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I had the honor to write your Majesty the 9 Decr
 since that period, inspite of the severest winter known
 in Germany for many years, His Royal Highness has
 continued to recover his health, and on the whole has
 been much better than I have seen him since I have had
 the honor to attend His Royal Highness; never the less He
 has not yet ventured to go to Bed, I presume from Experience,
 that may be judged a necessary precaution; The prince
 sleeps tolerably well in an arm chair, made here for
 that purpose

on the 10 Janry we had the honor to celebrate Her
 Majesty's Birth day, as the prince has no Court at present
 I orderd the dinner at Lord Slegens house all the English
 and some Saigners had the honor to dine at the princes
 table, The dinner &c was excellent, and every thing
 as it should be on that happy day

The 27 Janry His Prussian Majesty made prince Augustus
 a visit, and in honor of the princes Birth day gave a
 dinner to 60 ladies and Gentlemen, most of the English
 had the honor to dine at the Kings table: during the dinner
 the King proposed your Majesty's health, The Queens,
 and all the Royal Family of England; as soon as that

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Toast was drunk a very fine Band of Music, The King had
 orderd from potsdam, playd, God Save the King, and rule
 Britannia. In the evening, The Queen gave a very great
 Supper, and Ball to all the nobility, the Ball lasted
 til near Sea in the morning; The Invitations, to the
 dinner, Supper, and Ball, was to celebrate The Birth
 day of His Royal Highness prince Augustus of England

I have the honor to assure your Majesty that it is
 impossible to exceed The splending and hospitable
 attention paid the prince, by The King, The Queen,
 The Queen Mother, and All The Royal Family;
 and all the nobility of Britain.

The present deplorable Situation of Italy, puts it
 out of the power of the warmest partisans of that
 Climate to think of returning there: and it is difficult
 to guess what may be ere long the Situation of the
 German Empire; I am very pretty clear, that Climate
 has not great influence on the princes Complaints,
 but I cannot inform your Majesty what are
 the princes own wish, or the Country he prefers to
 live in, I have heard his Royal Highness express a
 dislike to long Journeys, and particularly to Austria,
 which proceeds from the accounts given him by
 young men lately returned from that Country. as
 things appear to me, on the Continent at present, I
 cannot pretend to offer any opinion, and must wait

your Majesty's Commands, which I will communicate
to the prince, when you honor me with them.

I have suffered very much with Rheumatism this cold
winter but I have still been able to do my duty, I
am fortunate in my assistant Mr. W. but he
is a sensible well informed, honorable man, and His
Royal Highness appears fond of him.

I have the honor to be with the most profound
Respect

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Your Majesty's most faithful
and dutiful Subject

J. Livingstone

Mr. ...

February 5. 1790

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