

W. Hastings to H.R.H.

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Camp on the Banks of
the Side River, Feb. 11. 1814

Sir

Your Royal Highness will
I think, believe my repeated assertion that no-
thing in success can afford me so much gratifi-
-cation as the reflection of its appearing to
justify your gracious opinion of me. Such is
truly the predominant feeling in my mind on

the present occasion, I send home my aide de
 camp Cap Stanhope to the Court of Directors with
 the information that our business is essentially
 finished, that our projected alliances are all
 settled, & that all the European Troops are pre-
 -paring to return to their cantonments. To have
 effected so extensive & complicated an object
 within three months from the opening of the
 Campaign, notwithstanding most unexpected in-
 -cidents, is to have been very fortunate. Tho'
 our expenses were necessarily heavy, the short-

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-cess of the period has prevented their being of-
 -premise, but a considerable accession of reve-
 -ue will soon reimburse the Company for the
 Charges. This increase of income is independent
 of what we have acquired, or are likely to obtain,
 from the Pishwa. That profligate Chief
 has as yet managed to elude the pursuit
 actively kept up after him: But, as other
 Corps are now detached from the Kerbedda to
 join in the operations, it will be impossible
 for him to escape much longer. I have always

Marquis of Hastings

July 11. 1810.

Guarded the affairs of the Poona Territory as
entirely distinct from transactions here. When
they shall be arranged, the beneficial conse-
quences of what we have been doing will be
strongly felt: but they will be owing to your
Royal Highness.

With the most Devotion, I remain

Sir,

Your Royal Highness's
Most humble &
most grateful Servant

The Prince Regent.

Hastings