Castle Hill Lodge. Friday Feb.y 12.

My dearest Brother,

Having been disappointed of the pleasure of seeing you at Court yesterday, which my sister had given me reason to hope for, and the weather to day being such, as to preclude the possibility of going into Town, I have thought it best not to delay any longer sending for your information the Enclosed Copies of letters from the

King, the Duke of York, and Lieutenant Colonel Taylor, which scarcely require any Comment from me, except that the last named one, which, in the order of Dates, stands second, (altho' first received) gave me every reason to expect a favorable result to my application; that the second, which was written immediately upon my transmitting to the Commander in Chief, the copy of my letter to the King, is an unequivocal avowal of the opposition I was to expect in that quarter, and consequently from the members of an administration that are wholly subservient to his fiat, and that

His Majesty's communication, tho' conclusive, strongly indicates that he comes to the decision he has been advised to adopt, with regret, no doubt founded on his inward conviction of the cruelty and hardship of the usage I have experienced, in being condemned, and branded without a hearing, notwithstanding all the efforts I made, as you will recollect, for three successive months, after my return from Gibraltar, to have my conduct, while in that command, and the events, that occurred there, undergo a thorough investigation. Having read this

The Duke of Kent
to
The Prince of Wales

July 12th 1808.

I will not intrude further upon you, than to add that my sensations, at this moment, will be far better understood by your own good heart, and honorable mind, than I could, by any language I am master of expressing them. I am sure you will feel for me, and that whenever it is in your power to heal the deep wound I have received, you will not forget all I have gone thro': This conviction indeed, is the sole consolation I experience. With every sentiment, of the warmest and most unalterable attachment, I remain, my dearest brother, ever

your most faithfully devoted
and affectionate Edward

[Enclosure]

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Windsor Castle Feby 9th 1840

The King has received the Duke of Kent's letter, and while he is sensible of the propriety of the motives which have influenced him in his application to be allowed to resume the actual Government of Gibraltar at this moment, His Majesty regrets that he should feel under the necessity of declining to acquiesce in it, altho' no suffering to past occurrences has no hesitation in again assuring the Duke of Kent that he is persuaded that the circumstances which produced his removal from Gibraltar maybe attributed to everybodi in his Mark.—

(Signd) George R

No. 3

The King

Feby 9th 1800

Lt. Col Herbert Taylor

[Enclosure]

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(Copy)

Windsor Feby 7th 1800

Sir,

In obedience to your Royal Highness's Commands, I had the honor of delivering your Letter to the King this morning, which he received very kindly, allowing me at the same time to state what your Royal Highness desired me to add thereon, and which I trust I have represented faithfully and correctly. His Majesty ordered me to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter and to acquaint your Royal Highness that he should reply to it, as soon as he had given due consideration to the subject of it, and of the verbal communication which you authorized me to make. —

I have the honor &c &c

(Signed) H Taylor

Field marshal
H R H The Duke of Kent K.G.

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Lieut Col Taylor

Feby 7th 1800

Kensington Palace 19 March 1808

Sir,

My Banker, Thomas Coutts Esqr. of the Strand, London, having, at my particular Request, and for my Special Accomodation, very obligingly consented to advance, and place to the Credit of my Account at his House, the Nett Amount of my Pay and Allowances, as General & Governor of His Majesty's Fortress and Garrison of Gibraltar (the Nett Annual Amount of which, according to the annex'd Statement is £5798. 1s. Stg) by Quarterly Sums of £1449. 13. 6 each, on the 10th. January, 10th. April, 10th. July, and 15th. of October in every year, I have engaged, by a Deed of Covenant, to cause the said Pay and Allowances to be regularly, and in the most expeditious manner, remitted to the House of Messrs. Thomas Coutts & Co. Bankers in the Strand, London, for the Account of the said Thomas Coutts Esqr.

I do therefore order and direct You to use the utmost diligence in receiving my said Pay and Allowances as General & Governor of His Majesty's Fortress & Garrison of Gibraltar, as they shall respectively become due, and to remit the same by the very first Opportunities to Messrs. Thomas Coutts & Co. Bankers in the Strand, London, in good Bills of Exchange, payable to their order, for account of Thomas Coutts Esqr. and to observe, in making these Remittances, to state in Your Letters to those Gentlemen, the particulars whether for Pay, or Allowance, and to what periods. You will also observe, that as I am

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to pay Mr. Coutts Interest on these Advances, it will be material to me, that you should use all possible expedition in making these Remittances, to diminish the Charge of Interest. —

I remain with friendly regard & sincere Esteem

Yours faithfully,

Edward

Major Robert Wright
of the Royal Artillery
Acting Secretary to The Governor of the Garrison
Gibraltar

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Memorandum of Pay and Allowances which H. R. H. The Duke of Kent receives from Gibraltar, after making all deductions.

