From the Honble A Cochrane Johnstone
To Colonel Gordon Secretary to the Commander in Chief

Harley Street 69
2d May 1806

Sir

Having been informed sometime ago from unquestionable authority, that it was the intention of His Royal Highness the Commander in Chief to advise His Majesty to cancel His acceptance of the resignation of the Commission of Colonel which I tendered last year, and to confer upon me the Rank of Major General in the Army, I had therefore given up my intention of pursuing another line of life, not doubting but that the gracious recommendation of the Commander in Chief would have due weight with the King.

As a considerable time has elapsed since I received this information, and not having heard of any

anything having been decided on the subject, I trust that you will pardon the liberty I take in requesting that you will be pleased to move His Royal Highness, to favor me with the determination of His Majesty on this subject; for, if the door shall be finally shut against my anxious wish to join those of my own family, who are daily gaining laurels in His Majesty's Service, and who have evinced the loyalty and attachment of the name of Cochrane to His Majesty's Person and Government, I must then exert myself to repair a fortune ruined by long and faithful exertions in His Service. I have the honor to be &c.

Signed A. Cochrane Johnstone

From Colonel Gordon Secretary to the Commander in Chief
To the Honble A. Cochrane Johnstone

Horse Guards
3d May 1806.

Sir

I have to acknowledge your letter of yesterday, acquainting me that you had been informed of the intention of his Royal Highness the Commander in Chief to advise his Majesty to cancel his acceptance of the Resignation of the Commission of Colonel which you tendered last year, and to confer upon you the Rank of Major General in the Army; and having submitted the same to the Commander in Chief, I am commanded to communicate to you, that his Royal Highness has not entertained any intention to that effect, nor can his Royal Highness recommend such a measure to his Majesty. I have the honor to be &c

Signed J. W. Gordon.

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Hon.ble A. C. Johnstone
to
Colonel Gordon
2.d May 1806.

& Answer

Duke of Kent
June 30. 1866.

Kensington Palace
June. 30. 1866

Dear Macmahon

Having yesterday received, from Lord Charles Somerset, a letter of which the annexed is a Copy, descriptive of the prospect of his distress, and soliciting my good Offices, with the Prince, to interfere with Lord Hatherfield, about the situation of acting Gold Stick, I have most earnestly to request, that you will urge the earliest favorable opportunity you can find, of laying it before him for his Journal, and mentioning, with my kindest love and regard, how truly grateful I should feel to him, if he would condescend

to sound His Lordship's sentiments as to his disposition to give up his pretensions to it, which, I know, I am apt to believe, exists in a very strong degree, and in which case, he would probably then feel no scruple in using his influence to get an intimation to that effect, together with a proposal, at the same time, for Lord Charles Somerset replacing him in it, conveyed to His Majesty through the Duke of York. As His Lordship's letter very fully paints the urgency of relief, I need say nothing further on that head, more especially as I am well aware of the Prince's kindness to him, I shall therefore confine myself to this one observation, that the Prince's condescending to interest

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himself in attaining this provision for poor Lord Charles will be adding another to the many acts of goodness and humanity, which he is daily in the habit of doing.

I avail myself with great satisfaction of the opportunity now afforded me, to assure you Dear Mac-mahon, how truly I am, at all times, with the most friendly regard and the highest esteem

Yours
most faithfully
and sincerely
Edward

Colⁿ Macmahon.
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Copy of a letter from Lord Chas. Somerset to the Duke of Kent dated Wootton Friday June 27th 1806

I was honoured with Your Royal Highness's most kind letter on my return home this afternoon. As Your Royal Highness is so kind as to express so anxious a desire to be of service to me, in my present anxious situation, and as I know, from experience, that you never profess what you do not most seriously intend, I have the less scruple in taking the liberty of troubling you, in order to express what I judge to be the most favorable means of relieving me.—

Having seriously considered all circumstances, I am perfectly

decided, that there is nothing that can be found to relieve me from my immediate distress, so easy to be attained, as the gold stick duty — and I am persuaded that it would require only being set about in a proper way for it to be accomplished.

I have reason indeed to believe, from what I have heard, that, if Lord Heathfield were informed of my situation (and surely no man's can be more embarassing) and that it was the Prince's wish to relieve me, but that nothing but the Gold Stick immediately prevented it, which, out of delicacy to His Lordship, could not be offered to me, unless it could be ascertained that he would be willing to resign

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his claims to it, in order to enable His Majesty to have it in his power to confer it on me, Lord Heathfield would feel far greater pleasure in its being pointed out to him how he could oblige His Majesty and the Prince, than in again having the appointment, which, in fact, I apprehend, there is little doubt but that he would rather decline than accept, could he do so without running the risk of giving offence. If Your Royal Highness would condescend to mention the matter Yourself to the Prince, I am confident he would, in his great goodness, undertake it, indeed he would not take this liberty even I not driven to the utmost

Distress, I dread to think what is to become of me in a few Weeks. I have had the honor and pleasure of spending this last week in the Prince's Company. I stated my situation to him, and indeed nothing could be more kind than he was upon the subject. If your Royal Highness could therefore suggest to him how eligible and easy to be obtained your thought this appointment, and, at the same time, hint that Lord Heathfield would do anything (which I know he would) that the Prince desired I trust the Prince would not object to let Lord Heathfield be informed that His Lordship would oblige him, if he declined the situation for me; the Prince Yesterday con

intended to mention Madras
but I have since learnt, from
Lord Fred.k Bentinck, that Lord Willi-
-am wishes, of all things, to remain
there; so there is no hopes on
that score — besides which, Sir, my
necessities are so great, that with-
-out some immediate relief, my
ruin would be so great, that I
should never recover it.

I hope Your Royal Highness
will forgive me, if I have taken
too great a liberty and also, for ha-
-ving troubled you so much, at
length, on my own affairs ex-
-plicitly, the last word the Prince
said to me Yesterday was — "I
will not forget your affairs" —
and I am deeply penetrated by
his kindness. But I dare not so

soon again trouble him merely to say, that the Gold Stick still appears very attainable, which is indeed the only thing that is so.

I hope will plead my justification if I have ventured to address merely to Your Royal Highness, as I have done, upon the subject.

I have the honor to remain

Sir

with the greatest gratitude and respect

Your Royal Highness's

most dutiful and most obliged humble Servant

(signed) Charles Henry Somerset

Duke of Kent to Maj. Robert Wright

Kensington Palace
July. 9th. 1806

Dear Wright

Having yesterday evening concluded a very long letter to Dodd, containing the full explanation of the cause of my long silence, together with a full detail of my present situation, and answer to every letter of his I had by me, I shall refer you to that, for all the various points, therein alluded to, and commence this one by saying that I am sure you will forgive my having been so long without writing, when you consider how deeply I must have been affected by the disappointment I have experienced, and how completely I have been worn out on the one hand with fruitless exertions on the other with unfeasant application; but, as monthly Packets are at long established, you may in future rely upon my punctuality in writing

by each of them, whenever I have either anything interesting to communicate or any of your letters laying by me unanswered. I shall now proceed to thank you, for thirteen most interesting letters, with which you have favored me, the first dated Septr. 29th, the last May 26th, which indeed I got yesterday, as I was in the act of dictating my letter to Dodd. The very perfect detail, which I have received from you, as well of the state of the Garrison, as of everything relating to the receipt of fees, the opening of the Wine houses &c &c &c I have placed in the hands of Lord Moira, and if they have produced no other good effect they have at least had that of determining the removal of the Lieut. Governor, and the appointment of an Officer, who it is expected will turn over a new Leaf; I mean Sir Hew Dalrymple, who will shortly proceed to take the command of the Garrison, and by whom I am assured that you

