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Lt. Col. B. Harvey to C. R. Broughton

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Frogmore 12th Dec. 1818

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My Dear Sir

Adverting to the last communications of the Duke, and my own, under date of the 7th & 8th Inst., I have now received His Royal Highness' directions, to enclose to you the different covers of letters and Packets, received this day from which you will perceive that the Newspaper of December the 4th and Gazette of November the 28th via Brussels, as also a letter of Dec. 4th with a Newspaper of the 3rd via Ostend, and a letter dated November 27th together with a Newspaper

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of the 1st December via Paris, have been all received here together this day, which certainly makes in favour of sending the packets to Mr Speight, and with injunction to him to enclose them direct per Mail from Ostend to Mr Mandeville at Frankfort: At the same time, we are aware, that at times, in the Winter, the Packet Boats cannot get into Ostend, when they can get across at Calais and therefore, except in very particular instances, where intelligence may be of such importance, as to render it necessary to send it by two different Routes, in order to ensure the promptest possible conveyance of the one, His Royal Highness decides upon adhering to the route of Paris which appears to be confirmed by the opinions of Messrs Swiney & Mandeville, and in which Captain Conroy also concurs. I am happy to be able to inform you, that the Duchess continues to go on well, and that both the Duke and her, are in good health.

Between ourselves, I fear His Royal Highness is a little hurt, at the receipt to day of a letter, containing a communication from a Prince quarter, which throws cold water upon his project of taking

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over the Duchess for her accouchement to England, but whether it will induce His Royal Highness or not to change his plans, it is impossible for me at present to say. The Duke desires me to assure you of his friendly regard, and remain at all times, with sincere esteem.

My Dear Sir!

Yours very faithfully

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Col Harvey —

49 Lt Col B Harvey ~~Duke of Kent~~ to C. R. Broughton (40)

Private & Confidential

201 Ramsbach 19th Dec. 1818

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My Dear Sir

49 I received to day your letter of the 1st Instant, under the same cover, with your's of the 4th to the Duke of Kent; I am much obliged to you, for the kind attention, paid to the two enclosures, contained in my packet of the 18th Ultimo, which required being forwarded through the Colonial Office. You will perceive from the Duke's communication, that he perfectly approves of the packets in future, coming as you have recommended, either through the Messenger in waiting at Paris, or the Agent of Packets at Ostend direct to the British Legation at Frankfort, as he is quite convinced, that there is

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is no control to be had over the Ambassadorial Office either at Paris, or Brussels, that he considers the necessity of their passing free to Frankfort indispensible, on account of the enormous expence, to which his postage would otherwise come, and which, even between Frankfort and this, short as the distance is, is very considerable. I am well aware, how much you must be inconvenienced by Mr. Hillsborough's absence, that am happy to find, that your new Aid de Camp, is beginning to break in so well, and become so useful. I read with infinite concern, the very feeling observation made by you, at the close of your letter, with regard to our lamented Queen, and I enter cordially into your reflections on that subject, but you, who know so

so much of the World, and all that is going forward, cannot be ignorant, that notwithstanding all the bright virtues of the late Majesty, many were vehement against her on three points, whether justly or unjustly it is not for me to say. These are, her first interference in politics in the year 1788, and her subsequent one in 1810. Then her overt enmity to an illustrious unfortunate female now in Italy; and lastly, her absence at Battle Abbey, when the Idolized Princess Charlotte was, as you so justly term it, snatched from us. These three unfortunate points weighed I fear deeply in the scale, against those virtues, which until the year 1788, had appeared wholly unsullied. All this, I merely mention to suggest from

from leaving, in the course of mixing with all ranks, often heard those faint complaints of, perhaps by persons who were not fully acquainted with the truth; but certainly loyally disposed to the Royal family. I shall just add, in confidence, that both the Duke and Duchess, appear much annoyed, at the obstacles thrown in the way of her accouchement taking place at home; not only because they are strongly impressed with the expediency of it, but also because if the event takes place abroad, and it is not clearly understood that it does so, by superior authority, there is every reason to apprehend, that the New Parliament, which might otherwise have been disposed to

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make use for the paramount of the last, will not entertain similar feelings. but this is quite contrary.