Pay as General & Governor @ £8 ℔ day		£2920.—	
Deduct 1/6 in the pound	£219.—		
D: one day's Pay in the year	8—	227.—	£2693 —
Deduct Property Tax of 10 ℔ C. on the Residue			269. 6.—
			£2423. 14.—
Contingent Allowance as Governor, provided for in the War Office Estimate		£950	
Deduct Property Tax at 10 ℔ C.		95.—	855.— —
Extra Allowance from the Revenues of Gibraltar		£2800.—	
Deduct Property Tax at 10 ℔ C.		280.—	2520.— —
— general Total to receive			£5798. 14.—

The Pay as General & Governor & the Contingent Allowance are payable regularly from the Military Chest at Gibraltar 25 March, 25 June, 25 Sept.r & 25 December.—

The Extra Allowance is paid half yearly 30 June & 30 December.—

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to remit his Majesty's Draft

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Lt Duke Cambridge
4th May 1800
enclosing Letter

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The Duke of Kent presents his best regards to Lt Col Wright and requests his care of the three enclosed packets — the one for the Duke of Orleans to be detained or forwarded to Malta, according as His Serene Highness shall have proceeded onto that place or not; and those for General Fraser and Mr Walker to be delivered the first convenient opportunity ——— The Duke does not

Kensington Palace
4 May 1800

and write to Edward Wright by
the first opportunity, known that
Capt Dods will do so fully upon
all points —

Ed Wright

Lt. Col Charles Neville to Col. John A. Vesey

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Ordnance Office
May 13th 1808.

Private

Dear Sir,

In acknowledging your Letter which I received last Night, I beg to acquaint you for the Information of The Duke of Kent, that on reference to the Deputy Adjutant General of Artillery I do not find that the subject of Lt. Col: Wright's removal from Gibraltar has ever entered into discussion between The Master General and Brig: Gen: Macleod -

I have the Honor to be
Dear Sir, Very truly Yrs
Ch. Neville

Col. Vesey &c

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Lt Col Neville

Rec
12th Dec

Kensington Palace
1st July 1838

Dear Wright,

Although I fully mean to write to you, along letter by the Packet of this month, I must not delay till then writing these lines by the hands of Dr Master Alexander of the 4th Veteran Bn. now under immediate orders to proceed to Gibraltar, in order to introduce him to you as a worthy old Soldier and Protégé of mine, to whom, I request that you will, for my sake, render any Service or shew any attention that may be in your

your power :— He is by Birth a Savoyard & became first known to me in 1791, when a Clerk to the 1st Bn of the 60th Regt, in which capacity having occasion to employ him about my person some time I soon discovered that he possess'd good sense and talents that qualified him for a superior situation :— In consequence I recommended him for the Quarter Master ship of one of the Canada Bns, subsequent to which he was removed to that of General Brownrigg's Battn of the 60th, & finally obtained the post of Quarter Master & Steward to the Royal Military Asylum for Soldiers Children at Chelsea, in which post he has acquitted himself with infinite judgement, and the

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the utmost integrity, but the life being extremely sedentary, & requiring a very laborious & constant application to his Desk by which his health had began to suffer, he solicited and obtained the Quarter master Ship of a Veteran Bn: — If I mistake not he is a good linguist, at least he writes french as perfectly as he does English, & from that have qualification in a man of his Class, may be made very useful: — He had solicited a Letter of introduction for Sir Hew Dalrymple but I told him that I thought he could not have a more Credential for that Quarter than that which would prove that I had an interest in his welfare, as such, I have left it to himself to procure that elsewhere & I have confined myself to giving him

Letter

1 July 1848

Letters to you & Veale, both of whom well, I know, from friendship for me take him by the hand, which I can assure you no man is more deserving. — Believe me ever to be with friendly regard and sincere esteem,

Dear Wright,

yours faithfully

Edward

Ed Wright.

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but without having any previous Communication with the present Commandant of Mhattar — Could this be effected, I think the success of the measure would be certain, and particularly if my excellent friend General Spencer could be applied to, to give it ~~bright~~, and with whom you may always be open on all Subjects to my advantage for I can answer for his fidelity and attachment to me as well as I can for your own or Dado's — To say more on this head would be superfluous, I shall therefore now take my leave of you, requesting that I may hear as soon as possible from you in answer to this, and that in the mean while you will believe me to be with sincere esteem and regard Dear Wright Your most faithful

Edward

P.S. I shall enclose a note from Colonel Sheiler to Key which proves that there is no intended to remove you from Gibraltar — E.