Dodd and Viale shall receive every possible mark of his attention as being patronized by me: by the by having named the Wine houses naturally leads me to request of you, whenever you can write by a safe private hand, to communicate to me the circumstance, which led you to detect what had been going on with regard to them. Your friend Lieut.t Col.l Cane has fully justified every thing you have said of him, by giving me the most candid and full statement of the state, in which the Garrison was, at the time he left it, and I am confident would have done the same at head Quarters, had the opportunity been afforded him, but, since the accounts of its indiscipline have reached the Horse Guards, no questions are asked upon that point of Officers coming home. I am much obliged to you for the pains you have taken to collect those papers of mine (Regimental ones) that rela-

to the Fusileers, which I was so anxious to recover; in return for which you may be assured that, when I have done with them, they shall revert to you; but they are not the exact papers I alluded to, that were left in the hands of poor Darling, when I embarked for England, and which, as far as I can make out from Lieut. O'Reily of the 13th, who speaks very positively of the circumstance, must now be in the hands of Mr. Swettand, who, in the most nefarious manner, got all Darling's private papers into his possession, upon his death; I have to request therefore that you will, with all proper caution, try to get at the bottom of the business, and that, not only on my account, but on that of this poor Orphan Son, as I find that there must be bills, of his amounts & papers to the amount of two hundred Pounds, which were detained under the pretence of balancing what Swettand presumes to state, as a loss, from Darling having stopped the price of his allowance to his

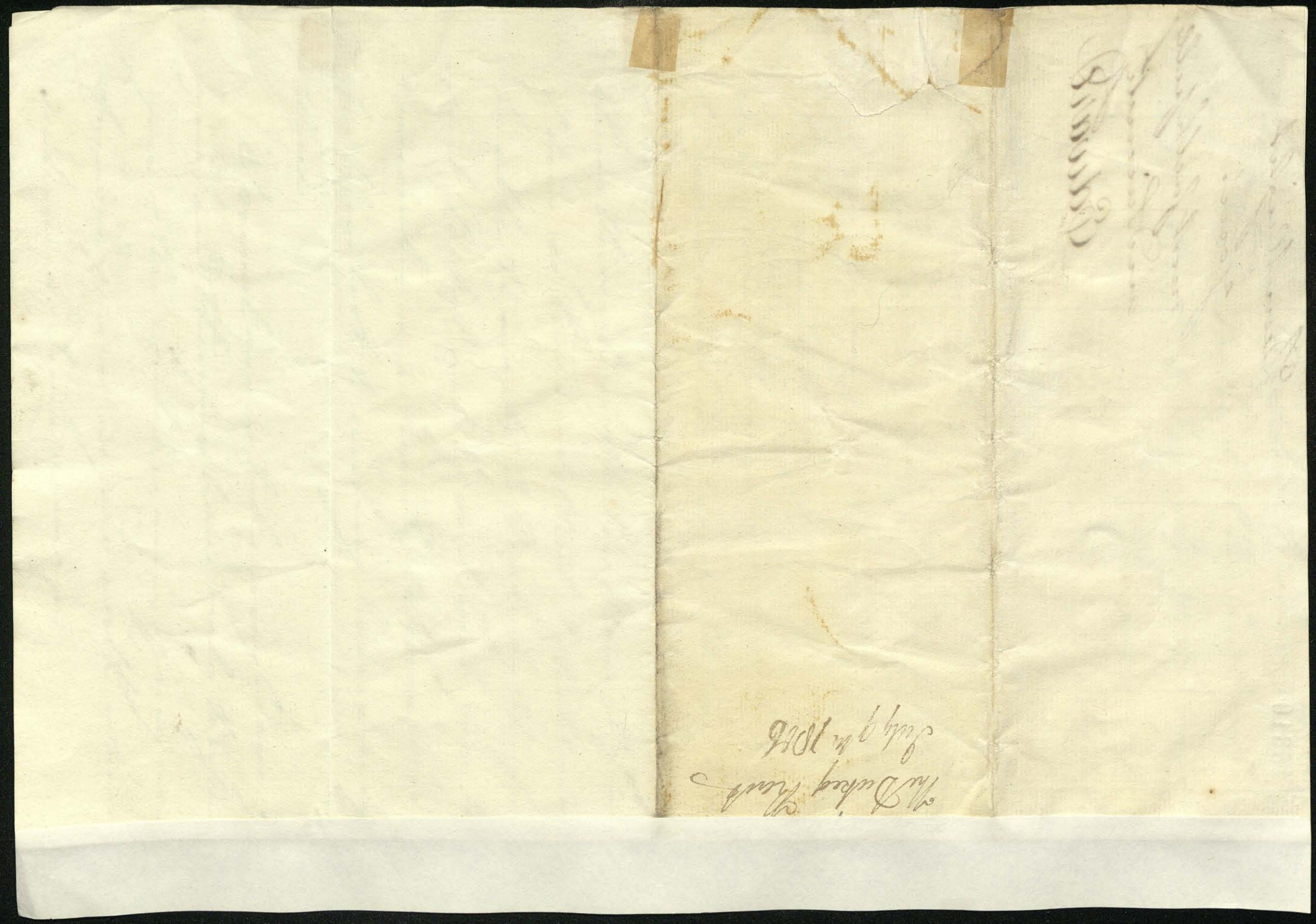
Wife during her absence from Gibraltar.

Although my letter to Dodd will convey to you, my complete disappointment as to those expectations, which I had been led to form, from the change in administration, I think it right to apprize you, that I by no means give the point up altogether, but shall wait my time to renew the application, whenever I see a proper opening, of which my friend Lord Maria fully approves. Perhaps the question of Cuba may yet bring about what all my exertions, for three long years, have been unable to effect. Mr. Wind-ham has promised to have a long conversation with me on this head when the Session is over, which is expected to be the case in a fortnight or three weeks at the utmost, and you may rely upon it, that, feeling the consequence of the measure to the public as well as to myself, it shall not be for want of urging the argument in its favor very strongly, if I do not succeed in obtaining his suffrage for it.

Having now replied to every part of your letters, which I did not notice in that, which I wrote Yesterday to Dodd, I shall only add, for your information, that, when I was at Woolwich at the grand Review a few Weeks since General M'Leod told me that if you did not apply for permission to come from Gibraltar, the intention was to leave you second in command there, as such, whatever be your wishes, signify them to me and I will do my utmost to carry them through with Lord Moira. I fear I am so hurried, that I shall not be able to write to Viale, by the present Packet, and if so, I wish you to remember me kindly to him and bid him look to sending home my Wine.

I must now take my leave of you, and therefore have only to assure you of the continuance of my warm friendship and regard with which sentiments I ever remain

Dear Wright
yours
most faithfully
and sincerely
Edward



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Kensington Palace.

Monday July 21st 1806. Confidential.

