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J.
Fergus

P. P. Fergusson
May 23. 1786.

Sir,

The reason I have delayed so long from
writing to your Majesty is because I am in constant correspondence
with Lord St. Leonards who I presume refers my letters & does not answer
them but waits for your Majesty's concurrence. The whole of the plan
proposed shews with what parental affection the best of parents
considers the good of his children & therefore lay a then under a double
obligation to do their duty. During my absence my conduct shall be for your

to the advice I have so often received from Your Majesty, the necessity in
my military capacity, of keeping the officers inferior to myself at a
proper distance. I plainly see, yet this is to be done without pride.
I can assure Your Majesty, that since I have had the honour of
commanding the Regiments, the officers, and duty, consider in their
proper situation of a better time as gentlemen. They themselves
feel the necessity of behaving accordingly.

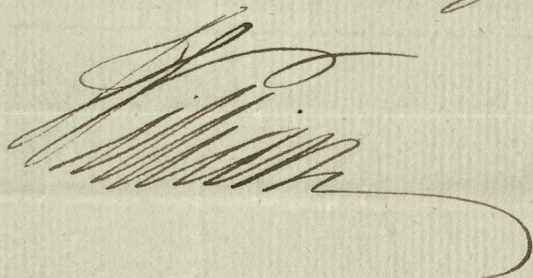
I must return Your Majesty my most sincere thanks for having
promoted me so early in life to the rank of Colonel. Every
motive conspires to make me pay attention to my profession,
of as by my situation in life, must necessarily be high in
military rank. I shall at the present time, qualify myself for

the responsibility in my ambition is debated, and to look back
to, whenever the affairs of this country may call upon me to
defend its rights: in which case, as well as in all others, I shall
endeavour to serve,

W. Pitt,

Sir,

Your Majesty's most affectionate
and most dutiful son and subject,



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Prince William

Aug 23. 1706

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