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Portsmouth.
Jan. 7. 1848.

Dear Brother,

I have not written before because

I expected to hear from you and my time has been nearly
from morning to night occupied. I came on shore last night
too late to save post: but thank God owing to the immense
courtesy of General Stede the 7th and 10th regiments the
Fiddles before dark and tonight with this wind they
will be clear of Old England: with the fine wind
and clear moon they ought to be at Limerick on Satur-
day: the 15th are now all ready: but the 16th on Sunday the
wind was fair and the two other Regiments were detained.

-ed by order till the th 15 were embarked neither General Hall
on myself found a single Officer except the Adjutant
with the men and horses: and to Hall and myself does
the King's service one that rejoined going aboard at all:
however the General has left orders that not one Officer
should dare set his feet on shore: how different the th 7
and 10.

Till Thursday I cannot return as tomorrow Admiral
Stway and the Captains give me a dinner: on Friday I
mean to see the King at Windsor to state to him the ex-
-cellence of the Army and the perfection of the various
other branches connected with it and to represent that
whether the Duke of York is or is not I am equally ready
to relieve Lord Callinwood and take upon me the command

of courts of Spain Portugal and the Mediterranean: as
Thursday is a birthday you may perhaps be at Windsor
on Friday: otherwise you shall be sure of seeing me in
town on Saturday.

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I may with truth and with pleasure add that my
Play flying will give satisfaction to every Officer
Saman and Royal Marine at this post and that if
employed I shall have the agreeable task of command-
ing by love and not thro' fear.

Advice till Friday or to Saturday at furthest and
ever believe me,

Dear Brother,

Yours most affectionately
William Pitt

W. P. W. McDuck
of Glenmore

Nov. 1st 1880.

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