My dearest Brother,

Agreable to the wish you were pleased to intimate through Augusta to me, I have made my arrangements for going on from Richmond after your dinner to Windsor, for staying there all tomorrow, and returning on Wednesday, in time to see you before you set off for Brighton. But since settling my plans in this way, it has occurred to me, that in all probability, Ernest will avail himself of the certainty of Frederick, Adolphus, and me

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being at your review, to be alone with the King from his arrival at twelve, till the Duke of York returns, to avoid what appears to me an object: if you are of that opinion, I will, with your leave, after staying at Wimbledon till a quarter after eleven, ride up to the Pavilion, and be ready to receive His Majesty, when he gets out of his Carriage, & afterward return to Richmond for Dinner. Only have the goodness to bid Eben write me a line by return of my Servant, who takes this under his cover, (as I presume he will have very early occasion to go to you this morning) to say you approve of my suggestion, or think it vexatory, which I shall understand without more being said. I would not give you the trouble of settling this before you set off, only on your decision I must regulate the march of my Cavalry.

With the warmest, and tenderest attachment, I ever remain, My dearest Brother, your most faithfully devoted and affectionately attached

Edward

His R. Highness
The Duke of Kent
July 21. 1806.

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Duke of Kent
Oct. 20. 1806.

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Castle Hill Lodge
October 20th. 1806

Dear Macmahon,

I herewith annex, in the utmost haste, a copy of a letter, I have this moment received from Mr. Windham, relative to poor Raynsford, whose ruin must be inevitable, unless Lord Grenville can be persuaded, now that it is decided, that the patronage of the place, destined by the Secretary of State for the Colonial Department for his provision, rests with the Treasury, to confer it agreable to the original intention. My object, of course, in communicating this to you, is that you may be enabled to make the circumstance known to the Prince, and to ob-

tain his sanction for some intimation being given to His Lordship upon the subject. But, in doing this, I conceive it will be necessary to make him completely master of the facts, which are briefly these, that Mr. Raynford received the unequivocal assurance, that he would be appointed to a place at the Cape, worth above a thousand a year, and that it would immediately take place, that, in consequence, he parted with everything he could convert into money, in order to bear the expence of his passage out, and applied everything he could collect to the one object of his outfit. From this has resulted, that he now scarcely possesses wherewith to provide the common necessaries of life for his family, con-

Duke of Kent
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sisting of his wife and three infant Daughters, exclusive of the three Sons, one of whom (the Prince's Godson) a Midshipman in the Navy requires constant supplies, while the other two, though already commissioned Officers in the Army, often come upon the Father for assistance. So that unless this point can be carried, or something else done without delay, Mr. Raymond must go to Prison, and his family starve. This is strong language, but the time is pressing, and it is nothing but the truth. I therefore entreat you to endeavour to obtain the Prince's permission to make some communication without delay, to Lord Grenville on this head, and to excuse me if I am so troublesome in con-

ideration of the motive that actuates me.

With sentiments of the most friendly regard and of the highest esteem I remain

Dear Mr. Mahon

ever yours

most faithfully

and sincerely

Edward

Colt. MacMahon

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Copy of a letter from Mr. Wendham to His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent dated Arlington Street Octr. 19th. 1806 received the 20th.

Sir

I am sorry to state to Your Royal Highness, that, after much discussion on the subject of the Cape appointments, a case is made out against me, which, whether well or ill founded, is such, as will not admit of any longer contending against it, & that, in consequence, I am unable to fulfil the hopes, which I had entertained of obeying Your Royal Highness's commands, as well as those of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, with respect to Mr. Raynsford.

There were four appointments at the Cape, either of which would have been very desirable for Mr Raynsford, viz, the Collector, the Comptroller the Searcher, and the Auditor. The three first I had early understood, were fairly claimable

by the Treasury. The Auditorship seemed to afford good grounds for retaining it in the Colonial department. Arguments, however, I must confess, are not wholly wanting on the other side, and, where a doubt can be established, the Treasury, I fear, must prevail: not to mention, that I am a bad contender upon such subjects.

Your Royal Highness will be well assured, that it gives me much pain to have lost so advantageous an opportunity of marking my solicitude to conform to your Royal Highness's wishes.

I am Sir

Your Royal Highness's
most obedient
& most Humble Servant

(Signed) W. Windham

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The Duke of Kent
October 28.
1806.

Castle Hill.
Tuesday October 28th 1806

My dearest Brother,

I have a million of thanks to offer you for your truly kind, and affectionate letter of the 22: which I found on my return here, the day before yesterday from Windsor. I forwarded did not fail to communicate to poor Augustus that part, which relates to him, and I am happy to say it afforded infinite relief to him at a moment, when he was half crazed with the report of Lord Caledon's appointment to Jamaica,

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The Duke of Kent
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and of Francis's to the Cape. But after my communication he got instantly calmer, and said, "well I rely on the dear Prince not to desert me in my misery". He has again been most deplorably, and believe me when I say, that his state, tant de corps, que d'esprit, calls urgently for relief, not for palliative.

When I return to Windsor, which will be on the dreary 2d of Novr. for my own, and little Sophy's birthday, you may be assured of your commission for Amelia being executed, punctually according to your injunctions, and I well know your message will delight her. From Windsor, I have little worthy of remark to communicate, as there seems to be the most entire ignorance on all sides, of what is on the tapis, relative to your business, but our mother expressed infinite anxiety to see all end to your wishes and happiness, as indeed did the whole of the sisterhood in their different ways, which are so well known to you. Augusta had had a smart bilious attack, but was well again; poor little Sophy alone I left very very ill indeed, she had but just recovered from a shocking attack of cramp in her head, and was suffering under a very unpleasant slow fever, which, I own, alarms me, and upon which I rather think the medical people do not feel quite easy. The rest are all

well. When next I return, you may rely
on my leading our Mother on to a conver-
-sation such as you wish, but Me est
plus boutonnee que jamais, so tells me
our dear Mimmy, (who bid me give you a
thousand loves from her) and that Mum
was the order of the day with her, and our
two eldest sisters.

So much for the female part of the Family
of the male part, the commander in chief
goes on much as usual, Dolly is all spi-
-rits, and never neglects expressing his af-
-fection for you, quand l'occasion s'en présente
and as to the illustrious Duke, alias
the Black Sheep, alias the Bottle holder
to the most Noble Marquis of Abercorn,

thank God, I have not heard of him since you left Town. As to myself I am ever in statu quo, but ready, as you know, for any call either a mon poste, or to active service, no matter where: but in every situation, while life is in me, My dearest brother, with unalterable attachment

Your most faithful, devoted and affectionate

EDWARD.

Poor Simoe, I hear, is dying, would I succeed him, and get out to India for three or four years, I should esteem myself the most fortunate of men, if I am to be kept from returning with éclat to the Mediterranean.

Should you have any orders for me to execute with respect to Augusta or Sophy, I shall be to receive them before Saturday, as on the 3rd of next month we go to Windsor.

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The Duke of Kent
to
The Prince of Wales
Nov. 20. 1806

Castle Hill Lodge
Thursday November 20th 1806.

