

Hanover.

July 2. 1784.

Sir,

As Your Majesty approves of my being present  
 at the exercise of the Hanoverian troops, I have made use of this grate-  
 -ous indulgence, & have accordingly sent a squadron of each regiment  
 of light Dragoons, to pretend to give Your Majesty my opinion, would  
 be ridiculous, as I am no judge about military matters, & I was a parti-  
 -al spectator in favour of Prince of Wales's regiment. I intend du-  
 -ring the summer to go with my worthy friend Hogreave to consider &  
 examine the fortifications at Hamel: during the exercise & encampment  
 of the artillery, I shall with the permission of His Highness fire with guns & pieces

stars in order to put into execution what I have learnt with Wiesel. Both  
officers, that were appointed to teach me gunnery & fortification, have done  
all that was in their power. I hope to have an opportunity sometime  
-ther to gain credit both to them & to myself in that service, which is be-  
same always agreeable as I am then employed for the best of things  
& the best of fathers.

Last week Gen. Bude acquainted me that there would remain at the  
end of the year something more than 2500 crowns. As I had some  
arrears unpaid, I desired him to give me 200 crowns; I hope your Ma-  
-jesty does not disapprove of this step. I shall take care for the future  
not to need any more money than what my allowance entitles me to.  
for if I had not been very inconsiderate at first, I might at the end  
of the year have saved, as I have done at the latter part of the year.

I must again repeat, Sir, under how ma-

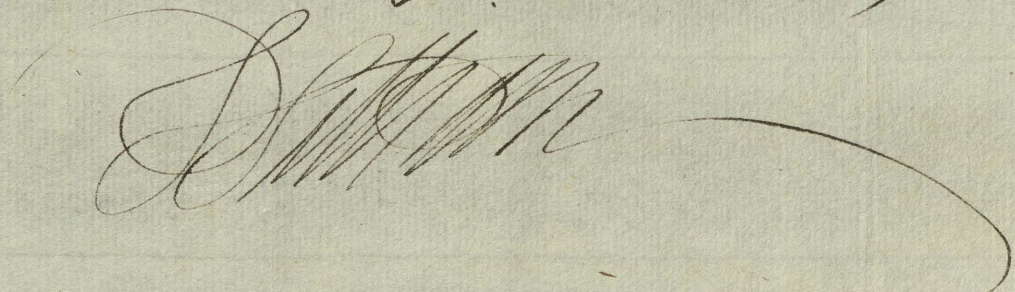
my obligations I am for their good instructions to Wogreve & Wiesel. I re-  
commend them both as being deserving of your Majesty's favour. I must

also thank Your Majesty for having placed Linsingen about me: he is al-  
ways so attentive & another great thing in his favour is that all the world  
speak well of him at Hanover. When I return to England, the  
best of fathers will not forget the services Linsingen rendered to his  
son.

As the Quercus last letter to me says her health is getting better, I  
am no longer uneasy about my most affectionate mother. Thus I hope  
Her Majesty will no more have those attacks, that have so lately so  
violently afflicted her. In short after all the parental kindne-  
ss & experience from the best of fathers & mothers, I shall be the  
most ungrateful wretch, if I do not by my actions convince them,  
that I am

Sir,

Your Majesty's most affectionate  
and most dutiful Son



W. Williams  
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