Mem. from Admy
2d September 1805

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Admiralty Office
2. September 1805

By a Dispatch received this morning from Vice Admiral Collingwood dated off Cadiz the 21st ultimo, it appears that on the preceding day the Enemy's fleet, consisting of 27 or 28 sail of the line, with several frigates, entered that harbour, after ineffectually chasing the small squadron under the Vice Admiral's command.

On the 24th the Euryalus, by which this dispatch was transmitted, fell in with Sr Robert Calder's squadron, 20 leagues NW. of Cape St Vincent, to whom the intelligence was communicated.

On the 15.th the Goliath captured La Torche of 18 guns & 196 men, one of the squadron which captured the Blanche & having 50 of her crew on board.

The Rochefort squadron is said to have put into Vigo, & to have sailed again about the 21.st

The Ships of War, Transports & East India ships sailed from Cork on the 28.th ultimo.

Rem. from Adm.y
3d Septem.r 1805

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Admiralty Office
3d Sept.r 1805.

Information is received from Admiral Cornwallis that on the morning of the 30th ultimo His M.s Frigate the Melampus, with the Wasp Sloop and a Gun Brig, cruizing off the Penmarks, were chased by a French Squadron consisting of Ten Ships of different descriptions, which steered S.S.E. and supposed for Rochefort.

A Squadron of Four line of battle Ships, Four Frigates, and two Brigs are stated to have sailed from Vigo on the 18th, and appear to be the same as the above.

Deal Return
By 4th September 1805

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Deal 3 Sept. 1805.

An informed by a Deal Pilot arrived from off the Texel which he left on Sunday morning the 1st instant at 10 o'Clock. left Admiral Rupell with seven sail of the line Blockading the Dutch Fleet which lay in the inner Roads consisting of seven sail of the line and about fifty sail of Transports — Admiral Rupell reached off about six leagues from the land and anchored - the Texel bearing E.S.E. leaving his flying Squadron to watch the Enemys motions. —

T. Dehane
5 o'Clock

John King Esq.

Lord Mulgrave
September 4th 1805

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Downing Street
September 4th 1805

Lord Mulgrave has the Honour to submit to your Majesty, Drafts of Dispatches to Count Woronzow, and to Lord Granville Levison Gower, in reply to the Numerous Communications and Dispatches received previous to the Arrival of the Last Messenger from St Petersburgh.

Mem. from Adty
5th September 1805

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Admiralty Office
5th Sept. 1805

H. M. S. Cameleon, which left the Squadron under the Command of Vice Adm. Collingwood on the 23 ultimo, brings advice of its having been joined on that day by the Ships from Gibraltar under the Orders of Rear Admiral Knight. On the 25th she spoke Sir Robert Calder's Squadron 9 leagues N. W. of Cape St Vincent, steering for Cadiz with a fair wind.

The Carthagena Squadron was reconnoitred in Port on the 15th of the same Month.

H. M. S. Phœnix, with the Didon, her Prize, are arrived at Plymouth.

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George R

George the Third by the Grace of God
King, Defender of the Faith &c. To our
Duke of York K.G. Field Marshall and Co
especial Trust and Confidence in Our Loyalty
Constitute and Appoint You to be Colo
therefore to take the said Regiment into yo
Officers as Soldiers thereof in Arms, and
Order and Discipline; And We do hereby
You are to observe and follow such Orde
receive from Us or any ---- your Sup
of War, in pursuance of the Trust hereby
the fifth day of September 1805 in the

Entered with the Secretary at War
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His Royal Highness The Duke of York
K.G. Colonel of the First Regiment
of Foot Guards

Entered with the Comsry
General of Musters
Tho: Butts

Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland
&c. To Our Most Dearly Beloved Son His Royal Highness Frederick
Duke of York and Commander in Chief of Our Forces Greeting; We reposing
in Your Loyalty Courage and good Conduct, do, by these Presents,
Commission to be Colonel of Our First Regiment of Foot Guards; You are
hereby entrusted into your Care and Charge, and duly to exercise as well the
Officers, and to use your best Endeavours to keep them in good
Order. We do hereby Command them to obey You as their Colonel and
to Your Orders and Directions from time to time, as You shall
from your Superior Officer according to the Rules and Discipline
We shall hereby reposed in You. Given at Our Court at Saint James's
the 1st day of 1805 in the forty fifth Year of Our Reign

By His Majesty's Command

Harrowby

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5 Sept. 1805

His Royal Highness
The Duke of York K.G.
Colonel
of the First Regiment of
Foot Guards

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George R

George the Third by the Grace of God of
Defender of the Faith &c. To our Most De
of Cambridge K.G. Lieutenant General of
Confidence in Your Loyalty Courage and
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take the said Regiment into Your Care
as Soldiers thereof in Arms, and to use
and Discipline; And We do hereby Com
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James's the Fifth day of September 1815

Entered with the Secretary at War.

