

Duke of York to H.P.A.

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Dearest Brother

I should have answered Your very kind and affectionate letter by Crawford, but I was so exceedingly hurried that it was out of my power. The Battle of the 23 succeeded beyond even our expectations as the Enemy has abandoned all the strong posts round Conde' and Valenciennes, which are both now completely blockaded and will be besieged in a very few days. The sight in the morning when the fogs cleared up was the most beautiful that ever was seen. Our friend Doyle had an opportunity of distinguishing himself with the 4th Regiment in supporting a Battalion of Hungarians Grenadiers, who had been broke by the Enemy's Cannon as they were storming a redoubt. The Hannoverian Life Grenades behaved but

Remarkably well, they charged a very considerable Body
of French Cavalry, and overset them compleatly
unfortunately they pursued too far and lost a
very considerable number of Officers and here from
the Enemys Riflemen, there are but two Officers
in the Regiment who have not been hurt the one
of whom took a French Officer Prisoner. In my
Column we were exposed to a very severe Cannonade
but it did us very little damage indeed, The Grenath
Regiment of Light Dragoons behaved colonially
well and took eight Carts loaded with Ammunition
and baggage in a manner under the fire of all the enemys
Batteries. The Duke of York has informed me of
your goodness in coming to the Ballads and spending the day
with them. Both Ernest and Adolphus by their love to
you, they will behave very well on the 29.

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My Dear Brother I really am not able
to add more, believe me ever

Yours most affectionately

Will William still wish to them of Frederick
perhaps by the next post, I may send the ones out of them
double bundled I shall be glad to see look

The Duke of York

to

The Prince of Wales

May 26. 1793.