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Sir 16246 -7 Hanover April 4th 1701

I received the honour of Your Majesty's letter of the 27th of last month on ye 13th inst., & shall endeavour as much as lays in my power to recommend to the Prince's attention the keeping up of his Classical knowledge, an accomplishment which will always be a fund of amusement to him, & will likewise serve to polish his mind, & furnish it with new ideas - In regard to the two great objects, which I imagine Your Majesty has most at heart; It is Military study, & the attainment of perfection in the German language. I am happy in being able to continue to give the same good account as usual to Your Majesty: I must at the same time however confess, that I do not observe the same zeal of application in His Royal Highness towards the perfecting himself in the German language, as I do in his Military occupation. I make no doubt, but what I shall be able in time to persuade His Royal Highness to look upon the one as equally necessary with the other, more particularly when

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when I get a little more knowledge myself of the language, I shall not fail to take every opportunity of piquing His Royal Highness to the study of it, by boasting of my advantage over him in that respect, which I hope however will not be the case - Your Majesty, I make no doubt, will be candid enough to make some allowances for the Youth & Vivacity of His Royal Highness, & will consider how very difficult it is for a young man of the Prince's Age, & high spirits to bring himself to give up to study any part of the time which is here generally allotted to amusement. But as His Royal Highness will most likely remain a sufficient time in this Country to perfect himself in all these points, we must endeavour so to manage, as not to give the Prince a disgust to study & application by continually tormenting him ^{about} with it; & I am always of that opinion, that one hour's study, which is voluntarily given, & which proceeds from reasoning, & seeing the necessity of it, is of more real advantage & service, than four hours employed, when it is forced, & looked upon as a task, which must be gone through at any rates

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I have the honour to agree perfectly with Your Majesty
in regard to your thoughts upon the Prince's summer
excursion, that they sh^d be short, & that he sh^d not
as yet visit any foreign Courts; I have likewise the
pleasure to inform Your Majesty, that the Prince
is satisfied with your intention upon that subject. —
I must however by leave to acquaint Your Majesty,
that His Royal Highness had set his heart very
much upon visiting Pyrmont for a fortnight — during
the season of drinking the waters, I have talked
with the Field Marshal upon it, who thinks there can
be no danger or difficulty attending his going there,
this however is humbly submitted to Your Majesty's
consideration, the only danger that I can possibly
foresee, is the fear of his Royal Highness frequenting
too much the gaming tables, but as I did not observe
at Brussels (where there was an opportunity) that
His Royal Highness shewed the smallest inclination
to play deep, but seemed more to play for amusement
sake, than any thing else, I think I may venture
to say, that Your Majesty need not be apprehensive
on that account. more particularly as I understand, that

that the Field Marshal proposes accompanying
His Royal Highness there, & who of course will have
an eye upon him, as well as myself. —

In regard to the other small excursions, which will
serve to vary the scene, & to amuse His Royal
Highness, the Field Marshal proposes sending
to Gen^l Freytag a small plan for Your Majesty's
approbation —

His Royal Highness some time ago, before he
was acquainted with Your Majesty's intention in regard
to his visit at Brunswick, wrote to the Dutchesse
to inform her that he proposed having the honour
of paying his respects at Brunswick early in the Spring

I think it proper to acquaint Your Majesty with
this, as You may very likely think it necessary to
write yourself to the Dutchesse upon this subject.

The Prince continues very well in health, & spirits.

I have the honour, to be,

Your Majesty's most dutiful

Subject, & servant

Rich Grenville