Might not Colonel O'Neil, who commands at the Isles, and to whom you are well known, be useful in this business, and a proper channel of communication with Castaños or Jacome? —

E.

Dr Lady MP

Kensington Palace
15th Sept 1840

Dear Wright

Altho' I have already written a very long letter to go by the Packet, to our mutual friend Viale, in answer to several communications, which I had received from him in the course of the last two months, and particularly to that, by which he apprizes me of the steps taken by him to effect that most important object for my happiness, which I had committed to your joint care, & which he will no doubt have made known to you, I am determined that

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the Packet shall not sail, without taking a few lines to your Court, in acknowledgement of your Letter of the 25th of June, 1st and 22d of July, and 8th ultimo, all now before me, and to assure you how highly I approve of all the steps you have taken in the Business above alluded to, the result of which, you will easily imagine, I am looking forward to with the utmost impatience and anxiety. — You will learn from my Letter to Vienna that I have also written to Cortanes, from whom I received a very kind and affectionate Letter from his Head Quarters at Andujar, dated the 25th July last, but I am sure you will agree with me that it would not

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have been prudent for me to have said
more of the matter in question, than I
have done in it, and that it was by far
the best to leave it to his own good
sense and judgement, to draw his
inference, from the little I did say, &
the communications he had received from
Veale as to the extent of my sentiments:
On the part of our old friend Jacomé &
his Colleague Admiral Apodaca, I
am sure of every support they can give
to my views, provided they are not
authorized by the Board, who sent them
to the Country, to make the necessary
applications & representations, but, until
they are furnished with this power, they
are fearful of committing themselves;
this I saw at once when Dodd and
Benson

Benson endeavoured to prepare their minds for the point, and each time I see them confirms me in that opinion, it is thought of the utmost consequence to urge Captain to press the request, on his own, with all the weight, which the important service he has rendered his Country by his Victory must give him, either specifically as to Gibraltar with the Junta of Seville, the Province of Andalusia, being most interested in the accomplishment of that point, or generally as to Spain and Gibraltar with the general Junta, that was to assemble at la Manche: — I state this the more pointedly as at this time there is a very strong prejudice existing against Sir Hew Dalrymple, both for his infamous conduct to the Duke of Orleans and Prince Leopold of Sicily, and for the manner

manner in which it is said (for we have received no Official accounts from Portugal since Sir A Wellesley's Victory) that he has acted with regard to that Officer and General Bernard, since he assumed the Command of the army, and that there could be no moment more propitious than the present one for an application on my behalf to arrive:— you will perhaps be surprised, when I tell you, that Sir Hews appointment to the Command of the army, did not come from the Duke of York, but from Lord Lauderdale, guided by the influence of Lord Mulgrave, whose Lady formerly Miss Maling was a protégée of Lady Olympia, and which was exerted, when from some inexplicable mystery

mystery. The arrangements that had been made for Lord Chatham's leaving it were altered, so that in the Commander in Chief he certainly has not a warm supporter, while in the Duke of Cumberland he has a most bitter enemy, who does not scruple to call him a rascal and a coward; & such is the tone as is rumoured, that he has avoided to join his army being embarked for France, and the Regency Act not being given up, his fall & eternal disgrace are certain. - Whether the Duke of York will eventually take the Command of the Army in case the state of affairs in Spain and Portugal shall admit of its being wholly withdrawn

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and directed to Italy, which is supposed to be the further destination. It is impossible to foresee, but there certainly was a very great outcry when his going abroad was talk'd of, and it is thought that as Ministers are divided in their opinions and wishes, and his being employed, those, who are peculiarly for the measure, are generally too afraid of their situations being affected should any failure be the consequence of his appointment, to venture to force the point: — It is now rumoured that General Burrard is destined for Gibraltar, if so, you cannot have a worthier character or a more gentlemanly upright man as my locum tenens: — I must now

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conclude being much hurried, to get this off so as to reach the packet that is kept open for it at Lord Fortescue's Office, in time to go by the mail of to night, and therefore I shall only repeat the assurance of those sentiments of friendship and esteem, with which I ever remain,

Dear Wright,

yours faithfully

Edward

Lt Col Wright

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15 Sep 1840

Kensington Palace
8th October 1840

Dear Wright,

I have to thank you for your Letter of the 25th Aug. the only one I have at present by me of yours that is mentioned:- I do not mean it entitle the 27th ultimo. Many events have happened since it was written, of which not the least remarkable, (tho' to me by no means surprising,) is the disgraceful convention signed by Sir Hew, who, I very believe, has touch'd a little of the Persian Rhino, (so at least people here are inclined to think) as thinnen to make such a Treaty, after

after two such Victories, as those of the 17th & 21st, would be inexplicable indeed; But it makes me sick to talk of the Scoundrel, so I won't say a word more about him — As yet, not a sentence have I heard of Cartanos, since the Letter of politeness he wrote me after Dezpaxis surrender to his Army, but I have written fully on this head, to our mutual Friend Uzali, to whom I will therefore refer you for my further sentiments as to the communication that ought now to be made to him, as also for what other information that Letter contains as to matters here:— I will not talk to you now of who is likely to go out to Gibraltar (for of course Turkey never can serve again, even if he

