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Buckingham Palace.

Sept: 28: 1810.

Dear Member,

I am to acknowledge your letter of
 the 26th August from Cadix and of the 16th August from Lisbon:
 there cannot be any great apprehension of the fall of
 Cadix when defended by two such able and active officers
 as Graham and Keats and more particularly now that
 the Spanish Ships of the line are gone: as for Portugal
 without the French have not been able to make any im-
 pression on our army: Lord Wellington since the spring
 has been check-mate to the peninsular: Enquire not the reason
 I speak to the fact: Almeida is fallen: but what of that:
 the French Generals find it in every way every different
 task to fight a British Command and army from having
 to do with Austrians Prussians and Russians: Lord Wellington

tor is willing and capable of doing his duty: I understand the
our army is the finest in all ways that ever was seen: I
will however allow the situation of Portugal is critical
but not desperate: in a very short time the season will
prevent the French from acting and I cannot think any
minister in this country can be weak enough not to have
seen force in Portugal and the kingdom itself in that
state of defence before next spring that it would be
madness in the French to attack us in that quarter: be-
sides Napoleon's own his endless ambition by making
Bernadotte Crown Prince of Sweden will involve him
self in fresh wars with Russia: it is not clear but
that my cousin on the Throne of Denmark is also
mix'd to his night's rest: I wish the few princes left
in Europe all thought as I do: then would there soon be
an end of this infamous war: the North of Europe

the Turk and America seriously united, with this coun-
try would bring Bonaparte to reason if not to submis-
sion: I hope every disposable soldier will be sent to
you and that our ministers will keep the British
force concentrated to one point:

You are of course acquainted that Murray is Lieut. Col:
and of the medals and ribbons issued by the King to your
brave and gallant associates in arms: I approve much of
this step: but still I am anxious to see a military and
naval order established in this country: no martial
law soldiers and sailors or else we are lost: God only knows
if peace can ever be made: but if made, nothing but the
sword will maintain it: this country must ever be armed
if she means to remain Great Britain: besides being
attached to arms I really believe that instead of the Cham

and the Law being the best professions the army and navy
will become those most likely for young men to make
their fortunes in: there cannot be any doubt that the
two last named professions are full as honest as the
clerical or legal pursuits: prayers and sermons will not
stop them parts: but generals and admirals fortune
ably for their country do: I shall make five sons of mine
fight for their King and Country and have not any thing
to do with politics: my paper is near full so I will
write frequently and rely on my discretion: remember
me kindly to George Charles Stewart and all my
other friends with our army. God bless you and
ever believe me,

o Dear Mother,

Yours sincerely

William Pitt