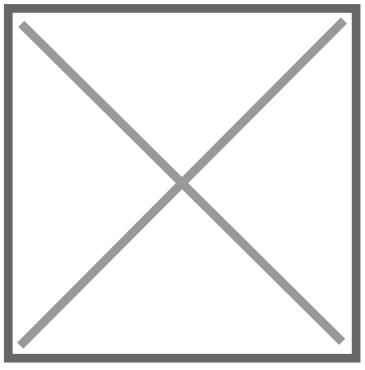
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Mrs Clarke is appropriately shown with a letter (presumably an incriminating one). It turned out, however, that

Colonel Wardle, who brought the charge of corruption against the duke, had himself been involved with Mrs Clarke. He had incurred bills for interior decoration at Mrs Clarke's house, and his motives in accusing the duke were therefore suspect.
Shape Type
Miscellaneous
Pattern Type
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Date
1809-1810
Dimensions

- Diameter: 11.70 in (29.72 cm)
- Height: 13.20 in (33.53 cm)
- Length: 15.70 in (39.88 cm)

Maker
Unknown

Description:

Pearlware jug printed in red with Frederick, Duke of York, and his mistress Mrs Mary Anne Clarke. Second son of George III and commander-in-chief of the army, the duke was accused of corruption in 1809 because it was alleged that Mrs Clarke was taking money from officers looking for promotion.
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