With every sentiment of regard and esteem,

I remain ever,
My Dear Sir!
Yours faithfully
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Col Harvey

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Duke of Kent to C. R. Broughton

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My Dear Broughton

I have received to day via Paris your and General McDougall's letters of the 4th Instant, as will appear by the covers herewith returned, exactly a week later, than the packet you forwarded by way of Ostend of the same date, and, at the same time, forwarded through Mr Mandeville, that which I received by him via Paris or Ostend I know not; a letter from the Duchess of Gloucester, dated Windsor the 7th, and consequently that came by the Mail of the 8th, but Captain Conroy's packet of the 8th, or the Newspapers of the 5th, 7th & 8th have not made their appearance. I am therefore inclined to believe, that perhaps,

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after all, nine times out of ten the direct conveyance from Ostend to Mr Mandeville, will be the shortest; for, as I have before said, I am satisfied, at Frankfort, there is not the delay of a moment; however as my last contained the instructions to take the route of Paris, we will wait a little while, and see the first letter are coming by what conveyance, before I decide upon altering it. In the mean while, be assured, that I am most perfectly satisfied, not the slightest blame can attach to you, for any of the irregularities, which I have lately had to complain of, with regard to my correspondence. On the contrary, I am most fully satisfied, that both in sending my letter off from England, and conveying those to their destinations which I send there, the utmost

diligence

diligence is made use of by you. Captain Conroy will already have informed you, that the deficient letter eventually turned up but inconceivably late, and I believe unquestionably owing to neglect in the Chancellierie Aix la Chapelle.

The circumstance of some of my family letters arriving at different periods from others of the same date, is perfectly explained by what you state of some occasionally being forwarded by Mr Rolleston. I however beg to repeat, that, although at present the Route of Paris is to be the general mode adopted, for my correspondence, I shall always be happy to receive a line from you, when any thing of interest occurs, and a copy of the Courier Newspaper, with such matter contained in it, through Mr Seright Dir.r from Ostend addressed to the care of Mr. Mandeville

Mandeville at Frankfort, and it may be
the right to mention, that, with respect
to my own family letters from home
to England, I always send them, on
Saturday or Wednesday to Mr Mandeville
understanding, that they make up
their packets on the Sunday and Thursday
and I apprehend, when there is not a
casual Messenger passing, they are
invariably sent, through the common
post, to Ostend. I shall just add
that some weeks since, I felt certain
of seeing you about the third week in
April, I fear however now, that is very
doubtful, though I by no means can
say, that I have altogether given up
all thoughts of it. The Dutchess, is
thank God, going on well, and as
far as one can depend on calculation

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expects to be confined, early in May.—

I remain ever with the utmost friendly regard—

My Dear Sir!—

Yours faithfully

Edward.—

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Duke of Kent
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Duke of Kent to C. R. Broughton

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My Dear Broughton

I have only a moment to apprize you, that I recieved yesterday together, six packets, the covers of which I return, from which you will perceive, that at one and the same time, I got via Paris the Newspaper of Tuesday the 8th and Friday the 11th, and via Ostend the Chronicles of the 5th 7th 9th & 10th, Gazette of the 5th 7th & 8th, and Captain Conroy's packet of the 8th & 11th, so that it is perfectly clear in both instances, two Mails have come together:- How to account for this, I am totally at a loss, but referring to my last communications, I think as far as my memory serves me, you will find that the Duchess of Gloucester's letter of the 7th from Windsor reached me on the 19th or 20th, and therefore there can be

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be no reason, why every thing up to the 8th, should not have come as early; but what is more aggravating than all is, that these six packets as you will perceive by the Memoranda outside, have cost me £4 – Sterling, only 9/2 of which, is for the postage from Frankfort to Amorbach, so that for the first time, I have been charged with the Continental postage. – Whether this is owing to the Messenger at Paris, and the Agent of Packets at Ostend, having scratched out Mr. Mandeville's direction which you will perceive is effaced, and that therefore they proceed through Frankfort direct here, without going to the British Legation, I of course cannot yet ascertain: but it is absolutely necessary, instantly to take steps to prevent the recurrence of a charge, that would amount to about £400 per Annum, were it suffered to continue,

continue, and therefore all things considered, I will beg, as my final resolution, that every Packet for me in future, after having Secretary of State's cover put over it, addressed simply thus: "on His Majesty's Service – Field Marshal, His Royal Highness, "The Duke of Kent &c &c", without adding or place, and on the opposite side, under the seal, "recommended to the care of Mr. "Mandeville", should be placed under an exterior cover addressed thus "to His Britannic Majesty's "Minister at Frankfort on the Maine", and forwarded to Mr. Sewright at Ostend, with some little private mark, agreed upon between you, under the Seal, such as an E, to call his attention to the packet being for me, and to ensure his forwarding it instantly by the first post to Frankfort: thus, the charge of the packet to Frankfort must be paid by the Legation, and I know

know my friend Mandeville will take care it is sent off to me, directly. It occurs to me, it is just possible Mr. Temple and Mr Mandeville, both of whom I know were invited to a Chasse by Prince Lowenstein may have been absent from Frankfort and that the Man at the House of the Mission, either to save himself trouble or not having cash to pay the postage, rubbed out Mr Mandeville's address, and sent it back to the post, to be charged against me. – I shall of course write, to have this cleared up for my own satisfaction, but I cannot wait for an explanation to give instructions to prevent the possibility of such a thing recurring, and I therefore beg your <u>earliest</u> attention to the contents of this. – With regard to the irregularity in the arrival of part of my correspondence during the time there was a British