My dearest Brother,

Being uninformed how early I may look for the happiness of greeting your return to Carleton House, and conceiving it incumbent upon me to apprize you, from the love and attachment which I know you feel so warmly for poor Augustus, of her present situation, I take up my pen to inform you of my having seen him last night in a state, which really would make the most unfeeling heart bleed: he had but just recovered from a very alarming attack, which, if I mistake

not, came on in the night between Friday and Saturday, when he received from two of his creditors, the one his Jobman, the other his solicitor, letters threatening him with an execution upon all the little property he possesses, unless he would satisfy their demands, the former by paying his whole amount, which I apprehend is above a thousand pounds, the latter by granting him bonds to an amount, far beyond any means in his power to discharge. This however he, at first, bore up against, from the cheering expectation, that the unremitted good offices of our inestimable friend, Lord Moira, would at length be able to induce Lord Grenville to speak to the King yesterday about his appointment to Jamaica, but to our utter disappointment, when the good Earl named the subject, Lord Grenville wholly forgetting that every individual knows that Lord Caledon gave up that government to which he was actually nominated, upon his intimating that it was wanted for Augustus, said that were it to take place, he did not see how to compensate Cook, and by the remainder of his observations, led Lord Moira clearly to see that he had not sought sufficient to overcome his objections. This dreadful disappointment I had the misfortune to be obliged to announce to poor Augustus, and no words can convey the effect it had upon him, for all his hopes rested on the expectation of a favorable decision upon his fate yesterday. I of course have done all in my power, to calm his mind, but it won't do, and unless some means are found to accomplish forthwith,

what he has so long been led to expect, it is impossible to answer for the consequences that must follow, for if it does not kill him, I am confident, it will derange his intellects.

I am sure you will forgive my making this very strong statement, and that you will with your excellent heart, and judgment see that some grand effort, how du com-
-mun, must be made, if this poor fellow is to be saved. As I trust many days will not elapse before we meet, I will not, in this letter, introduce any extraneous matter but confine myself to adding, that I shall await your summons to attend you at Carlton House, on your return, with impatience, and to assure you, that it will ever be my first pride, to profess, and to prove myself, with unalterable attachment,

Your most faithfully devoted and affectionate

Edward

The Duke of Kent
to
The Prince of Wales
Novr. 24. 1806.

Castle Hill Lodge
Monday November 24th 1806: 5 o'clock

My dearest Brother,

The letter herewith enclosed from Augusta to me, covering one for you as this moment arrived and I think I cannot do better, than send the two together, as that to me is so satisfactory an explanation of the non arrival of the one intended for you. I am sure, you will not disapprove of my having apprized her of none having been received, as, knowing how she ever feels to-ward, you I should have acted motion

kindly by her in not giving her notice of what had the appearance of a want of warmth in that quarter, when I am satisfied she would ever wish to shew most.

On Wednesday I propose calling at Carlton House, after having paid my duty to the King, and therefore, as I have the prospect of seeing you so soon, I will not take up more of your time, than is necessary to enable me to add that I ever rejoice when an opportunity offers of professing, what comes from my heart, the warmest sentiments of devotion, and attachment for you, with which I ever am, my dearest brother,

Your most faithful
and affectionate
Edward.

Duplicate 46322-3

Kensington Palace
January 8th 1807

D of Kent to Capt Thomas Dodd

Dear Dodd

I have at present before me your several letters of the 8th and 30th of June; 14th 17th, and 23d, of July; 12th, 26th and 30th of September; 16th of November; and 8th Ultimo; the first of which was received on the 4th of August, and the last on the 31st Ultimo, the intermediate ones having successively arrived, in due course between those two periods. — To the whole of these I shall now do myself the pleasure of replying seriatim, but, must first candidly state to you, that the sole cause of their having remained so long unanswered, is the immense accumulation of my home correspondence, which, from the circumstance of my having no Secretary, is, notwithstanding all my efforts to keep it under, constantly in arrears; in proof of which I shall just add, that, although those letters, the roughs of which were actually written with my own hand, amount this last Year, between January 1st and December 31st, to 387; I have still at this moment between fifty and an hundred lying unanswered; I leave you therefore to judge, what a life I must have led, in the description of which I can assure you I am not guilty of the least exaggeration, when I declare, that, generally four days out of seven, and frequently six, I have been kept at my desk,

from the moment of quitting my Dressing Room (which is seldom later than six in the Morning) till the same hour in the Evening; and now having said that, I feel confident, that you will not ascribe to neglect, or any diminution in the warmth of my friendship to you, the delay that has occurred in acknowledging your correspondence, which is ever most interesting to me, and which, if I could follow my inclination, should ever receive my earliest attention. — Now, without further preamble, to business.

I beg to assure you, that I was so perfectly sensible of the justice of every remark, contained in your's of the 6th of April, upon the expediency of my waving every condition, even such as were nearest my heart, and such, as I had ever before thought it necessary to make a point of honor of, in order to carry the one object of my return to my Government, that there never would have been a difficulty made by me, to have given up any one part, or even the whole of the arrangement, originally admitted, at the interview I had with Lord Moira, to be not only most reasonable, but highly requisite, on every possible ground, had the matter ever come to a discussion upon points. But the fact is simply this, when the question came to be discussed in the Cabinet (and this information I have from one of the Ministers themselves

who is a Member of it, and a most particular friend of mine) it never entered into their heads, that I could go out to Gibraltar, without having the Command of the Force in the Mediterranean, and therefore, as that was connected with the immediate prospect of very active operations in Sicily, they grounded their decision, against my return, to that station, upon the impossibility, if they assented to my assuming that command, of refusing afterwards to permit my Elder Brother to go to the Continent of Europe, in the command of the Army, that was destined, when the matter was ripe for execution, to be sent there, and which they had unanimously resolved not to admit of, when first they came into Office. Possibly the total change, that has since taken place in their plans, from the distruction of the Prussian Empire, and the enormous extent of power and territory, gained by Buonaparte, and the little probability there is of our acting, on the offensive, in any part of Europe, may have removed the objection, and I am upon the watch to avail myself of the first opportunity I can, to renew the attempt; for you may rest satisfied, that, as long as my sentiments continue unchanged, as at present, I shall never give the point up.

At present, I am apt to think, that the

reduction of the fees and perquisites of the General Office, commanding the Garrison of Gibraltar, which has, at last, been ordered to be carried into effect, is likely to produce a change, in Genl Fox's sentiments, as to his return there, as 4500 a year is a sad fall off from 15000, and if that be the case, I shall consider the greatest obstacle to my return removed. I shall therefore wait, with impatience, the result of his determination, on this head, after the unwelcome tidings of the alteration above named shall have reached him, and hope to receive the earliest information, on that subject, that my friends on the Rock can afford me.

You will, no doubt, have heard before this, of your old friend Wetherall being transferred from the West India Staff to that of the Cape of Good Hope, to which station he will proceed, with his family, in the Spring Convoy, and for that purpose, he has given up the situation of Adjutant General, which he held in the West Indies together with his other Commission, but he has the promise of being moved to India when he attains the rank of Major General.

You will be very sorry, I am sure, to hear that the Duke of Sussex has been for several Months past in the most deplorable state of health, chiefly in consequence of his disappointment at being kept, in the most cruel state of suspense, all that time, with respect to his appointment to Jamaica; that however has

now totally fallen to the ground, and his last hope is that of getting out to the Cape as Civil Governor, but I fear the result of this expectation too, is extremely problematical, as the Minister is disposed to avail himself of the state of health, to which his indulgence has reduced my Brother, as a plea for withholding the appointment from him, which, if so disposed of, would be a diminution from his own patronage.

Upon the decease of our most valuable friend Lincoe, the chief command of His Majesty's Forces in India having again become vacant, General Hewitt has been selected for it, and the Deputy Quarter Master General, Brigadier Alexander Hope, is talked of as his successor in the Barrack Master Generalship; the Deputy Bar.k Master General Lieut.t Colonel Carey, will accompany Lieut.t Gen.l Hewitt his Father in law, as his Military Secretary, when, I am not without hope, of getting the situation he will vacate, for Cecy, which would be a very great object to me, as I should then have his aid again, as my Secretary, at his hours of leisure, which would greatly lessen my labors.

