

5<sup>th</sup> May 1757

George the Second to  
William, D: of Cumberland.

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A. James's May the 5<sup>th</sup>, 1757.

Dear William. Knowing your affection for me, I never shall impinge to you, the negligence of those old fools, by whose stupidity you find yourself distressed. how<sup>ve</sup> I depend upon your capacity, and application that you will forward things as much as possible and that you will take the post at Lip-  
stadt, by which you will keep the French at a distance. By all my accounts they have a very great despatch, and their battalions consist of about two thirds of their complement. Get all the provisions and forage out of the Bishopricks you can, and flatter my self

every thing will still go well. Depend all  
was upon my affection for you, and believe  
me always, dear William, your good father

George B.