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he should escape without the loss of life or
Commission, as I will fain yet hope, I
may return thro', but if Sir Harry
Burrard were not implicated in the
blunders that preceded the Villainous Convention
I think he would have been likely and
a proper Person to have been named to
that Command — I perfectly agree
with you, that there is little shame
of the Spaniards allowing our Army to
land, unless the Myriads of Buonaparte is
striving to pour in upon their Country
should overpower them, and render, our
aid, a matter of indispensable necessity:
I can hardly thing they may be able to do the
Business themselves on every account, for
the best Troops without a Head they
have confidence in, are seldom led to
victory

Victory. — I have said a great deal in my Letter to Viale, about General Romana, for God's sake lay your heads together, how to counter=act the plans of that Enemy to his Country, and how to warn Spaniards of the danger to be apprehended from him, indeed it is a matter of first rate importance to Spain & to the World: —

The Duke of Orleans is most thankful for your care of his Packets; the Banish of Prince Leopold, which he had got the members of the Cabinet to see in the right light, was about taking the most favorable turn, as in Some policy, I am sure, you will agree with me it ought, when Romana arrived & his things are kept very secret, I have

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The Duke's Yacht
8th October 1868
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reason to believe that he has had the
cleverness to upset all the arrangements
that had been adopted. — The Duke
I think will soon return to the Mediterranean
to meet his Mother & Sister, whom
fatigue requires his earliest attention,
but I fear he will not be able to do
more than touch at Gibraltar, at least
in going: He will at all events winter
either at Palermo or Malta, and not
return here till Spring; he is as usual
living with me altogether: —

I have now only to add
the assurance of my most friendly regard
& to subscribe myself

Dear Wright
ever yours most faithfully
Edward

Lt Col Wright

P.S. I had just closed my letter, when you of the 13th Augt, which you had intended I presume sending by the Duke of Orleans, was brought to me (39 days after her arrival) I therefore open mine again to acknowledge the receipt of it, and to say that I trust the time is not distant, when Sir Hew Dalrymples signal fall and Disgrace, will avenge his infamous conduct to the Duke of Orleans, which in my opinion is not one of the least vehicle, amongst the many scandalous acts he has committed. –

Kensington Palace
29th Oct 1840

Dear Wright,

I have now before me your letters of the 12th, 19th and 23d ult. as well as those of the 18th, 27th and 28th inst., and, as I propose replying to the different points of each, according to the order of dates in which they stand, I shall commence, by desiring you to give £20 from me to the unfortunate Widow of the deceased Tom Major Lyons of St Roque, which I should hope would be deemed sufficient for my proportion

proportion of the subscription for her relief,
but if you think that more ought to be
given by me, I leave it discretional
with you to add whatever you may
think necessary and right to that sum,
deducting the same from the next
Quarter of my Pay and Allowances, which
you will receive on the 25th December,
as you know how much I ever was
the well wisher of poor Lyons, having
always felt grateful for the many civilities
I experienced from him when at Gibraltar
the first time, in the Years 1790 and 1791,
upon various occasions, I am sure I
need not add, that I shall be personally
grateful for any exertion you may
make to serve his Widow and her
Family

Family, to stimulate you to befriend them, but as I flatter myself that Major General Drummond will prove a different character from Sir Hew, I might perhaps send his name, if you were to mention to that Officer my being interested about them, but as in this I maybe mistaken, you will act according to the best of your judgment. I cannot tell you how mortified I am to perceive, that no answer has yet arrived from my friend Fontanes, but will fain hope that his silence hitherto has arisen from a wish to defer his interference, with regard to me, until his expected nomination to the post of Commander in Chief of the whole Spanish Army took place, and he would

would prove more weight to enforce it, than when only the Commander of that portion of the Army, to which he was nominated by the Junta of Seville. — At all events, I would wish his nomination to be upheld, if you do not find, when this reaches you, that he has taken any steps in the Business indicating which it might be hinted to him, that, as the Duke of York would not be permitted to command the Army in Spain, his only chance, if he wished to see a man of high rank in the command of it, who he might be sure would cooperate at all times cordially with him, would be to get the Central Junta to apply for me, but in suggesting this, it will be particularly necessary

Wellington

that the matter should be managed without giving any knowledge of it to Mr Ferrey, as I apprehend the Minister his employer, are averse to any member of the family serving again in a situation of responsibility.