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Entered with the Comptroller General of Musters

Tho. Butts

His Royal Highness The Duke of Cambridge K.G. Colonel of the Coldstream Regt. of Foot Guards

Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland King
Our Most Dearly Beloved Son His Royal Highness Adolphus Frederick Duke
General of Our Forces Greeting: We reposing especial Trust and
Courage and good Conduct, do, by these Presents Constitute and
of Our Coldstream Regiment of Foot Guards; You are therefore to
to Your Care and Charge, and duly to exercise as well the Officers
, and to use Your best Endeavours to keep them in good Order
hereby Command them to obey You as their Colonel, And
Such Orders and Directions from Time to Time as You shall
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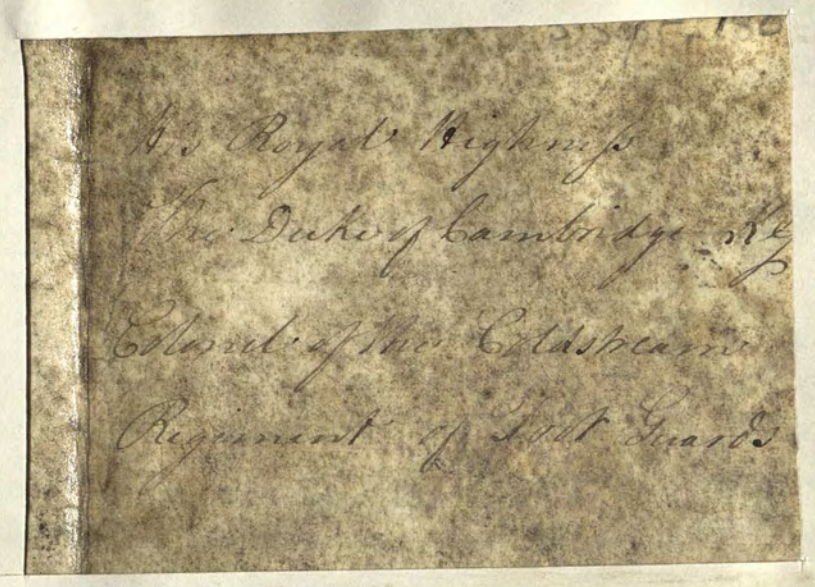

Ld. Hawkesbury

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Whitehall
Sepr 7 1805

Lord Hawkesbury has the Honour to inform Your Majesty, that in obedience to Your Majesty's Commands He has given Directions that the proper Instruments should be prepared for the grants of the Offices of Keepers of Windsor Park and Forest, of the New Forest, of Greenwich Park and of the Pavilions at Hampton Court according to Your Majesty's gracious Intentions. Lord Hawkesbury considers it to be his Duty to state to Your Majesty for Your Information, that upon examining the Former grants of the three first named Parks and Forests. The Offices of Keeper of Windsor Park and Forest and of the New Forest were

were granted to the Duke of Gloucester during his Life and that of Hampton Court only during Pleasure. The grants likewise of Baldenwood Walk in the New Forest to the present Duke of Gloucester and of Keeper of Box hill Walk in the same Forest, to Her Highness Princess Sophia Matilda are during their Lives. Lord Hardwicke has taken the Liberty of communicating these facts to Your Majesty in order that Your Majesty may have the whole subject before Your particularly as it is possible Your Majesty might feel some Distinction between the more Important grant

Ld. Hawkesbury

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of the Rangership and Lieutenancy
of Windsor Park and Forest which
Your Majesty may think ought
in no Case to be made Independant
of the Crown, and the Grant of the same
Office when applied to a more distant
and less Important Domain
Lord Hawkesbury will transmit the
Warrants for Your Majesty's Royal
Signature, as soon as He has received
Your Majesty's Commands in what Manner
they should be filled up

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Lord Hawkesbury
September 7th 1805

Lord Mulgrave
Septr 8. 1805

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Downing Street
September 8th 1805

Lord Mulgrave has the Honour to submit to Your Majesty the Drafts of three Dispatches to Mr Arbuthnott together with the Projet of a Treaty to be concluded with the Ottoman Porte. the full Powers for the

Signature of which, if it should
meet your Majesty's approbation
are also sent.