Chancellerie at Aix la Chapelle, I perfectly understand it; and as that is past, we will not advert to it further: And we continued adopting the mode of writing via Paris, I quite concur that a little present would be well laid out, in keeping up a lively attention in the Messenger Men, but as we finally decide on the Channel of our friend Searight, that is no longer necessary. When I return to settle in England finally, I of course shall then have it in my power, and it will be my duty, to give some token of my regard to all those, who have been devoted with my Commissions at home, or in the line of communication, and you may give a friendly hint to Searight, that he will not be forgotten. Lt. Col. Harvey not having time to write to day, has requested

requested me to thank you kindly for your communication of the 8th, and for your having had the goodness to attend to the forwarding of the letter to New York.

Believe me ever to remain with the most friendly regards

My Dear Broughton!

Yours faithfully

Edward

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Duke of Kent to C. R. Broughton

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Amorbach 24th Dec. 1818

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My Dear Sir! -

I this day received four packets from you, the covers of which are herewith returned, from which you will perceive, that this time the route, by way of Paris and Ostend, has been performed in exactly the same time, as this is clearly the Mail of the 15th by both; but the grievance of the heavy charge of continental postage continues, as these four packets have cost 25 florins, 48 Kreuzers, or about £2 7 6 sterling. I am C. R. Broughton Esqr. Therefore

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Amorbach, près de Miltenberg sur le Mayn.- Thus I think we shall have overcome all our difficulties, and I see in point of fact, no other means of doing so.-

Having nothing else to add, I shall conclude by repeating the sentiments of friendly regard, with which I remain

My Dear Sir:-

Yours faithfully

Edward

Therefore the more confirmed, that I am right, in requesting you to follow the instructions I sent you yesterday, that all my letter might now be sent to Lionight, but with an extension enclosed to His Majesty's Minister, on Chargé D'Affaires at Frankfort, so that my name shall not appear, till the cover is taken off at the Office of the British Legation there, when under the seal will be found, recommended to the care of Mr. Mandeville to be forwarded, and on the other side, my address,

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Lt Col. B. Harvey to C. R. Broughton

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48. Arnwick 26th Dec. 1818

My Dear Sir

The Duke desires me to inform you, that he received this afternoon about two O. Clock, viz within eight days, from the one, on which it was dispatched from the Foreign Office, your packet forwarded on the 18th Instant via Ostend, containing, as will appear by the cover herewith returned, three letters, the Chronicles of the 16th & 17th, the Gazette of the 15th, and the Military Register of the C. R. Broughton Esqr.

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the 16th Inst.; but still with the heavy charge of 1/4/8, for the whole of the foreign postage across the Continent attached to it, so that this still confirms His Royal Highness in his resolution, communicated to you, of having all his letters and packets forwarded, under the cover of His Majesty's Minister at Frankfort, and, through the Agent of Packets, at Ostend.- The Duke of course concludes, that he will receive by the Paris Mail, the Chronicle of the 18th, and Captain Conroy's Packet of that day.-

His Royal Highness desires me to inclose to you the accompanying letter for Lord Strangford, in answer to the one which came in your packet of this day from His Lordship, which you will please to forward.-

I remain ever

My Dear Sir

most faithfully yours

B Harvey.-

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Lt. Col. B. Harvey to C.R. Broughton

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56. Innsbruck 28th Dec. 1818

My Dear Sir!-

The Duke desires me to apprize you, that the packet dispatched via Paris on the 18th of December arrived yesterday, containing Captain Conroy's packet, five other letters and the Chronicle of the 18th, and cost about 12/, as will be proved by the cover herewith returned.-

I have nothing further to add to this, than that the Duke hopes, that, from the moment you receive his final instructions, to transmit all his letters and packets

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packets, under an exterior cover to His Majesty's Minister at Frankfort, via Ostend, through your friend Mr Speight, every thing will go on regular, and he will be spared the enormous expence of continental postage to Frankfort, which, if suffered to continue long, would make a very deep hole in an Income, comparatively so small, for one of His Royal Highness' station, as that, which he now enjoys; for perhaps you are not aware, that from the honorable sacrifices the Duke has made, to discharge those debts, which were wholly incurred by his losses in the public service, he has at this time only £8000 per annum to live upon.-

I am happy to add the health of both their Royal Highnesses continues good, and to subscribe myself with every sentiment of the most friendly regard.-

My Dear Sir!

