

Hanover.

March 2th 1784.

Sir,

According to the wish that your Majesty
expressed in your last letter, I now begin that correspondence,
which so highly flatters my love as a son that a father would
so graciously be pleased as to show his attachment in the said
expressions he did make use of in finding fault with his
neglect about not writing.

Since I last wrote, Your Majesty has suffered a great loss by the
death of a very worthy & respectable man, I mean Aleman, Burgo-
-master of this town, who had the honour of serving his royal master
with great fidelity for twenty four years. He was useful in ma-
-ny ways, but particularly so by the regulations he made at
the poor house; this foundation is certainly one of the curiosities
at Hanover: all people agree that it is complete in every
respect. It is reported here & I believe with some truth that the
inhabitants here intend to propose to the Ministry young Falcke
to supply poor Aleman's place in the town: they will not say
justly, if they do: for Minister Schmanegger, who has just left
the Consistoire, assures me there is no young man of his years so
well informed or who bears so good a character, or is more attach-
-ed to his royal master than my friend Falcke is in every

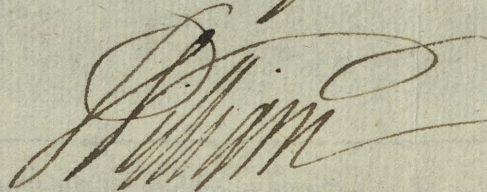
respect.

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Since the frost has broken up, they are very busy fitting up the house
at Hornhausen for Your Majesty's residence here. The people are all
anxious once to behold their beloved master: the Hanoverians
are certainly, I may say, the most affectionate people in the world
of long most anxiously for that happy moment. I trust I shall
be believed when I say there are two people at Hanover that
would receive more pleasure from this visit than any body else,
and as one by his ^{own} improvements, has already proved to be so, I
shall equally convince the best of Fathers, Princes
that I am,

Sir,

Your Majesty's most affectionate
and most dutiful Son,



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Prince William

March 12. 1704