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Bishop of Worcester
10th Sept. 1805

11806

Hartlebury Sept. 10th 1805

Sir

I could not but esteem it the highest honour & pleasure to receive this day a Letter from Weymouth Sept. 5th, written by your Majesty's own hand. This shews that your Majesty's eyes are gaining strength; yet I fear, they must have been something strained by this exercise. I hope your use of them will be easier & more perfect every day.

It is very true what your Majesty saw in the public prints. The Archbishop of Canterbury did me the honour to come over to me at this place from Cheltenham. I had never seen him before; but his person & manner were much in his favour, and his conversation was very agreeable & discreet. I hope, & indeed have not the least doubt, that he will do your

Majesty, & the Church, good service in this high station.

But I must not allow myself to detain your Majesty with more words at present. I only beg leave to repeat my ardent wishes that your Majesty may long live in the full enjoyment of all your faculties, wch are so constantly employed in the noblest service.

I am,

Sir,

Your Majesty's most obliged & most humble subject & servant

R. Worcester

Ld. Castlereagh

Sep. 12 1805

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Downing Street
12 September 1805

Lord Castlereagh has the honor humbly to submit to your Majesty, Instructions to Marquis Cornwallis, and Sir David Baird, which your Majesty's Confidential Servants have

agreed to recommend to your Majesty, under the possible renewal of the War with the Barbarians in the East Indies

The greater part of the French Army having been withdrawn from the Coast, your Majesty's Servants have thought it Expedient to have Transports in readiness to receive a Considerable Corps of Troops, in Case

Ld. Castlereagh

Sep. 12 1805

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a favorable Opening should present itself, for their being employ'd in offensive Operations against the Enemy; and with a view of preventing the Enemy from availing himself of the whole of his Military Force in Germany and Italy a Considerable part of the disposable Force in the United Kingdom has been directed to hold themselves in readiness for Embarkation, with a view

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to demonstration, but at this
Season of the year, your Majesty's
Servants will feel it their duty, to
be extremely circumspect in recommending
to your Majesty any active Operations,
except upon grounds, which may appear
to them in prudence, clearly to
warrant such a determination

Lord Castlereagh
12. September 1805

Wm. Pitt

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14 Sept 1805

Mr Pitt humbly begs leave to submit to Your Majesty, that from the great Importance of the Office of Irish Secretary being filled by a Person in whom entire Confidence can be placed, He is led to think that the Appointment of Mr Long would be preferable to any other Arrangement; and that the Advantages to be derived from it in the present State of the Irish

Government are such as to outweigh the Inconvenience of losing his Assistance at the Board of Treasury. Should this proposal meet with Your Majesty's Approbation, he long will be ready to proceed in a very short time to Ireland, so as to be enabled to put the different Points of Business in proper Train before the Meeting of Parliament. Mr Pitt

Wm. Pitt

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does not trouble Your Majesty or any other
Subject as he hopes to have the honour
of paying his duty to Your Majesty
at Weymouth in the beginning of
next Week.

Downing Street
Saturday Sept 14th 1805.

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Mr Pitt

Mr Pitt.

September 14. 1805

Duke of York
September 15th 1805

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Horse Guards September 15 1805

Sir

I have the Honor to transmit to Your Majesty the usual Weekly and Monthly Returns together with the recommendations to Commissions which have fallen vacant during the last week for Your Majestys approbation and Signature.

There is nothing sufficiently interesting to report to Your Majesty excepting that there is every reason to fear from the last accounts received from the West Indies by Lieutenant Colonel Wilson of the Royal Artillery who left Barbadoes the 25th of July that from the dangerous state of health in which he left his William Myers, very little Hope can be entertained of His being ever alive. At all events from his extreme

debility it will be I fear necessary to appoint a successor to him immediately.