Yours faithfully

B Harvey.-

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Lt. Col. B. Harvey to C. R. Broughton.

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Amorbach 2nd Jany 1819

My Dear Sir

I this day received your letter of the 22nd Ultto via Paris, by which route came three packets, the covers of which are herewith returned, to shew you that the enormous charge of foreign postage, in the present instance amounting to two Guineas, still continues. But what surprises His Royal Highness a good deal, is that, a letter from the Duchess of Gloucester, the cover of which is also returned, and which the Duke presumes came

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Lt. Col. B. Harvey to C. R. Broughton.

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by the same Mail, as it is dated Windsor 21st Decr. bears only the charge of the postage from Frankfort, unless this is to be accounted for, by that letter having been enclosed to the Minister at Frankfort, instead of being directed to the care of Mr Mandeville. - I am desired also to observe to you, that no packet is come from Captain Conroy by the present Mail, although you mention that everything should not be sent via Paris, and this strikes His Royal Highness the more forcibly, as by no one Mail yet, since the Duke left England, has that Officer omitted writing, and sending

sending all letters and packets received at Kensington, subsequent to the preceding foreign post day, so that unless his letter has been sent via Ostend, His Royal Highness is at a loss to account for the omission, especially as not one letter of those addressed to Kensington, have come by the present Mail. I have the satisfaction of adding, that both the Duke & Duchess are in good health, and now permit me to remind you, before I conclude, that on the meeting of Parliament, His Royal Highness' correspondence will be doubly interesting to him, that also possibly expensive, unless

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steps are taken, to obviate the continuance of this heavy charge of the foreign postage, which has only arisen, during the last Month, and therefore I know it would be particularly acceptable to the Duke, that every exertion should be made, to insure the punctuality and regularity of His Royal Highness's correspondence, as well as its arrival at Frankfort free, in the Minister's Bag. I remain ever with the most friendly regard & the truest esteem

My Dear Sir!

Yours faithfully

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Lt. Col. B. Harvey to C. R. Broughton

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58 . Ismonbach 4th Jany 1819

My Dear Sir

I am desired by the Duke, to address you a few lines to day, having closed my letter of the 2nd, to apprize you, that a letter from the Duchess of Gloucester dated Windsor the 25th Ultto, arrived here yesterday, consequently on the 6th day from England, without any charge of postage, that that from Frankfort. His Royal Highness presumes thereupon, that both that letter, and the C. R. Broughton Esqr

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preceding one, will have been forwarded by Mr. Rolleston, under cover to the Minister at Frankfort, for Captain Conroy's Packet of the 22nd, is still deficient, and no other letters of the Mail of the 25th have arrived, but the single one of the Duchess of Gloucester, though unquestionably Her Royal Highness Packets and Newspapers, might as well have been received, as this single letter.

I remain ever with the most friendly regard, and the truest esteem.

My Dear Sir!
Yours faithfully
B Harvey.

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Duke of Kent to Rev. T. Prince

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those who are
prompted to express a
degree of disappointment
from the circumstance
of that Child not proving
to be a Son instead of
a Daughter, I feel it
due to myself to declare
that such Sentiments
are not in unison with
my own, for I am
so decidedly of opinion
that the Decrees of
Providence are at all
times wisest & best,
that had I felt any
special grounds for it
(which I do not) I would
not have admitted
feelings of disappointment
or distress, to have
entered my mind upon
an occasion like the one
in question — But the
fact is, I see no reason to
wish the case otherwise
except as far as private
inclination might dictate
for whilst I have three
Brothers senior to myself,
none possessing every
reasonable prospect of
having a Family, I
should

should deem it the height of presumption in me to believe it probable that a future Heir to the Crown of England would spring from me — If it should however please Providence so to order it I should then feel it a subject of proud boast, least tell them I seek to draw my happiness from purer sources of present Domestic Comfort rather than the vain anticipations of future greatness — I am sure

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a little reflection on your part will lead you to perceive these assurances as the natural result of existing circumstances, & to value them accordingly. —

I can assure you that your suspicions in regard to General Wetherall are totally without foundation, for I believe the reason why you have not heard anything of his son, has arisen from Colonel Moltke's absence,

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I not from any misrepresentation concerning you or your establishment, nor do I believe such a disposition to exist to your prejudice, or at least amongst those with whom I or my family associate, and therefore it is not likely we should be in any way influenced against you. Indeed it is not my place to allow the voice of envy or malice upon any occasion to work the downfall of an acquaintance without a fair and full investigation on each side of the question. —