I fear, from the circumstance of your giving me joy, upon the payment of my losses, which you do, in the same letter I have before alluded to, that I must have led you into an error, on that head, by informing you of the expectations I entertained thereon,

prior to the decease of Mr. Pitt, but which never have been realised, for I did not get anything more, than what four of my Brothers did, in common with me out of the accumulated profits of Admiralty; now however this subject is again under consideration, and I have some hope of the result being favorable to me. I believe I before explained, that from the weight of income tax, that is now saddled on our parliamentary allowance, and the deprivation we have sustained of all the Palace allowance, we before enjoyed, the Dukes of Cumberland, Sussex, and myself have derived but very little benefit from the apparently large addition granted, last year, to our annual income, while the Dukes of Clarence and Cambridge, who have lost the tables, they had so long exclusively enjoyed, are in fact considerable losers by the arrangement.

When you call to your recollection, the conversations we have often had together, upon the subject of the Coolness that used to subsist between the P. and the D. of Y, and what I foretold would inevitably be the case, if ever the political friends of the former came into power, you will not be surprized, at my now announcing to you that that no longer exists, or at my

repeating, what I then said to you was the real sentiments of my heart, that I heartily rejoice at it, for the sake of the Country at large, and of our family in particular. The E. of C and myself also are upon the most pleasant of terms, in everything that relates to our private intercourse as Brothers, indeed I should be very ungrateful, were I not to say, that I have received his warmest support, in urging my claims for remuneration for my losses, and that, with one or two exceptions, he has also been very attentive to my wishes, with respect to my Regiment; but we are not at all near the mark, upon the grand professional point, that first created the schism between us, and I much fear we never shall.

With respect to Gordon, a twelve-month had elapsed nearly, since we had spoke till the day before yesterday, when, after the breaking up of a Board, which I was sitting at the Horse Guards, he spontaneously came into me, and shewed a great wish to remove any impression, I had taken up to his disadvantage, of course that produced a civil reply from me, but I can only ascribe this to the change, which (as I have mentioned in the preceding Paragraph) has taken place with his Master, and

therefore shall confine myself to cold and distant civility, knowing well how to prize the sincerity of his professions.

Notwithstanding the repeated applications I have made, at the Secretary of State's Office for the Colonial Department, relative to the augmentation of the pay of your Clerks, and the pension of poor Mr Levery, as well during the former Administration, as since the present one came into Office, I have not been able to get any decision upon either of these points, so that they both are still open; but, upon the latter, I shall now immediately make a fresh representation, as last night's mail brought me an account of Mr Levery's arrival at Falmouth, and I trust I shall yet be able to carry it through, though it may not be so easy to succeed in her behalf, as it was in Mr Williams's, as, in that, I had the assistance of Mr Turnbull, as Chairman of the Body of Merchants trading to the Mediterranean, to all of whom poor Williams was well known, whose application the Minister thought it expedient to attend to.

On the subject of the Packet Establishment for the Mediterranean, I can assure you, that I was not consulted further, than as to my opinion upon the expedi-

-ency of adopting the measure, and the size and force of the Vessels to be employed in that Service, for, had my sentiments been asked as to the Agency, I should unquestionably have said, that there could be no person so eligible for that situation, as the Secretary, who, ex officio, must be Garrison Postmaster, either in his own person or that of a confidential Clerk, but I apprehend it was considered an object of patronage by the Postmaster General, and therefore, that nothing was said to me upon the subject.

Nothing can be so judicious, as the suggestion, contained in your letter of the 27th of June, of the expediency of all heads of Departments being instructed to lodge half yearly returns in your Office, of all the various disbursements in their respective Departments, in order that they may serve as documents for the Governor to refer to, when he thinks proper, and, at the time I received it, I immediately wrote to Mr. Windham on the subject; as however, like some other applications of mine, and very many of those of others, this still remains in the Office in Downing Street unanswered, I propose shortly reminding him of it, when I should hope, an order of the Report required, would be obtained.

Although I have not yet acted upon the subject of your application of the 14th of

July for an increase of ten shillings a day to your pay as Secretary, during the War, I beg to assure you, it is, by no means, out of my recollection, and I keep your letter by me ready to refer to, when I find a favorable opportunity of bringing it forward, but, from the result, which a request of a similar nature, made by the supreme Board of Commissioners for the Affairs of the Royal Military College, to the Treasury, for a small addition to the Salary of the Officers of that grand national establishment, experienced from Lord Grenville, upon an avowed principle of resisting <u>any</u> augmentation <u>at this time</u>, I thought it far best to suspend urging it then, which I am certain you will ascribe to the only motive I could have had in view, <u>that</u> of insuring the eventual success of your object, which I think, on the grounds you have stated, extremely just and reasonable.

From the peculiar situation of Lord Valentia, (whom you mention in your letter of the 26th of September,) with respect to Society in this Country, I have not seen him, although the Son of our quondam Ealing Neighbour, Lord Mountnorris, but I have generally heard the oriental information he has acquired spoken of in

the very highest terms.

From what you mention of the expected return of Sir Jno. Stuart to England, I herewith inclose a letter for Moore to you, requesting that it may be detained at Gibraltar, until Sir John passes, and then be forwarded to Sicily or Malta, in case he should not accompany his General home, but, if he has passed the Rock on his way homewards, I shall wish it to be returned under cover to me, but with an exterior envelopp to the Secretary at War.

As your letter of the 16th of November, in which you are so good as to communicate to me, all that has passed, since the arrival of Sir Hew Dalrymple, relative to the new arrangement, directed to be enforced by the Treasury, for the payment of a certain annual Sum to the General Officer commanding at Gibraltar, in place of fees, also apprises me of your intention of taking the earliest opportunity of coming over to this Country, for which, as you will perceive, from the two papers herewith annexed, I have obtained the necessary authority for you, both from the Secretary of State for the Colonial Department, and the Master General of the Ordnance, I have thought it best, especially at this moment, when an extra-

ordinary pressure of business, at the open-
ing of the Session of Parliament, must pre-
clude Mr. Windham from attending to an
object, comparatively so small, to suspend
taking any step, with regard to that in-
formation, till you arrive, which I trust
will be, before the middle of March, when
the near approach of the Easter Holidays
will, in all probability, afford a better
opportunity to address him, on the sub-
ject, with the prospect of getting him to
attend to it. I trust I need scarcely say,
the delight it will afford me, to see you
again, and how much comfort I look
forward to, from having again your aid,
as my private Secretary, the duties of which
situation however, it shall be my study,
so to arrange, as not to take you away from
your family, so much, as they did former-
ly, or to subject you to so much confine-
ment.

From the manner, in which your
leave of absence, from both the Colonial
and Ordnance Departments is worded, which
was done by myself, for I drew up the pa-
pers, had them copied by my Clerk, and
forwarded them to Mr. Windham and Lord
Moira for their signatures, you will perceive
that I have established two principal points
for you, the one of which is, that your leave

is till further orders, the other, that you are yourself to find a proper Person to act for you, subject to my approbation as Governor, so that this leaves every Latitude you can wish or desire, and I thought it infinitely better so to arrange it than to mention Major Wright, by name, in the paper, as that would have tied you down to employ him exclusively, and had he ever chose to discontinue acting it would have required a fresh application to the Secretary of State to authorize another Person to act. Of course I shall now write to Sir Rew to say I have pitched upon him for the present, which will conclude the business at once.

