

Hanover.
 August 20. 1784.

Sir,

I was honoured with Your Majesty's letter,

that the quarterly misfortune brought me. I am happy to find that
 the 1500 crowns in order to help to pay off a few debts has met with
 Your Majesty's approbation. The debts, Sir, were the fruit of
 a row from my ignorance of the value of Germany, as I am now ac-
 quainted with the value of money in this part of the world, I can
 have nothing to plead in my defence, if at the end of next year I
 shall be indebted. Promises I will no more make, as for the rest

hints that my parents are not to be deceived by such things. Believe me, Sir, my intention was not to blind the eyes of my best friends, as I hope, I may call my parents, for I well know that people of sense & Majesty's good sense were not to be deceived in that way, & that has even happened at Hanover, where either Sir. Frederick's name occurred, was always known by my parents. I never made many promises; but those, which I have made, were always made with sincerity, & where I have failed, I hope to be forgiven, as a man particularly one of my inexperience, is never exact or perfect. I have too much honour, to care my debt to be paid, & see the necessity of your Majesty's advice to prevent a habit of spending. Last week I finished with respect the course of studies appointed by your Majesty. Please send Mr. Budde to inform my parents respecting my improvement in German; permit me, Sir, to add those respectful & affectionate wishes in his instructions to me. I recommend him to your Majesty's favour.

I beg my respects to the Queen, whose Letter I shall always of the
honour to answer by the post of Tuesday next. I have nothing more
to add than that I hope my future conduct will prove,

that I am,

Sir,

Your Majesty's most affectionate
and most dutiful Son and Subject,

William

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Duke of Clarence

20th August 1784

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