of town
of that true spirit of Christianity which forgives one on the Monday after the first to Richmond
injuries & pardons excuses for the faults even by to enjoy a little comfort and quiet - I hope
of our Enemies, that have come lately to in that time the weather will be more settled
my knowledge - at some future period I am I all this joy I sometimes forget the many
I hope to, re-creating the pleasure it gives me sources of misery or at least disguised, I suffer
to think over them by communicating them from in my heart - one of the most serious
to you - The K. is now at Windsor, since is perhaps my Brothers state of health
Saturday, that he called going home - he is so indifferent that I never look at him
returns to New on Wednesday, the Queen yet for once & he will not consult Doctors -
knows comes to the Draw: on Thursday to there is the obstinacy of Mary - there is no
receive I imagine the universe - it is incon- prevailing on them to do what is right if they
ceivable what the crowd will be - in the evening have even a fancy to object to it - he has
we give a Ball on this happy occasion & no cough, but a slow fever & looks the picture
small one it must be on account of our house of death - my Brother & Bill are God's blessing
but it will equally testify our joy & satisfaction well. Miss Robinson is still well & will I
it has given new life & spirits to my Father believe continues about a fortnight longer
he said the King a week ago at New & found she is better, has had no return of her cough
everybody he could wish - but I think has very bad health - all I find
we have here a second winter - hard frost, deep snow say little more than the news papers the pamphlets
indeed yesterday & today it has changed to rain of the day & the subject, ^{cause} a great deal of German
but it is still very cold & miserable & I am not which I have been deeply engaged in I have



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seen Mrs Waltringham twice - she stays at
home on Miss Bayley's account who hurt her leg
& has been laid on a couch for these two months
past - she inquired much after you - and was very
civil and gracious to me, but we are not coming on
or ever shall again - All I wish is to bear tokens of
civility wth people of her character & disposition -
Goodbye my dear Friend - Remember me

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Mrs Dickensons

Paris

Chapel St. North

Derbyshire



I must say something of our Dicky to you & find his very
comp^{te} to you when I write - he is better in health than look-
ing - still pined at knee & would not so that his friends
have literally seen nothing of him this winter but for
mere moments - he is atty a great & important part
& has the satisfaction & reward of knowing himself to be
useful to his country as well as to those to whose virtues
& friendships & kindnesses attach him to them
Whites glads are going to give a magnificent Ball on
the 29th on the day's recovery at the Pantheon - all
friends are to be in a white & gold uniform wth your
name the key in their hand as well as heart - I will
write you an account of it after our Ball & have an
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