

Duke of Wellington to A. R. H.

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I have the honor to receive a letter which
Lieut. Stewart has sent me under flying
seal with the seal of the Duke of Cambridge
Your Royal Highness's opinion of what he
proposes.

It appears impossible for the Hannoverian part
of the defence of the region as now constituted,
and it cannot be expected that the Officers &
Soldiers will continue their services although if
their pay & allowances are diminished. On
the other hand the British part will refuse to pay
his Royal Highness's proposed Regent

any part of the expense of the Hanoverian
Army. They may consent to give the Officers
an allowance equal to 8. in lieu of half pay;
what with the Hanoverian pay might satisfy them;
but there would remain the unconsumed Officers
& Soldiers, whose partial pay & allowances the
Hanoverian Govt could not bear the expense of
and the British Govt would be obliged to defray.

Your Royal Highness will perhaps be willing
that I should have had before you my proposition
for augmenting the Legion by withdrawing from
the Landwehr, and General Heben's Regiment
upon that proposition, and his plans for augmenting
the Legion. I am certain the latter will not
answer at least for the Infantry; as there is no

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I am in favour of all above the degree
I must in his Honour.

The reasons for my opinion are several; and
that is to reduce the number of Companies in
each Battalion of the Legion to six; and I send
the Officers and noncommissioned Officers
of the Companies reduced, to do duty with
the Battalions of the Sandwich Islands
Officers, still keeping their British pay
till finally discharged from his Majesty's
Service.

I have the honor to be with the greatest
Respect Your Royal Highness much obliged
& most devoted humble servant
Wellington

[Faint, illegible handwriting on a piece of lined paper, possibly a letter or document.]

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