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S. Barne
Ans. 2^d Sep^r

Dear brood

The Duke of Richmond having been completely
chastised by Mr. Pitt, and deprived of the power of doing much
more harm, I think becomes no longer an object of abuse
and I shall therefore neglect your commission relative to
him, only mentioning that in his desire to retain his office
he endeavored to make use of that most ancient talent
apology; by having ~~it~~ as it is said sent a letter to Mr.
Pitt, that he thought, that if each of them gave way a
little matters might be accommodated between them.

Fearful of the responsibility of the measures pursued, which
in truth have not turned out so well, he retained his
situation of great patronage and emolument without attending
the Cabinet Council for nearly a year.

The winter has here been so dreadfully cold, and there

have been such an unusual quantity of fog, that no person with any affection on his ~~lungs~~ lungs has escaped great sickness - old and young have died in greater numbers than I have ever remembered. The cold weather has however at last left us and spring though late comes on very finely. From the specimen of this winter I do not think that I should like to pass a winter with you, who must have felt considerably more cold than we can, ^{however} you. I dare say with a perfect confidence in that vigorous constitution which it was your happiness and pride to boast of, have laughed at the malice of a Quebec winter -

Among the reverses of death which you will hear of from your friends, none will be more lamented by them than that of Foster Bowen - a professional man and a gentleman he has left few equals - his death gave occasion to a promotion of silk gowns, among which you have not found the member for Calne - I believe it is more profitable to him to be in the situation that he is, but I understand that

he does not neglect the fair opportunity given him of complaining of hard usage. Davies Barrington has been ill the whole winter, he is now considerably better, but not likely to last long. His friends here persuaded him that he has had an ague, though it is generally believed that his complaint has been an apoplexy.

It seems ~~to~~ idle to mention any thing of Politics to you. The papers now reach you so soon after they are published, that your friends can give nothing new on that subject. L^d. Fitzwilliam dismissed has been the topic of conversation for some time past, he appears to be completely deserted by his old friends. I do not however imagine that the other ministers are very fond of each other, & I should not be much surprised at their publicly falling out with each other soon.

Yesterday Hastings was acquitted after a seven years trial. The event was ~~long~~ expected at for many days previous to their meeting in Westminster Hall. The Chancellor stuck against him stoutly, but not with quite so much venom

as L^d. Fitzwilliam and Carnarvon, who actually voted
Hastings guilty on those articles which the Commons had
abandoned, and on which of course there was no evidence
whatsoever.

The Club goes on with its usual force - we have been very
successful in the wine we have laid in, and that keeps us
well together - Ford, who has done business for a long time
as a Justice of peace in the Secretary of State's office, is in
hopes of succeeding Broderick (who died in the winter
miserably of a cancer) as under secretary of State - his rival
is understood to be Billy Baldwin. Ames has been in
daily hopes of succeeding Willes as a Police Magistrate.

G. Estlin is pushing for any thing he can get through the
interest of L^d. Spencer, who seems very anxious to do some-
thing for him - all the others I think go on in the same
humdrum way ^{has tried to do} and afford me no opportunity to remark
on them -

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Dear beyond

yours very faithfully

Thosdor Barne