As you mention in your Letter of the 12th having received two feet of the Lawn, and having repaired the Galleries, I am induced to suggest the expediency of putting a Chimney in the centre of the back or North Wall, of what used to be turned the Lower Room, with the Veranda to the Bay, and putting three windows instead of two

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into the South Side of the same Room, looking to the Garden, which enclosure I was about to make when I left Gibraltar: — you will recollect you have in store both Chimney Pieces and Grates I got out from England, that would answer, and that the Chimneys in the 3 adjoining Rooms were cut out of the Spain wall, under the Direction of Bonhette, with perfect safety, so that there can be no possible difficulty or danger, in accomplishing the thing: — all that would, after that be wanting to complete that room would be to

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bottom and both the southern wall,
so that the Cedar in the plaster work
might not rear, or its roots at present
from the plaster saying on the Wall
itself, and not being done in the
manner I propose — During
your Residence at Gibraltar, amongst
the many singular events you have
witnessed, since I left the Rock,
none is more remarkable than the
visit of the Duke of Orleans's Sister,
altho' the Duke has taken all the
necessary measures to ensure her deliverance
from Spain, together with that of his
Mother, and if, at any time, I had
cause, more than another, to regret

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my absence from my Government, it
is at the present moment, when I should
have been too happy to have shown
every attention in my power to so
illustrious a Guest, and one so nearly
connected with a Prince, whom I have
long considered my friend, and who
both from his merit and acquirements,
is deserving of the esteem and regard
of all that know him: — But the
same naturally led to make this domain
I feel perfectly confident that you and
my friend Viali will have done
everything to make her stay as comfortable
as the situation of the Place would
admit of. — The arrangement of
placing her in the Lieutenant Governor's
Quarters appears to me excellent, and I

I think it does infinite credit to whoever suggested it — Her Brother is still here, waiting the summons from the Admiralty to embark. Her Majesty having ordered a Frigate to be furnished him to proceed to Gibraltar, there to take up his Sister and proceed with them both to Malta; but as there has been a great deal of unnecessary delay in the orders, we are led to suspect that Government wish to gain time, in order that Prince Leopold, for whose weal to Sicily it is apprehended Ministers have enticed Mr Adair to apply to his Father, may be gone before he arrives there, for they are dreadfully afraid of this interfering

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with their pitiful policy in regard to Spain, which is to keep the Government being conducted by a Junta, to the nearest legal Heir to the Crown, being nominated Regent during the Captivity of the King, thus preferring in fact a Democratical form to a Monarchical one, the humbleness of which for obvious reasons, ought to be restored as speedily as possible. — I perceive with no small degree of satisfaction from your last Letter, that my Friends at Gibraltar, view the Disgraceful Convention made by my quondam countrymen, just as we do on this side the water, indeed there never was so

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scandalous a proceeding, and I never
knew the undersigned of the County
more round, but as to what steps are
to be taken, with regard to bringing him
and all concerned with the transaction
to condign punishment, is a matter
perhaps the vulgar like myself are
kept in utter ignorance, and it is
said, that Ministers are very much
at a loss, how to act. For fear of some
of their instructions being made Public
when the Investigation takes place,
that would do them anything but
Credit. — I have now only
to execute the Commission of the Duke
of Orleans, in offering you how grateful
he feels for all your attention to his
Sister

Sister, and to subscribe myself with
sentiments of friendly regard and
sincere esteem,

Dear Wright
ever yours faithfully
Edward

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The Duchess Gordon
29 Oct 1840
Rec'd by Mail

Kensington Palace
1st Nov. 1862

Dear Wright,

Having just received the annexed note from that most worthy benevolent character, Mr Abraham Goldsmid, by which he solicits a recommendation from me to some of the Gentlemen residing at Gibraltar, in favor of two young men, whose welfare appears to be interested, Mssr Henry Levison & Joseph Poole, whom plan it seems to

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to be to establish themselves there. I have thought it best to enclose it to you, and to request that you will present them to my old acquaintance Major General Drummond with the Surrounded my best regards, and the request that he will countenance them, also to Vieli, to whom, as well as yourself, I know it will only be necessary to say, that I am interested about them, to ensure them every possible attention on your part, and if, exclusive of them, you are of opinion it would be useful to introduce them to some of the most respectable Mercantile

People

People, or other Inhabitants or Servants of Government, I should wish you to do so, under the better to carry into effect the worthy Mr Goldmeds wish in their behalf, whom I have already informed of my intention of addressing both Gentlemen to you, under the conviction that you would feel a real pleasure in proving by your attention to them, the high respect that every one must feel for her Character:—