You will easily believe that I am delighted at what you tell me, of the change in the discipline of the Garrison that has been brought about since Sir Rew's arrival. I am no less pleased with his attention, in writing to me, and I beg of you, when you see him, to express that, from me, in the strongest terms.

With respect to Buffa, I am really quite out of all patience, for you can have no idea of the labor it cost me to get

him out to Gibraltar, where, had he but been quiet, and temperate, I should have been able to have got him a good berth at last, but his infernal temper and unaccountable passion, as well as unguarded actions, against which I cautioned him in the strongest terms, over and over again, before he left this, and the fatal consequence of which one would think die experience ought to have made him aware of, have again sunk him, into an abyss, from whence he never can rise, for no one here will listen to him, as he has had the talent to give offence unfairly to his own Department, to the Commander in Chief and to the Deputy Secretary at War; in short I cannot think of using him again, or exerting myself, further in his behalf, so ill has he recompensed me for all the pains I have taken to be of use to him, and to pilot him through difficulties, four fifths of which are owing to his not keeping a proper restraint on his Tongue or his Pen.

As to his letter from the Emperor of Morocco, I fear, it will be of little use to him, indeed I should not be surprized, if it was treated altogether with ridicule, for

I am informed it contains an application to the King to name him to an appointment at Gibraltar, in order that he may be constantly at the call of His Imperial Majesty, which, of itself, is so fanatical, and so shallow an artifice, that I cannot help wondering how Buffa should be so absurd, as to conceive, that it can carry any weight with it.

As to poor Dr. Gordon, I think Knight is very friendly disposed towards him, so that we will have another trial, tho' that channel, whenever you come home, and most fortunate shall I esteem myself, if it should produce the desired effect.

The request you have made, relative to your wine being entered at the Custom House, with mine, shall most certainly be complied with, and you need only have it marked accordingly immediately in succession to my highest numbers.

I have now only to add that the Bills of exchange, as here enumerated, viz^r for £918.5.0 for £1400 for £54.6.1 for £908.5.0 and one for £98.4.11, that were inclosed in your several letters of 27th of June, 14th,

and 23 of July, 26th and 30th of September, and 13th Ultimo have all reached me safe, and that I feel very grateful to you for your uniform attention to my interests. The last named one of £898..4..11, being the amount of my Military pay and allowances, between the 25th Ultimo and 24th of March, shall not be presented at the Pay Office till a week hence, although it reached me on the 30th Ultimo.

Madam de St Laurent, to whom I have not failed to mention you and Mr Dodd's constant enquiries after her, desires me to offer you her kindest regards in return, as well as to her, and I remain ever with sentiments of the most friendly regard and of the truest esteem

Dear Dodd

yours
most faithfully
EDWARD

P.S. I hope to be able to morrow to write to Major Wright, but if I am disappointed in accomplishing that, have the goodness to desire him to send me home by

you a fresh copy of his project for the attack of the environs of the Rock, for I cannot get back from Lord Moira that I gave him, soon after he and his Colleagues came into Office; I do not mean that of Ceuta, which he was so good as to replace some Months since, but, if he will send me, by you, the particular plan of the latter place, which he promised me to do, by the first safe opportunity, I shall be particularly obliged to him, as I have hopes of getting that subject on the tapis again, and as such the latest information you can collect relative to that place, of every sort will be not only acceptable and interesting but of consequence.

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Duplicate.
From the Duke of Kent
to Capt Doddy
Jany 8th 1807

Duplicate

Kensington Palace January 12th 1807.

Dear Dodd,

I have infinite satisfaction, in informing you, that, by pursuing the same mode I took, in order to get your leave, with regard to obtaining an order to the General Officer, commanding at Gibraltar, to require half yearly returns to be lodged, by the different heads of Departments, in the Secretary's Office, of their disbursements, in their respective Departments, I have succeeded in getting, what I trust, you will consider a very complete instruction, to that effect, issued from Mr. Windham's office, and, by the same conveyance, which takes this to you, a letter, of which the inclosed is a copy, and which I wrote and sent to that Gentleman, for his signature, will reach Sir Hew: I shall wish you therefore only to suspend your departure, from the Rock, just as long as may be necessary to set the thing thoroughly a going, after which, you will leave an official letter with Wright, written by my order as my Secretary, requiring

him, by the next conveyance, after the 15.th day of July next, to forward to me, under an exterior cover to the Secretary of State for the Colonial Department, attested copies of the several abstracts for the nine periods past, which the different Heads of Departments at Gibraltar are required to furnish by that day, and you will not fail to leave a private Memorandum also with the Major, to make a strong report to Sir Hew Dalrymple, if there is the smallest delay on the part of any of those concerned in delivering in the accounts at the appointed time,

I remain with friendly regard and sincere esteem,

Dear Dodd,

Ever yours faithfully

Edward

To Captain Dodd
&c &c &c

P. S. Have the goodness to bring home with you a copy of the

Treasury Orders, that were sent to Sir Thomas Trigg, during the administration of Lord Sidmouth, when Mr. Addington, — by which I am authorized to receive the double King's extra allowance, and the equivalent of the Staff Pay of full General, as also that, which establishes what is termed the Governor's contingent allowance, borne on the estimate of the army, being payable to the Governor only.

From the Duke of Kent
to Capt Dodd
Jan 12th 1807
respecting half yearly
Accounts

Duke of Kent to Lt. Gen Sir Hew Dalrymple

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Copy

Kensington Palace
January 14. 1807

Dear Sir

Being extremely hurried, just at present, and fearful, that I may not have time, to reply to your two obliging letters, the one of the 15th of Novr the other of the fourth Ultimo, by the Packet of this Month, I just write these lines, in haste, to apprize you, that I have judged it right, to apply to Mr Windham, and the Master General of the Ordnance, for leave of absence for Captn Bodd, which has been granted by both, until further order, viz by the former as Secretary to the Governor, by the latter as Captn of the Royal Artillery, and as in that, obtained through Mr Windham, it is stipulated, that he is to provide

an efficient person to do his duty,
whom I shall approve of, & for whose
remuneration, for discharging the same,
he is to be wholly responsible, free of any
charge whatever to Government, I have
further to add, that I conceive Major
Wright, who acted as Secretary, during his
first absence, for a fortnight, and
who, I find, is willing to undertake
the same again, is the fittest per-
son, that could be selected for the
purpose; as such I have instructed
Captain Dodd, to submit his name
to you accordingly, as the acting Se-
cretary, during his absence and
which, I hope, will not be displea-
sing to you. I remain with Sen-
timents of high regard and esteem

Dear Sir

Duke of

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Duke of Kent to Lt. Gen Sir Hew Dalrymple

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Field Marshal and
Governor of Gibraltar

Lieut. Gen.
Sir Hew Dalrymple
K. C. B.