I remain with sincere regard & esteem

My Dear Sir

Yours faithfully

Edward

The Revd
J. Prince
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Duke of Kent to C. R. Broughton (49)

Private 45505-7

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Amorbach 9th Janr. 1819

My Dear Broughton

Jan 1819

I have this day received your's of the 29th Ultimo, consequently the eleventh day from England, viâ Paris, and I am happy to say that since my last communication, the packets arrive, without any other charge than that of the postage from Frankfort, and I trust this will continue so, in future. Unquestionably the cause of the heavy charge I have been subjected to, during the last Month, originated in some person taking advantage of the facilitiety, of overtaking out the line, that recommended the packets to the care of my friend Mandeville, and thus passing them through Frankfort, without their being sent to the House

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of Legation, that whether that took place at Ostend, Brussels, Paris, at the Prussian Frontier, or at the town of Frankfort, it is as yet impossible to ascertain, although Mandeville is doing all in his power to clear the matter up, which occurred for the first time, at a moment, when both himself and Mr Temple were absent, for some days, at a Chase, with Prince Lowenstein. - At all events however, whether he will be able to clear this point up or not, the evil must be obviated, by my name appearing only in the intercession cover, as I had requested, so that the packets in the first instance must be received by and charged to the postage account of the Legation.

I perceive, from what you now communicate, that I was quite correct in my view

view, how the poor Queen's property would turn out after her demise. I always conceived, that the Jewels would prove to be something very handsome, as well as the ornamental articles of value appertaining to her, in her different Residence, which I find are to be equally divided with the Jewels, amongst her four youngest Daughters; but I never expected, there would be more Money found, than just what was in hand for the current Quarter. My letters from Hanover, are positive, as to the confinement of both the Duchesses, taking place there, when I apprehend their Mothers will respectively come over to attend them, and for all probability, though it will be to our great regret that it should not be in England,

we shall be obliged to come to the determination of letting the arrangement of my Dutchy take place here. God grant, that we may not have to regret hereafter, being at such a distance from all assistance, as we are at this place, which is nothing but a Village, and nearly fifty Miles from any Town of importance, but all that is in the hands of Providence, and if any misfortune should occur, which God forbid, the blame will not attach to us, but to those, who thought it right to resist our natural wish of going to England, by refusing all assistance, to carry it into effect at a time, when it cannot but be known, that out of an Income of no more than

for that, I have for the next five years limited myself to, than £8000 per year, 66 I cannot stir from the place, where I take up my residence. I quite enter into all your alarms, respecting Spain, for, though no one merits less feeling of interest, than the present King, still the consequences to Europe, of a Revolution there, and particularly in the very precarious state of matters at Paris, would be fraught with evil, for the rest of Europe. Having nothing further at present to add, I shall conclude by wishing you the compliments of the season, and by subscribing myself with friendship and esteem.

My Dear Sir!-

Your faithfully

Edward

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Duke of Kent to C. R. Broughton

Private 197 45508-9

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Amorbach 14th Jany 1819

My Dear Sir

Jan 1819

Your favor, via Ostend, of the 5th Instant reached me this day, ergo in nine days from London; the last Packet which was of the 1st via Paris, was received the day before yesterday in eleven days: Therefore adhere to my plan, of requesting you to use exclusively, the Channel of Sovereignty, for all my letters and packets, enclosed as particularly directed, and which, I think, will guard against the recurrence of

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Duke of Kent to C. R. Broughton

of my having to pay for the Continental postage to Frankfort. I am much obliged to you for having sent the Box, to which you allude, to the care of the Packet Agent at Ostend, who, I hope, will find some means of conveying it to my friend. We had at Brussels, by Messenger, and from thence by another, or a private hand to Frankfort. I am all anxiety to learn what is decided, with respect to the charge of His Majesty's person, and whether that is to be united with the command of the Army, also what are the financial changes projected for the establishment of

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at Windsor; therefore, whenever you can write, on either subject a line will be acceptable: at all events I shall hope by the 23rd or 24th to be possessed of the Speech, which I conclude will be delivered by Lords Commissioners. I am happy in being able to continue the same good accounts of the Dutchess, as I have been for some time past, though the recent sudden death of the Queens of Spain and Wurtemberg have caused a painful sensation. Having nothing more to add, I shall conclude, by repeating the sentiments of friendship

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regard, with which I am,

My Dear Sir!-

Yours faithfully

Edward

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Col. B. Harvey to C. R. Broughton.

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Amorbach 20th Jany 1849

My Dear Sir

The Duke desires me to apprise you, of his having received yesterday via Ostend, the Mail and Papers of the 8th, without any charge of postage, even from Frankfort here, on those packages which came with the Secretary of State cover over them. - The Mail that did not, was charged with the usual postage from Frankfort to this place, but what is very extraordinary, a letter from the Duchess of Gloucester to C. R. Broughton Esq.