I conclude Dodd will have informed you of all the particulars about the Court of Enquiry, that is appointed to assemble on the 13th inst, in order to investigate the circumstances

attending

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attending the sale Convention of Cintra, as also that my excellent friend Sir John Craddock, is named to command at Lisbon in the room of General Bunard ordered home, on whatever other matters have occurred since last I wrote; I shall therefore only repeat the assurance of those sentiments of sincere regard and esteem, with which I ever am,

Dear Wright

yours faithfully

Edward

L Col Wright

Kensington Palace
13th Dec 1844

Dear Wright,

I have only time in great haste to thank you for your Letters of the 17th & 24th Octr. The Letter enclosing the 1/2 yearly accounts, & for a third under date of the 4th of November. — As this will be delivered to you by the Duke of Orleans, I am sure, his first thoughts will be to thank you & Mrs Wright for

for all your attentions to his Sister,
but I should feel very ungrateful
myself if I did not assure you
both that you have conferred an
additional obligation upon me, by
your most friendly conduct upon
that occasion. The Deputation
however you have shewn to oblige
the Queen relative of my Illustrious
Friend induces me to impose upon
you an additional trouble, which
is that of preparing Major General
Drummond to be liberal in the
settlement

settlement of the disbursements that have been made for Mademoiselle, which arrangement I find is entirely left by Government to her Guardian — Having gone into particulars at full length with Veale I must refer you to him for the extent of what it is exactly you should do in that head, & having said this. I know I need add no more, to ensure your best exertions to accomplish such an arrangement as will make the Duke & his Sister feel comfortable. — I can now only add

add. as I am fearful of missing the night's mail, that I have not yet had a line from Lattanzi. That people here are much cast down at the reverses experienced by the Spaniards in the North, & that as yet it is impossible to judge how matters will end with regard to Lord Rev. Dalrymple, except that it is clear no Minister will ever be bold enough to employ him again.

I remain,
with the most friendly regard
Dear Wright,
yours faithfully
Edward

Lt Col Wright

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me, I shall refuse the same backwardness to undertake the charge, altho' I shall ever consider it a most arduous one: — as to my Father-putting me, my younger Brother at the Head of the Army, I think I know him to be too just a man, ever to think of so doing, but even that to be the case it would be my duty — to submit to his decision without murmuring, and to console myself with the gratifying reflection that I had never done anything to merit being passed by: — I never can my Dear Stewart sufficiently express, the sense I entertain of your kindness, in writing so feelingly

fully to me upon the interesting subject, on which you have so warmly expressed in it, but I hope you will do me the justice to believe that I feel it as I ought, & that never I am placed in that situation, in which you wish to see me, far more than I can express. Let me avail myself of your obliging offer to favor me with certain suggestions, which I am fully sensible coming from your strong and intelligent mind, cannot fail of being of the greatest benefit to me. —

Believe

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Believe me ever to be with the
most friendly regard,
Dear Stevenson
yours faithfully
Edward.

Ed Stevenson

Kensington Palace
20th April 1809

Dear Wright/

I conclude that our good friend Dodd will have apprized you of all, that has been going on here since Parliament met, I shall therefore not attempt to enter into any detail, either of the discussion, that so long occupied the Public attention, or make any remarks upon the result, instead of delicacy rendering it most advisable for me to be silent upon the occasion; but I have alluded to the circumstance as the explanation of my long silence, which, in the first instance, however, arose from severe indisposition that confined me to the House from the 12th January for a full Month, and when I recovered from that, things continued for a long time in such a situation, as to

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under it highly expedient. (I am sure you will admit.) that I should abstain from writing at all, until I could escape the suspicion which unquestionably would otherwise have attached to me of commenting upon the events of the day: — Having said this, I shall now commence my reply to your several Letters of the 15th of Nov.r, 2d Dec.r, 2, 6th 12th & 27th of Jany. 3d of Feby, & 16th of March, which have reached me in due course & in regular succession: — To General Drummond I write by the present occasion a Letter according to your wishes, & as I have accounted in it for the cause of my not writing sooner, in the same manner I have to you, I trust the communication of my grateful acknowledgements, for the kind attention shewn by him to the interests of the Duke of Orleans Sister, in consequence of the Letter I wrote to him upon that subject, will not be the less

