Thursday 24 Sept.

Received your Noveroom Letter dated from Edinburgh the 19. and return my thanks to you and Mr. W. Russell for your kind Enquiries after my Health, which continues much in the same state, and I am advised to be careful of the Easterly Winds which have unfortunately been so prevalent this year, and have prevented my going out in an Open Carriage so often as I wished, in fear of catching cold.

I am happy to find by what you say that Mr. W. Russell and you have been so entertained in Edinburgh. Your description of the Beauty of the New Town, and the hours you had passed in the Apartments of the Unfortunate Mary Queen of Scots in Holyrood House, with the account of everything you saw in them must have been highly gratifying to one who is so well informed on all Historical points, and I should be delighted to read from your Pen an accurate description of every thing you had been allowed to, which always
affords
so much amusement and Instruction.

I cannot omit mentioning the
satisfaction we received from Mr. Windham
concerning your Son in Spain, whom he
informed us you had received a Letter and
that you had given him an Account of it.
When you wrote to her lost, it gave us great
pleasure to hear of his safety after the danger
he had encountered, in the Battles of the 26th
and 30th, where the Regiment he belongs to
had been so considerably reduced. It was
very fortunate that he escaped so well and
was not taken Prisoner, where he so nearly
visited the Effect of the Enemy's Bayonets.
And we sincerely congratulate you that
you have received such good News from him.

You are very good to Enquire after
the General, he is at present at Corunna.
He has met Mr. de Grey in good health and
spirits. Sam informed, but still very stiff
in his Limbs, he has given us reason to expect
him here on his return to Canterbury about
Tuesday, 13th Mr. de Grey.

I am sure you will be concerned to hear of the dreadful Fire that broke
out on last Monday evening at the
Dukes House at Sunley, in Hampshire.
The Stables, Laundry and out Houses being
entirely consumed. Fortunately the
Premises were Insured to the Amount of
1200, and that the Lives were lost near
the House. Carriages or Horses injured
by

The Fire having been kept with a lighted Candle
which had not been his custom.

They were alarmed about the effect of the
Family being all in Bed, they were
Alleged to get up in a great hurry with
very little Clothing it was certainly a most
Dreadful and Horrid Escape having
caught the Cold and the House and Furniture...
But having suffered men anything for
the only room that was destroyed by the
Flames was one of their Stair cases. Now in
the last all their Hearing Apparell and their
East wing half the house was saved by the
exertions of their Neighbours in taking down
the beams that joined the Offices to the
House, they were much alarmed for some one
as missing two of their Children, who were
by a stranger seen and one having been carried to the
Curate’s House and put into Bed the other
by ten and one in its Bed asleep in the
Nursery. When he went inside every thing had
been removed out of it and three the child
had been left and the flames flashing
against the window of the room, he never
got it any unstuck.

With best remembrances in Mr.
Henshall. Believe me
Your most obliged
Humbly sincerely
Augusta Wellington