I can not conclude without returning Your Majesty my most humble thanks for all the kindness and favors which You was graciously pleased to confer upon me during the time that I spent my duty to Your Majesty at Weymouth, and can only say that it shall ever be my first pride as it is my duty to make every effort in my power to prove myself not undeserving of the affection and partiality of which Your Majesty has ever given me so many proofs

I am

Your Majesty's

Most dutifull and
dutiful Subject

Frederick

The Duke of York
20th September 1805

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Ham Cottage September 20 1805

Sir

In laying before Your Majesty the usual Weekly Notes, and the recommendations for commissions reported vacant this week for Your Majesty's approbation I have nothing to report to Your Majesty except that the official confirmation of Sir William Myers death is not yet received though by reports from St Vincent there is every reason to believe that that event took place on the 29th of last July.

I have brought on with great attention the Communication which I had the honor to have laid before Your Majesty upon the subject of the expediency of employing any part of the British Force in cooperation with the Allies, this autumn upon

the Contract and by leave to assure Your Majesty that I am then and have confirmed in my opinion of the inexpediency of it and how especially of its forming a part of any Allied Army under a foreign General.

Though I can justly state that all the Regiments left of Cavalry and Infantry, mentioned in my Letter to Lord Castlereagh, are fit at this moment as Individual Corps, for service, yet in order to begin a Campaign and to carry it on with any fair prospect of success we have been by fatal experience taught that we on many other Great necessary Arrangements required to put an Army in ~~that~~ to take the field under finding steadily the Men, such as Magazines, Waggons Horses &c left for the Artillery and Commissariat towards that no Step has as yet been taken, and that with every zeal exertion and honest Merit

The Duke of York
20th September 1805

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undoubtedly take a certain time to collect.

We are very nearly at the end of September, and certainly after the middle of next month there is little or no certainty in the navigation of the Baltic so that I should hardly think that even if every thing else was in perfect readiness that the whole Corps could be supposed to arrive at their destination before the Frost actually sets in,

I do not in addition to this advert to the probability that most naturally is expected of Russia using the Corps who totally unaccustomed to Campaigns must take upon a Winter Campaign in a Climate to which they are been strangers,

With regard to any plan of operation without accurate information of the strength and state of preparation of the Armies of your Majesty's Allies, or indeed of the Powers who compose their Allies it is impossible to form any decided opinion

Thus far however it appears clear that no considerable Body of Troops can be disembarked and expected to begin Active Operations, untill they have had a certain time to make their necessary Arrangements that I have before stated and that therefore in my opinion totally precludes the possibility of any serious attempt at landing in the Elbe or the Weser while the Enemy is in possession of the whole surrounding Country and consequently of all its resources

With regard to the best consideration of their Germany as part of an Allied Army from the experience of the former war I would deprecate such a measure most exceedingly but for the British and the German Legion there could be no doubt that they would be immediately exposed to the most hazardous service and sacrificed to save the Troops of the Sovereign with whom they would be desired to cooperate, Would it therefore be thought expedient to send the German Legion to Stralsund this Autumn I trust that they would be left under

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the Command of the Office which Your Majesty may please to appoint in time. Great Quarter then every exertion might be used to increase their numbers and fit them for active operations in the Spring, and that the strictest orders not to give way to any application for field horses, except under the most imperious and urgent circumstances.

I trust, Your Majesty will excuse my having entered so fully into this subject but knowing the interest Your Majesty takes in it, I thought it a duty incumbent upon me to give my utmost attention to the consideration of so important a subject and to lay before Your Majesty the result of my reflections.

I am &c

Your Majesty's

most dutiful &

devoted subject

Frederick

Memorandum from Admiralty. 22d Septr 1805

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Admiralty Office
22d Septemr 1805.

By Letters from Vice Admiral Collingwood dated off Cadiz the 28th ultimo, it appears that he continued to watch the Enemy's Fleet in that harbour, with Eight sail of the line.

See 11795

Captain King of H. M. S. Euridy: :mion, in a Letter to the British Consul at Faro dated the 30th men: :tions his having seen the Sirius frigate & two or three more ships join the Vice Admiral (shortly after his parting company) on the preceding evening, & that in the course of the night he passed a Fleet standing to the Eastward, & carrying a Vice & Rear Admirals Lights.

Duke of York

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London September 25 1805

Sir

I have the honor to lay before Your Majesty the usual Weekly and Monthly Returns together with the Recommendations for vacant Commissions for Your Majesty's approbation and signature.