The Royal Highness
The Duke of Kent to be
Lieut Dalrymple
Sandy Hook 1st 1801

respecting Major Wright
doing Capt Doddo duty

Kensington Palace
March 7th 1807

My Dear Major

Being much pressed for time, yet determined that you shall hear from me by the present Mail, you will, of course, understand, that I write this, in the utmost haste, and I must therefore commence by intreating your indulgence for all inaccuracies and oversights. For the sake of regularity, I shall next proceed to acknowledge the receipt of your several letters of the 9th and 24th of June, 29th of September and 8th of December of last Year, as also those of the 2, 6th and 9th of February of this. As the two first of these are upon the subject of the expectation, I entertained, of being able to get out again to Gibraltar, concerning which I had spoken to Dodd in June, of the 9th of April, it will be needless for me to revert to them;

except to say, that the conduct of Minis-
ters towards me, on that occasion
certainly was most ungenerous, for I was
made the sacrifice of a reconcilia-
tion in a high quarter, which they
had much at heart; but I always
apprehended that this would be the
case, and, I believe, if you will turn
your memory to conversations we
have often had together, on that
subject, you will recollect I invar-
iably told you, that, when the friends
of an illustrious Person came into
power a near relation of his would
strive to make up to him, and so
it has turned out. As such, I bore
the disappointment, great as it was,
with temper, determined to remain
quiet, but to hold myself in readiness
to embrace the first opportunity of
renewing my exertions to effect that
object, which I never can lose sight
of. At present I certainly entertain
hopes, that the time is not distant,
when the occasion will offer for so

doing, but to say more now, would be premature, I will therefore quit this subject, only promising to apprize you, whenever I see that things are likely to take the turn, which I hope and trust they yet will.

Although your letter of the 29th of September only reached me, as you are yourself aware, by the same Mail with that of the 2 of last Month, it was nevertheless a very welcome one, as every communication must be, that relates to Sir S—, who is a great favorite of mine, and with whom it would have been the height of my ambition to have served. What a pity it is, that so great a Character should be the Victim of so much jealousy, and from his meeting with so little support, that his Country should be deprived of the benefit of his eminent talents and services; pray do not fail to recall me to his recollection, when you write

to him and to assure him of my best wishes.

The contents of your letter of the 8th of December having been fully answered, by the leave of absence I got for Dodd, and the sanction of Mr. Windham that he should, with my approbation, name you to act as his Deputy during his absence, I shall have nothing to add on that head.

I now therefore proceed to that of the 2 of February, no part of which seems to require any observation from me, except that I should inform you, that the letter to Mr. Ross was forwarded, on the second instant, and that the favorable determination of the Master General relative to the allowance applied for, in your behalf, as Field Officer of Artillery, having charge of the Northern District at Gibraltar, was the effect of my representation, jointly to Lord Moira and Brig.r Genl. M.Leod, who, I must say, behaved very handsome,

about the business. In the Postscript of that letter, you speak of the effect produced upon Sir H. D——, when he received, at the same time Dodd's leave, the authority for your doing his duty, and the instruction for sending in the half yearly returns to the Secretary's Office; but perhaps you are not aware, that it has produced a very strong representation from him to Headquarters on the subject, where he also addressed all his communications relative to the Secretary's fees, and from whom they were necessarily forwarded to the War Department: however, I apprehend, there is so much dispatisfaction, entertained in Mr. W—'s Office at the interference of the Commander in Chief, in any quarter, where he can possibly assume authority, that, there is very little chance of this doing any mischief, at all, indeed I am the more justified in saying this, as I know, that a very pressing letter, from the Military Secretary

to the Under Secretary of State in Mr
W's department urging an imme-
diate decision relative to the Secretary's
Fees, was answered by the cool decla-
ration, that the subject was under
consideration, and between ourselves,
by a hint, that I must be consulted,
before any determination could be
finally fixed, so that, I believe, you
will agree with me, that this does
not look amiss, and I shall hope by
April, if Dodd but arrives soon, to
communicate something satisfac-
tory on all these subjects. In the
mean while, as a communica-
tion has been made to me from
Mr. W— of his wish to take the
whole of the civil arrangements
of Gibraltar, under consideration,
and to avail himself of mine, Dodd's, and
Jephson's opinions conjointly, in
the changes, which are to be adopted
for their improvement, and as I con-
sider it highly important to have
the assistance of my friend Viale also,

I have to desire, that you will hurry him off by the first conveyance after you get this, and give him every document you can think of, that will afford me information either relative to the revenue of the State, its Judicature, or in short any point that is interesting to the Inhabitants whether Merchants or others.

This naturally leads me to the subject of your letter of the 6th of Feby, and to inform you that I saw Jephson the very next Morning, after it reached me, when, upon communicating the necessity of Vidal's coming over directly to England, he proposed naming you his Deputy as judge of the Admiralty to appointing you King's Fiscal, as you wished, and which latter he conceived incompatible with your situation as acting Secretary, as such, that is at present agreed upon between him and me, and will I hope be agreable to you, he assures me, that he will allow

you a Salary of £500 a year with it, which, together with £750 the half of the Secretary's Salary (for it is settled that the compensation for loss of fees is not to be less than 1500) will I hope make you feel comfortable. And now I have but just time to add, that, as Ceuta is again become a subject of serious consideration, Viale must bring with him some correct intelligence as to its present state, as also of all the Spanish Force, in the Bay from Tariffa round to Fort Philippa.

If to this, you can add the plan I begged of you to get for me, and any suggestion, relative to the practicability of the project you once so ingeniously drew up a fair copy of which (as I never could recover mine from Lord Moira's hands) I shall wish to accompany the other papers it will be very satisfactory. At the same time, I should apprize you that the only objection made, at

taking Ceuta is the apprehension of the Moors being jealous of us, when once we have possession of it, but I have assured Ministers, that on the contrary, we could make it both a pleasant and advantageous thing to them, and there you any hints, you can give, of the methods, that might be used to effect this, by adopting a different mode of conduct, towards them on the part of our Garrison, than that observed by the Spaniards, would be very acceptable.

With sentiments of friendly regard and sincere esteem I remain

My Dear Major
ever yours
faithfully
EDWARD

Major Wright

P.S. I enclose a letter for Lieut.t Colonel Moore which I must beg of you to forward.

From the Royal
Highness the 9th
March 1807.

Recd 29th by the
Comptroller Parker

Answered 31 March
By the Princess
Augusta -

D of Kent to Emanuel Viale

(Duplicate)

Kensington Palace
March 12th 1807

Dear Viale

Having just learnt that, if I write to you to day I shall still be in time to catch the Packet which, it is reported from Falmouth, cannot sail before the 15th, I write these lines, in great haste, to convey to you my kindest thanks, for your useful letters up to that of the 12th of December inclusive, which is the last I have by me, and to express my sincere regret, that I should have been for a long time past so overwhelmed with business, as to be wholly unable to find leisure to write to you. At the same time I feel confident, that you know my disposition towards you, too well, to have ever had the small est uneasiness, as to the cause of my silence, which could never arise, from any want of regard or

friendship for you, whose conduct has ever so justly merited those sentiments from me. My letter to Wright and that from our worthy friend Jephson to you, which go by this Packet, will have apprized you of my anxious desire to have you come over here, without loss of time but I know it will be more gratifying to you, to hear from myself direct upon the subject, I therefore now request the favor of you to make what exertions you possibly can, for that purpose, but yet, not to come away, without obtaining the best and most correct information you are enabled to procure, relative to the state of Ceuta, and the present strength of its Garrison, also relative to the Spanish force, round the entire Bay of Gibraltar, and its vicinity, comprizing the whole, between Tariffa and the lines, as that is one of the principal points upon which I urge the necessity of your return.

