

Hanover.

May 21. 1704.

Sir,

Since I last wrote to your Majesty, the Hanoverian Troops are returned from furlow, & have begun their spring exercises: I attend the field regularly. The foot guards are all fine hearty men of the country: so much cannot be said of their inclination to learn; tho' they have much frequent opportunities to desert by being ten months of the year absent, yet there was not a man that did not return to the day appointed: Sinsing's regiment consists likewise of fine fellows: the worthy old General commands them every day himself, tho' he is eighty four years of age, in this exercise he

weather. As the Horse Guards are not to be this year reviewed regimentally,
but by troops, I shall not have the pleasure of seeing them assembled to-
gether. I have already seen most of the troops: the men are well fitted in their
full uniform, gives them a noble & respectable appearance. It is un-
-sally allowed that the horse guards are the finest regiment in Germany.
The Hanoverians in general, but particularly the military part of
the nation are most sincerely attached to your Majesty: for the number
of men of which the army consists, no troops will ever be equal to them,
as they are all people of the country, & you are all their gracious
Sovereign, whom we will serve till the last drop of blood.

Since the winter has broken up, the
spring has been excessively fine; not indeed before it was wanted, because,
if the frost had lasted a fortnight longer, the poor peasants would
have been entirely ruined by being obliged to kill their cattle & horses.
The season is now remarkably favourable; things grow now faster.

than it was ever before known: the country in the Salsberg district is beau-
tiful & resembles the hills near Windsor upon Thames: it is the best land in
the electorate.

I am,

Sir,

Your Majesty's most affectionate
and most dutiful Son,

George III.

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The Duke of Clarence
21st May 1704

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