less acceptable, altho' it arrives later, than
I could have wished it to do: — as the
good General will communicate to you
all I know in regard to Sir J. Craddock's
appointment to the Command of the Garrison,
it will be unnecessary for me to repeat
it here: If he should however, accept, wh.
which is rather doubted, I think I will
answer for your finding yourself as the fam
as comfortable, as with your present
General, for it is impossible for any one
to be more Gentlemanlike, or personally
more attached to me, than he is, in
consequence of our having served together
in the same Brigade during the Campaign
of 1794; and I will venture to assert
that your being known, as a friend of mine
will be the best passport, you could possibly
have by way of introduction to him: —
I am perfectly satisfied with the reasons
you give me for not executing the repair
I had suggested to the large Room at the
Convent, but should it hereafter be thought

if it will be right to order a Chimney Piece & Stove from hence, which I will willingly undertake to do if applied to upon the occasion. — Adverting to what you say of my good friend General Cartwright I cannot help observing that no words can express the affliction I feel, when I contemplate his sad reverse of fortune, aggravated if possible by the bitter reflection that it is chiefly to be ascribed to his unshaken loyalty to his Sovereign, which no consideration could induce him to depart from: — Having just cast my eyes upon the Memorandum you sent me from poor Mrs Lyons, you will oblige me by naming to General Drummond from me her wish of having one of her two sons Daniel or Charles, nominated to some small Civil situation on the Rock, that would assist her in bringing up the Female part of her Family, & in doing this pray do not fail to impress on his mind, that I am warmly interested

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about her :- Nothing can have been more judicious than the measure of dismantling the lines & adjacent Forts which was authorized by the Junta, and executed I presume altogether under your superintendence, for, should the Enemy eventually succeed, it will at least secondly retard, if not altogether prevent the possibility of their attacking the Rock, & I think too much praise cannot be given either to the person who first suggested the idea, or to those, who carried it into effect; I cannot however help remarking here, how singular the concatenation of events has been, which now enables that to be done with the consent of the Spanish Government, which you & I had agreed upon, both might, & ought to have been done, by force, when first war was declared by Spain against us :- Before I conclude my answer to your several communications, I shall just

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advert to the reason given by Castanos for not having taken any steps with the Junta, to engage them to apply for my return to Gibraltar, in order to observe that as the influence, the power of which was then dreaded, is now at an end, & Mr Frere is the particular friend of Mr Canning, who I am sure is well inclined to me, I am confident, if the Junta could be induced to impress to him, that my return at this juncture, to Gibraltar, would be considered by them, as a compliment to the King of Spain & the Spanish Nation, as being a proof of the King of England's friendly sentiments, such an intimation, coming officially to the Secy of State for the Foreign Department, could not fail of producing the desired effect, especially

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at this particular moment: – It would therefore be well for you, to consult with Vialé how this can be effected. & above all to confirm the application, as I wish it had been in the first instance, to the single point of my return to Gibraltar, which I will candidly own to you, would satisfy me as completely as the fact, as if I were united to the general command in the Mediterranean

I have now to request that you will take the trouble of seeing the writer of the enclosed Letter, and ascertain what communication he has to make relative to the Telegraph of which he speaks in it when if you think it worthy of my attention, I shall be very happy to receive a plan of the invention thro' you. – I will thank you also to let it be intimated to Lieut

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Ansaldo of the 4th Inst. that I have received his several Letters of the 2nd & 15th & 23rd of Novr. as well as that of the 10th ult.o. That I certainly felt every disposition to serve him, if in my power, but at present that I had not the means of so doing, if however I see an opening at any time to be of use to him, I will gladly avail myself of it: — Not having anything further to add I shall now only assure you that all your Letters for your good Father, were immediately forwarded upon my receiving them, & conclude by subscribing myself with sentiments of the most friendly regard & sincere esteem

Dear Wright

ever yours

most faithfully

Edward

Lt Ed Wright

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Kensington Palace
13th June 1809

Dear Wright/

I avail myself of the opportunity of the departure of the Packet to acknowledge your Letter of the 9th of April received on the 12th ult., and shall commence my reply to it by informing you, that the Letter you enclosed for your Father was franked the Same evening to him, as was another which reached me yesterday that came in a packet addressed to Dodd, and from which I learnt the particulars of what Father Gill and Castanos had told Viale, in regard to my return to Gibraltar. — But all this His Majesty's Ministers may have told the Spanish

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Spanish Deputies, that Her Majesty would not consent to that taking place. I should state much with the attempt to be made for I am pretty confident that that is the language of the Ministers and not of the King, and this I will thank you to let me know in order to intimate to Viali, to whom I have no leisure to write by the present conveyance, & from whom indeed I have no letter by me at present unanswered: — I am highly gratified to find that your spirit & the spirit and energies of the Spanish People, still continues unaltered, for after the recent sacrifices of the Arch Duke Charles and those of Sir Arthur Wellesley, I trust they will again be roused to fresh exertions which would render the result of the contest no

no longer doubtful. I cannot tell you, how much I was hurt to hear of the death of poor Capt.n Scott, and particularly of the melancholy manner in which it occurred. It is the more lamentable too, as thro' the absurdity of the Judge advocates opinion justice is stopped in its course, from pursuing the Offenders who killed him. I perfectly agree with you, from all I have of late heard of Mr Jephsons conduct in wishing you were rid of him, for he is calculated for any thing better, than to administer justice or promote harmony. Ere this, I conclude my old friend Sir John Craddock has joined you, with whom I am confident you will go on as pleasantly as possible, but I fear his stay with you will