I have at the same time to report to Your Majesty that I have received the official account from Barbadoes of the death of Sir William Myers, by which event the Command in the West Indies, and the 2d West India Regiment are become vacant. I trust that Your Majesty will allow me to delay till the next week laying before Your Majesty the name of any General Officer for the Command in the West Indies, as I am very

to say that Her Ser. has landed in the subject
has all encamped themselves, and been appelled
at the Alexandria.

We regard to the 2d West India Regiment
I beg leave humbly to mention to your Majesty
the name of Lord Cavan who is the have Maj
General the Land in Egypt, was left in a very
backward moment at the removal of the Troops
from, without any instruction, and conducted
himself fully to the satisfaction of your Majesty
Government, but never received any mark of
your Majesty's favor.

I remember to acquaint your Majesty that
I this morning had a conference with Lord
Castlereagh when he determined to propose to
your Majesty in Council, some of the very satisfactory
comments that General Cole gave of the healthy
of the Guards, and of the little appearance

Duke of York

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of any attempt on the enemy's part to attempt upon the
Bay of Gibraltar, to order Him upon the Arrival of
the 42nd and 2d Battalion of the 79th Regiment to send back
to England the Queen's, 13th and 54th Regiments, whereby
the Garrison of Gibraltar will still give an augmentation
of seven hundred men, which in the Course of this
Winter be may be recalled to reinforce and under such
further Circumstances of Peril all the Black Regiments when
come home, which proposal I trust will meet with
Your Majesty's approbation.

I shall start in the Course of this night for
Brussels to finish my Inspection of the Corps
on the Northern District which I was obliged to
interrupt on account of the death of the late Duke
of Gloucester, and hope to be back again by next
Sunday

I am &c

Your Majesty's
Most Dutiful Son
and Subject
Frederick

Duke of York

September 25th 1805

Lord Barham
26th September 1805

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1805
Admiralty 26 Septr.

It is submitted to your Majesty's pleasure by Lord Barham whether Sir Roger Curtis and Rear Admiral Domett should not have dispensing Order for receiving their Half pay, notwithstanding the Office they fill of Commissioners for revising the civil affairs of your Majesty's Navy -

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Ld. Castlereagh

Sept. 30 1805

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Downing Street
30th Sept. 1805

Lord Castlereagh has the honor to acquaint your Majesty that in consequence of intelligence received of the reduced State of the Enemy's Force on the Opposite Coast, your Majesty's Servants have thought it expedient to direct Sir John

Moore to proceed off Boulogne, for the purpose of ascertaining how far it may be prudent, by a Conjoint Operation of your Majesty's Land and Naval Forces, to attempt the destruction of the Enemy's Flotilla, now assembled in that Harbour.

Sir John Moore sail'd in the Antelope on Saturday, and his Report may be expected in the course of Tomorrow or Wednesday.

Lord Cathcart embarked the

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Ld. Castlereagh

Sep. 30 1805

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hope, that he might be permitted before your Majesty's return, to pay his duty to your Majesty at Weymouth; under present circumstances, Lord Castlereagh hereby presumes, that your Majesty would not approve of his being absent from his office

A. Montague
30 Sept 1805

Ld. Hardwicke to Ld. Advocate of Scotland

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Whitehall
Sept 30 1805

Private

My Dear Lord,

I am very desirous of hearing from you as soon as is convenient upon the subject which I mentioned to you before you left London respecting the Present State of the Court of Sessions and the expediency of making some division of the Courts of Justice in Scotland as well as a Gradual Reduction of the number of the Judges.

I am strongly induced to think that this subject will be forced upon Government sooner or later, if

it is not in the first Instance taken up by them, and that ~~there~~ there is much greater Probability of an equitable and beneficial arrangement for the Country being made by our originating and directing the Business ourselves than by our suffering it to be pressed upon us from any other Quarter

I am with great truth & regard

Yours

Hawkesbury

Copy
To the Lord Advocate of Scotland.

Private --

Sep: 30. 1805

Wm. Pitt

Sep. 30 1805

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Mr Pitt humbly begs leave to submit for Your Majesty's Signature, a Warrant for the Advance of Ten Thousand Pounds towards discharging the Debts of His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent; and he trusts Your Majesty will approve of his sending it without waiting for others of a similar description, as he understands

a sum to that amount is urgently wanted for some pressing demands

Downing Street.

Sept 30th 1865