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British Headquarters
Jan^y: 23: 1811.
At night.

Dear Sir,

I have been here two days and shall in
main with Sr. Thomas perform some time, not least
tell me have made the attempt on Antwerp which
I trust will be successful: in the mean time your
interest in securing the French fleet I shall see
what may be best to be done: of course eventually
I shall and must visit the Hague: yesterday I went
to Williamsbeck and saw the place and fortifica-
tions: it is at present our great object for every
thing and I must then allow different departments

of stores and transports on my return here. Found the
Prince's Secretary of Charge who on his arrival
in the morning at Breda had been my being
here and had accordingly come over. I had settled
with the Prince's Commander in Chief to go over this
morning with him to visit General Buelow at
Breda and the Prince of Orange being there became
an additional inducement: we went over early
and the young Prince received me with the utmost
kind by the Dutch Garrison consisting of eight
and twenty hundred infantry entirely clothed in
English uniforms and armed with British
firelocks: they are all deserters and stout men.

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The twenty thousand men to be raised by conscription
- are not to be counted as part of the entire army:
the Prince continuing to raise more by thousands
and he assures me there are nine thousand at pre-
-sent under arms: on my arrival at the Prince's
Quarters General Pulaw with his General and
Staff etc came to wait on me: he has in and about
- Bruck eight or nine thousand Poles and captured
in the course of the day to be joined by nine thou-
- sand more under the Duke of Saxe-Coburg
- who were not arrived when I left the place: he
- Pulaw is very like his friend and covered with honors
- and decorations: he was very civil and said that

detain him and on his going among the Prince of Orange
kept the young Prince. Fitzwill and another
Prince a relation of the King of Sicily to have
part: I have not a foreign almanac and cannot
spell their names: but it is something like the
Prince of Hessen Hessen: he is about forty years
-travelling Colonel and attached to the Staff of General
Bulow: Fitzwill is a boy of sixteen: Prince
Frederick of Orange is a Captain in the Camp
guards and is at the Camp to Bulow but one for
-tenanted about from Breda where he returns
tomorrow from the Hague: returned General
Bulow visits and have good deal of conversation

with him: he expressed himself highly pleased with
 Mr. G. Graham, was most anxious to show me the
 Camp. I was said perfect me to remain to be pre-
 sent at the joint attempt on a future day. I
 was too happy to accept as he had offered
 as there was but one regiment in the town of
 Chichester, before doing his troops till they
 were. I shall relate the particulars of success
 next to Lord Cornwallis. The most
 need the work with the Prince of Orange:
 they are extensive but in want of repair. The
 national state of the river has been long unimproved.

cont. When returned to my head quarters, both in
going to and in returning from Aouda, I went
that the cantonments of the Abyssinian army and
some their habits and habits: indeed, I was stopped
regularly by the soldiers, and all those soldiers
not regulars, I suppose and armed exactly like the
Leopards, some of them, indeed, till they told
me they were Cushians, and not Abissinians:
I saw on the roads, and in the guard posts, many
of the death head the pass and the Queen's
the pass and are one of the divisions in the
the King's army, and are present to the King of
the King of the King, of which they are

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found: I went thro' the quarters of the British Regi-
 ment of Cavalry: I did not see the horses but
 saw the men: their infantry, had many opportunities
 this of seeing and I liked very much: saw one
 corps or regiment exercising in a field about eight
 hundred marching quick time, two deep with
 arms fixed: they were on the march forming four
 sections into divisions, which they did at a
 word: both officers and men: saw the same corp
 some light dragoons only without arms: it was
 a parade for an Englishman, for every Russian
 and Dutch soldier carried to their front
 a canteen for their tea and arms: Before

and the Company are all patient to my brother
I hope the sick will certainly move on the twenty
fourth and that in a very few days I shall have
the happiness of informing you of the capture
or destruction of the schooner. I shall write
again. I shall write soon my daughter is well
and the health of my brother. I have not
heard and indeed could not hear from my brother
my best wishes attend the same. I am and
ever believe me,

John of Providence
Jan 23 1772

Dear Sir,
Yours sincerely
J. P.