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Col. B. Harvey to C. R. Broughton.

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Gloucester, dated Windsor the 11th, and which must have been sent by the Mail of Tuesday the 12th, arrived at the same time, unaccompanied by any other letter, or packet of the same Mail, which His Royal Highness is quite unable to account for: as it is clear, they might just as well have arrived, as that letter, and to satisfy you on this subject, the Duke has torn off the date, and has allowed me to waft it to this, and will be obliged to you, if you can account to him, how this has happened.

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further this letter may have been forwarded by Mr Rollerton via Paris, only it appears almost impossible to the Duke, that a letter by that route, should be but eight days in coming, while by way of Ostend, they have been eleven.

I am happy in this opportunity of repeating the sentiments of friendship and esteem, with which I ever am

My Dear Sir!

Yours faithfully

C Harvey.

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Lieut. Col Harvey

A. F. M. 5th

Unfav.be Winds at this Season of the Year occasion delay in the Ostend Passage

Duke of Kent to C. R. Broughton (52)

Private 45512-3

62 197 Kensington 23rd Jany 1819

My Dear Broughton

I received this day your of the 11th Inst, on the Ninth day from England, and what is still better, without any charge whatever of postage, so that I have only to repeat my injunctions, strictly to adhere to it, and that every packet forwarded by you, should be placed under an extra cover to His Majesty's Minister at Frankfort, as it is clearly that, which secures their free postage. What you mention, respecting the error of your informant, relative to the Queen's property, I perceive fully confirms my judgment upon the subject. I wish

C. R. Broughton Esqr. you

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Duke of Kent to C. R. Broughton (52)

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you may be as right, in the sanguine hopes you appear to entertain, that, after a certain event taking place, many days will not elapse, before a supplementary grant passes Parliament, that will enable me hereafter to make Old England, my head Quarters:- I have no doubt however, if this subject be properly handled, and well managed, a feeling might be excited in Parliament, that would render them most ready to assent to the proposal;. God grant, that the proper means may be taken! In the mean while, however, unless some step is adopted, to call the Prince Regents attention, to the expediency of the confinement of the different Dutchesses taking place in England, which actually should come from the House of Commons, so as to lead to a supply being granted, to cover the heavy expence of the journies of four with the exception of one, the Duke of Cambridge who is very rich, none will be enabled to move from their present stations, prior to those events:-

It is a great pleasure to find that there is likely to be so satisfactory a report made to the public by Government, both of progressive and uninterrupted improvement in the revenue, and of reduction in the Civil list expenditure. I was well prepared, from the knowledge I had of the necessity of first swearing in the Members of both Houses, for the speech from the Throne, which it is supposed will be delivered by Lords Commissioners, for obvious reasons, not reaching this by the present

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present Mail, that I conclude it must have been made on the 18th or 19th, and if so, I trust that the Mail of the 19th which we expect on Tuesday, will bring it.-

I am happy to add, that the Duchess is going on well, that if she is to move to England, it cannot possibly be delayed at latest, beyond the third or fourth week of March, so that those Members of Parliament, who have a just feeling of the expediency of her confinement taking place at home, should not delay chusing their plans, so as to bring it about

I remain ever with the most friendly regards

My Dear Brougham

Yours faithfully

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Col. B. Harvey to C. R. Broughton (53)

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Amorbach 28th Jany. 1819

My Dear Sir

An opportunity having offered yesterday from Frankfort for this place, the Mail of the 19th Instant arrived by private hand, which was in eight days from England, and I have the satisfaction of adding, that since the new plan has been acted upon, of sending the Duke of Kent's packets by Ostend, and under a Secretary of State's cover to the British Minister at Frankfort, no charge for postage has been made, and nothing can have been more regular, so that the Duke is very much inclined to believe, that the heavy charge of postage, he had

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to pay for three weeks at the latter end of last Month, arose from neglect at the British Mission at Frankfort, during the absence of Messrs. Temple & Mandeville, on a visit to Prince Leiningen, when directions were probably left to the Post Office at Frankfort, to forward His Royal Highness' letters direct here, and in executing that order, they included the charge for the whole Continental postage also, and which would have continued till the adoption of the present plan, but for the Duke hinting at the circumstance to Mr. Mandeville, after which the evil ceased, and the former charge only from Frankfort to this place was resumed, but which has altogether ceased with those packets, that had come under a double Secretary of State's cover, viz. an exterior one to the Mission, and an interior one to His Royal Highness, so that, I trust the matter is altogether now at rest, and you may be sure the Duke, so far from wishing to increase his correspondence, would be solicitous to confine it to a very few individuals indeed, beyond the Members of his own family. We are all anxious here, to learn the contents of the Speech, which it was presumed would be delivered about the 28th by the Lords Commissioners, and which if so, we hope to see arrive on the 30th or 31st. - With respect to the report of the Duke of York having the charge of His Majesty's person, with an additional income of £10000 per annum for that purpose, which was the same attached to Her late Majesty for being at the head of the Council, all I shall permit myself to observe is, that certainly