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will be shot, as he has expressly his wish not to be left upon the Rock; I lament this much for the sake of all my friends, who would never have wanted any other recommendation with him than to make themselves known as such: — I have now only to trouble you with the enclosed for the Duke of Orleans, which I am particularly anxious should be conveyed to him as speedily as possible, you will therefore oblige me by taking the earliest mode of getting it conveyed to him wherever he may be: Her last letter to me was from Cagliari in Sardinia April the 20th, at which time he was doubtful whether his mother would join him there, or he her

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at Mahon, but I conclude either you or Viale will, by the time this reaches you, know exactly where he is: — I have now only to repeat the sentiments of friendship and regard with which I ever am

Dear Wright,

Yours faithfully

Edward

Lieut Col Wright

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4th July 1819
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Kensington Palace
4th July 1819

The Duke of Kent presents his best regards to Col Wright, and requests the favor of him, to forward the enclosed Letter for the Duke of Orleans to Malta, or return it, as after consulting with Mr Veale, shall be judged best calculated to ensure its reaching him the soonest. — The Duke avails himself of this opportunity to acquaint Col Wright (knowing he is much interested about it) that he

he understands from authority, which cannot be doubted, that it is not the intention of Government to send any one out at present to relieve Sir John Craddock, but that during his absence from the Rock Ld General Drummond will resume the Command there, to which decision the Duke has the satisfaction of thinking that he has in some measure given a helping hand. —

Questions put to Capt.n Dodd, by H. R. H. The Duke of Kent & his Answers.
Kensington Palace July 27.th 1809.

Q. Have I either directly or indirectly sanctioned, advised or encouraged any attack upon the Duke of York, to your knowledge.

A. Never. (Signed T. Dodd.

Q. Have I had, to your knowledge, any acquaintance or communication with Col. Wardel, or any of the Persons concerned in bringing forward the investigation respecting the Duke of Yorks Conduct, which took place in Parliament last Winter, either direct or indirect.

A. I feel confident that your Royal Highness has no such knowledge or acquaintance. (Signed T. Dodd.

Q. Have I to your knowledge, ever had any acquaintance with or knowledge of Mrs Clarke, or any communication with her direct or indirect, upon the subject above mentioned, or any other.

A. I am confident your Royal Highness never had. (Signed. T. Dodd.

Q. Have I ever expressed to you any sentiment which could induce you to believe that I approved of what was brought forward in Parliament against the Duke of York, or of any proceeding that would tend to his obloquy or disgrace.

A — Never, I have heard your Roy. Highness lament the business viva voce, & you made the same communication to me in writing. (Signed. T. Dodd.

Q. Have you ever to your recollection, expressed yourself either by word or in writing, either to Colonel Wardle or Mr. Clarke, or to any other Person connected with the investigation on the Duke of York's conduct, in any way that could give them reason to suppose that I approved of the measure or would countenance those concerned in bringing it forward.

A. Never, but I have on the contrary expressed myself, that your Royal Highness would have a very different feeling.

(Signed T. Dodd.

Q. - What were my expressions upon the subject of the Pamphlets which appeared, passing censure on the conduct of the Duke of York, & other Members of my Family, and holding up my Character to praise; and what have been the sentiments which I have uniformly expressed on similar publications, whether in the News papers or elsewhere.

A. I have invariably heard Your Royal Highness regret that any person should attempt to do justice to your own Character at the expence of that of the Duke of York, or of any other Member of your family. (signed - T. Dodd.

Q — During the ten years you have been my private Secretary, when in the most confidential moments, I have given vent to my wounded feelings on professional subjects, did you ever hear me express myself inimical to the Duke of -

= of York, or that I entertained an expectation of raising myself by his fall.

A— Never; on the contrary I have frequently heard your Royal Highness express yourself very differently.

(Signed) J. Dodd.

The above Questions written in Col. Percy's hand, were dictated by me in presence of Lord Harrington.

(Signed, Edward. Harrington.

(A true Copy. J. H. Percy.)

J. H. Percy.

27 July 1809

The Duke of Kent's
Questions & Capt.
Dodd's Answers
relative to a certain
enquiry or proceeding
in the House of
Commons.