Besides that however, the Revenue, police, and judiciaire of the place are other weighty matters, upon which every document you can procure, will be essential, for these are matters on which I have the assurance of Mr. W— that he is anxious to communicate, conjointly with myself, Jephson, Dodd, and an independant Mercantile Man. Where could I find for the latter discription one more eminently qualified than yourself, who professes so liberal a heart, and are so thoroughly master of every point that is connected with the commercial interests of the inhabitants. Having said this, I shall just observe, that I trust you will find no difficulty in settling your Admiralty business notwithstanding Jephson's absence, for he has determined in appointing Major Wright his Deputy, and the duties of the Proctor, or Fiscal, will continue, as at present, even

after Benson leaves the Garrison, in the hands of Mr. Oxberry. As we shall I hope meet in the course of at latest a couple of months or ten weeks from this, I will reserve till then, my observations upon the various points of your very interesting communications, and therefore, at present, not advert to any of them except your praiseworthy exertions in breaking up the monopoly of the Jew Butchers this last year, which I only hope will not be suffered, through the intrigues of others, to regain its former ground.

As to my cellar, do not let that detain you a moment, but if it is ready to be shipped when you leave Gibraltar, it would be satisfactory to me, to have it come over under your charge. — Pray, before you embark, write to Castano and Jacome, and let them both know that, if I have not answered their

letter it was not from any alte-
ration in the warmth of my senti-
ments towards them, but because
I could not accomplish their wish-
es about the safe conduct, for the
Vessels, which they had asked of me,
but, when you come over, I think
that, though Mr. Cook, you shall yet
be able to accomplish it; but for
that end they must give you Carte
Blanche; as you will not have
time to wait their answers, they
had better write you here by the
house of Martinez who delivered
me Jacome's last letter.

Madam de St. Laurent, who
knows I am writing to you, re-
quests her kindest thanks for Mrs
Vialé's and your remembrance,
and desires me to add, that she
will be truly happy to see you
on this side the water.

I have now only to add
the assurance of my most friendly

regard and sincere esteem and to subscribe myself with these sentiments

Dear Viale

Yours
most faithfully
and sincerely
Edward

Emanuel Viale Esqr

P.S. As it is very important to be ready with an answer to Ministers, if they should object to the attack of Ceuta, on the ground of the jealousy that the Moors would entertain, from its being in our hands, I would wish you to make yourself master of the privileges, they enjoy with the French possessions, and endeavour to find out, what additional ones we could give them, to make

them feel a difference, the comparison of which would be decidedly in our favor, and establish the certainty of all future supplies as well to the Garrison of Gibraltar as well as to the Navy, beyond the possibility of any casualty intervening to impede it.

Francis Bunbury Esq.
M.P.
Lucan
Castle Mahon
Co. Cork

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Castle Hill Lodge
25th July 1867

Dear Macmahon

Having just received the annexed letter from the Bishop of Salisbury which, I apprehend, is perfectly consonant with the Prince's wishes, I hold it right to inclose it to you, in order that you may lay it before him, when a convenient opportunity offers, and that you may state that, as being the result of the communication which the Prince instructed me to make to him, when we conversed together this day week at Windsor, upon the subject therein alluded to. Pray add how much pleasure it affords me whenever I can succeed in any com-

-mission my Brother is pleased to in-
-trust to my management, as nothing
is nearer my heart, at all times, than
to do, whatever can afford him satis-
-faction.

With sentiments of the most
friendly regard and of the truest esteem
believe me ever to be

Dear Mr Mahon
yours
most faithfully
and kindly
Edward

Col. MacMahon –

Bishop of Salisbury (Fisher)

[Enclosure]

Hartley Hartford Bridge
July 24. 1807

In the short Conversation I had the honour of holding with your Royal Highness at Windsor on Saturday last, I believe I explained to you the ground on which I had taken the liberty to solicit the honour of an Audience of the Prince of Wales.

From his Royal Highness's disinclination to converse with me on the subject, & from information I have received of the Princes ideas & intentions respecting the education of the Princess Charlotte, I am strongly inclined to think that in every point of view, it will be most proper for me to acquiesce with

his Royal Highness wishes that the Princess Charlotte during her residence at Worthing should be left entirely to the care of her Ladies.

I could have wished either that myself or Mr. Nott had been allowed to attend our Royal Pupil, — but I flatter myself I may ultimately produce more good by giving up my own opinion, & obeying in silence the commands of the Prince of Wales.

If your Royal Highness has any other advice to give me, I shall most thankfully receive it.

My first great object in the important situation I have the honour of holding — is to consult the welfare & improvement of the little Princess: — my second object is in the discharge of this sacred trust, to act as far as my duty will allow me in conformity to the

Bishop of Salisbury (Fisher)

[Enclosure]

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wishes of her Royal Father.

Should your Royal Highness honour me with an answer to this Letter, it will find me here till Tuesday next.

I have the honour to subscribe myself

Your Royal Highnesses

most devoted most faithful

& most attached Servant

J. Sarum:

Kensington Palace
7th Sept. 1837

My Dear Major,

Having just received the annexed letter and enclosure from our friend Sir Sidney Smith, I send both to you, in order that you may take an opportunity of mentioning the subject to Sir Alex Dalrymple. As you know my sentiments about the Wine Houses, you will easily believe that I never should of myself have thought

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thought of asking of Sir Hew to grant a favor of the nature, solicited by Sir Sydney Smith on behalf of his protégé Lyons, for any man, but as I could not refuse Mr Glenie's application, some months since, to recommend a Man to Sir Hew, to be permitted to vend Spirits, so on the present occasion I cannot decline under such peculiar circumstances to intrust myself for the Protégé of Sir Sydney: — you will of course understand that I do not wish you to go further than just pay the compliments to Sir Sydney, to which in every sense he is so

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is so well entitled, and therefore you must not expose me to any unpleasant observation from Sir Stuart, for recommending a measure, which, but for the particular motive, that induces me now to propose it, I so thoroughly disapprove of — Believe me ever to be with friendly regard, and sincere esteem

My Dear Mayer

yours faithfully

Edward

The Duke of Sept
1807
recommended
by Lord Grey

The Duke of Kent
February 7th 1808

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Windsor Castle. February 6th 1808

Sir

The Letters received by the Mail, just arrived from the Mediterranean, having brought the certain information, that orders had reached Algeziras from Madrid, immediately to make such preparations in the neighbourhood of Gibraltar, as put beyond all doubt the intention of the Enemy to besiege it, I could not, under such circumstances, reconcile it to my feelings, were I to delay a moment, in not only assuring your Majesty of my readiness instantly to go out there, but in earnestly soliciting your sanction for my resuming the duties attached to the Commission, I have the honor of holding as Governor of that Fortress. To your Majesty, who

yourself possess so nice a sense of honor, it is quite unne=
=cessary for me to represent, that, on the result of your deci=
=upon this request, which I beg leave, in the most dutiful,
yet in the strongest manner to press upon your attention,
every thing most dear to me in life, I mean, my character
as a Man, and my professional credit, as a Soldier, and
at State: I will not therefore presume to say more,
than that I place these in your Majesty hands, with
no less confidence in your justice, as my Sovereign, than
in your indulgence as my Parent.

With every sentiment of the most dev=
=ted attachment, and of the most dutiful respect,
I have the honor to subscribe
Your Majesty's
most affectionate Son
and most faithful Servant
& Subject Edward