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certainly His Royal Highness appears to be the fittest person to have the charge, and as it is well known, notwithstanding his enormous income, that this illustrious personage is in very great pecuniary difficulty, this would seem to be an arrangement in every way acceptable to him, provided it does not deprive him of the command of the Army, which is understood to be worth about the same thing. I am happy in being enabled to state, that the Duke and Duchess are both in good health, and remain ever with much regard -

My Dear Sir!

Yours faithfully

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Duke of Kent to C. R. Broughton

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My Dear Sir

I this day received your favor of the 26th Ult., being the tenth day from England. You will have learnt, from my former letters, the complete success of the mode, now adopted, of transmitting His Royal Highness' correspondence to Amorbach, under a Secretary of State's cover, to His Majesty's Ministers at Frankfort, and which the Duke therefore wishes to be continued, until he sends instructions to the contrary. You will learn, with concern, from the accompanying letter, received from your friend Wright, that, through the Captain of the Packet, by whom the Box was sent, which

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Captain Conroy committed to you for His Royal Highness, deviating from his orders, it has slipped through Mr Sowright's fingers, and is still on the route for this, not having yet been heard of. Fortunately however we have discovered its course, and I shall endeavour to trace it out. The Duke desires me to thank you, for your kind attention to his Packet for Col. McCarthy; probably from time to time, the Duke will have more Continental Letters to transmit to your care, and His Royal Highness relies on your goodness, to have them forwarded, with security. You will probably be aware, before this, that your correspondent at Hanover, has led you into an error, with respect to the Royal Couple, who are gone to Cassel, as also with regard to the accouchement that is to take place in Mainz, as it is the Duke & Duchess of Cambridge that went to Cassel, and Her Royal Highness's confinement is expected to take place next Month. The Duke & Duchess of Clarence are remaining at Hanover, and Her Royal Highness does not expect her confinement till May. You will of course recollect, that the Duke of Cambridge married very early in May, that the Duke of Clarence not till the 11th July. I believe it to be quite settled, that both the Duchesses now at Hanover, are to be confined there, indeed there appears less reasonable objections to the event taking place, in the Continental Dominions of the King of England, than there must be, to the Duchess of Kent being confined, in a sequestered Village in the Grand Duchy

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Duchy of Baden. I am therefore not without hopes, that our illustrious friend will yet come to the resolution of taking his Dutchess to England; indeed I know, that nothing but an insuperable obstacle, will prevent his doing so.

The Duke desires me to assure you of his best regard, and I remain at all times, with friendship and esteem.

My Dear Sir!

Yours sincerely

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Brunswick 12th Feby 1819

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My Dear Broughton

The Messenger having come on with Lord Clancarty's Dispatch, direct from Ostend to Frankfort, I got your letter of the afternoon of the 5th Instant, in five days and a half, as it came to hand yesterday afternoon, between one & two, and at the same time in one corner of Frost, I got the Mail of the 2nd, so that nothing can be better than our present plan of forwarding my packets and letters, and if it is only allowed to continue, I shall have nothing to complain of. The observation made by you, with respect to C. R. Broughton Esqr

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respect to the division of the Queen's fortune, between her four young Daughters, I know proceeds from the warm attachment you bear to the Duke of Clarence, and myself, but I understand, that there is not a chance of the shares exceeding £21,000 at the most, when all fees, expences and taxes are paid, and that it is possible they may not be more than £14,000; but if Ministers ever had the slightest intention of doing a kind act by the Duke of Clarence and myself, they certainly have lost the most favorable opportunity they could have had, in dividing, between us, what would remain of the Queen's Annuity, after the pensions for the servants are taken off, say £30,000; eighteen of which by being appropriated to my Brother and Sister

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two also to me, would have made us both comfortable at once; and what naturally strikes one the more in this matter is, that Lord Castlereagh himself, in his speech, admits that this sum never had to the purpose of the Civil List, and might be disposed of by the K. just as he thought proper; but it is passed by, and it now only remains to the sum, if any Member will move as is expected, for us to be invited to bring our Dutchesses home to lay in, or if being confined abroad, Parliament will, when they know your having Children, make any allowance for them, but can that, I have much fears about, though you seem to be so sanguine relative to it. At all events, it is certain that, neither of us can

can move, unless we are assisted to do it, and if the Country have really a feeling that our Children should be born in England, it is the duty of their representatives knowing such to be the case, to take the necessary steps in Parliament, to obtain such a sum for us, as will enable us to fulfil their expectations. - Having nothing at present further to add, I shall conclude by repeating the sentiments of regard and esteem, with which I ever am -

My Dear Brougham! -

Yours faithfully

Edward.

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Col. B. Harvey to C. R. Broughton

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Romsbach 18th Feby 1849

My Dear Sir

I this day received by the Mail of the 9th your favor of the 5th Inst., and having submitted it to the Duke, he desires me to assure you, that he is perfectly satisfied with the explanation you have given, as to the arrival of the packets via Ostend and Paris, that came to hand on the 19th Ulto, but trusts that if any thing from the Royal family should be committed to the care of Mr Colleston, he will always convey to C. R. Broughton Esqr &c &c

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coming thus here, precisely through the same channel now adopted, and which answers so perfectly well. – In consequence of your suggestion respecting the Newsman who supplies the Chronicle, I have written the enclosed to Mess.rs Jones & Yarnell, of Bury Street, St. James, and I trust it will be the means of insuring the more sure delivery of the papers to you, in future. – When the last Mail that left this, reaches England, you will perceive, that the application of the savings upon the Windsor and the late Queen's Establishment, had not escaped the Duke's attention, and I believe I may with great truth assert, that His Royal Highness feels much hurt, at the little feeling shown towards the younger branches of the Royal family, upon that occasion. I believe I may add here, between ourselves, that to the 20th of next Month, this Royal Highness will be willing to undertake the journey to England, if the means are found there, but if not, they must come to the resolution of remaining here, as it would be

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be imprudent to set out later on the journey from the situation to which the Duchess will by that time, have advanced.–

The Duke desires me to assure you of his friendly regard, and I remain at all times –

My Dear Sir!

Very faithfully yours

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The enclosure for India, is recommended to Mr. Broughton's practical care.–

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Col. B. Harvey to C.R. Broughton

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69 Amorbach 21st Feby 1819

My Dear Sir!

I was yesterday favoured with your letter of the 12th Inst., and I have the satisfaction of assuring you, that nothing can be more complete, than the arrangement now adopted, for conveying our correspondence, and His Royal Highness is perfectly satisfied. You will recollect, from the first the Duke always calculated, that the Commander in Chief would continue to hold his situation as such, with the office of Custos, and that C.R. Broughton Esqr. 1237 the additional

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additional income of £10,000 p Annum, which would make his aggregate receipt from the public £75,000, would be given him, so that this circumstance has not been a subject of the least astonishment to the Duke; but Her Royal Highness is very naive at finding, that after so liberal an act to that Member of the family, who was before so largely provided for, such unaccountable parsimony should be observed with regard to the Duke of Clarence and himself, who both married at the call of the Country, and though from different causes, have both avowedly most inadequate means to live upon. At present the only thing decided here is that, if their Royal Highnesses are not supplied with the means to set out for England, at the expiration of a Month, the Duchess's confinement must necessarily take place in this uncultivated spot, which is clearly the wish of the head of the family, as Mr Brook Taylor is already nominated to witness the birth of the Child, but if it does so end, it will be a subject of the deepest mortification to them both. — You will have no doubt heard with regret, that the Duke of Clarence has had a very sharp attack of his usual Spasmodic Bowel complaints, which co

we have learnt, by a correspondence between the two Duchesses. It is ascribed generally to His Royal Highness having got wet, when he had an incipient cold upon him; but knowing his convivial habits, the Duke of Kent fears it may have been a consequence resulting from the grand Dinner given by the Garrison of Hanover to General Bonnington. I have the satisfaction of stating, that the Duke continues well, and leaving nothing further to add, I shall conclude by subscribing myself, with every sincerity,

My Dear Lord!

Yours faithfully

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Col. B. Harvey to C. R. Broughton

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Lt. Col. Harvey informs his friend Mr Broughton, that the Mails of the 16th & 19th Inst arrived together yesterday, and by them, a communication, from a private friend to the Duke, which appears to hold out a prospect of removing the only obstacle, which their illustrious friend will suffer to stand in the way of the Duchess's accouchement taking place in England, viz "the want of means". Still however, the thing is not quite settled, and this probability

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probability is mentioned in confidence.-
The D. Col. will write to the Gentleman from whom the letter came with the charge of four shillings postage, and, when he adds, that the individual is an Hibernian, and that his letter came from Dublin; Mr Broughton, he is sure, will not be surprised, that he should have made a mistake.-

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