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Cantonments at Rande
24th April 1795

Dear Harry

Nothing but my having been very very ill indeed could have prevented my writing to the dearest of brothers, now I am, really recovered, but very nigh killed; promised me to congratulate you on your Marriage be assured no man takes a greater share in all that can happen to you than I do, though my last letter did not allow me the pleasure of being present at your nuptials yet my thoughts have been often at Carlton house.

But it seems that as shall have peace on the Continent, at least for certain a Cessation of Hostilities for three Months I dearest brother do all in your power to get my brother and myself home, we have nothing in the world to do, lingering in a

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Village is not the thing for a fighting man. If I can get Leave to retire here, & you are still fond of Amateur de la Guerre, I will act as your Adjutant, and the I shall dismount as gaingently as any Prussian Reg.

This infernal ~~[illegible]~~ marching Country has encreased my Rheumatism, the day before yesterday I visited a picquet of my Regt which was on duty on the brink of the Rhine, & I no sooner happened turn they did me the honour to fire down shot at me, but luckily sans effet. It will be cruel after such a hard Winter Campaign if the King refuses concerning home at times

when there is nothing to be done at the Army. My choice must is in you, if you will, you can arrange any thing. I by no means desire Bertha let me know if you wish to have Trumpeters, for I have Sweet & Pungent music abundy at my

Dear George

Your most affectionate Bertha

Ernest Augustus

Duke of Cumberland

24th April 179[illegible]

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Duke of Cumberland
26 June 1795

Gattenstedt 26th June 1795

Dearest George

Not being till recently hopes of getting home I have sent my Valet de chambre Bauer to England in order to arrange some things for me, & have given him particular orders to go down to Brighton if you are there in order to give you this in your own hands. Dearest brother I beg entreat you do all in your power to get me back to England, here is no life more I long to return above all, 2dly when no probability of my getting a d.d Dragoon Reg.t in England. His Majesty has just raised 4 new ones, & has never once thought of me, though I believe I have served my country well. In your hands alone I have entire confidence manage my affairs, & now I am satisfied

You have three Horses of mine in Yr
Stable, the Irish Horse that I sent
over from here last November, the
dark brown Horse you gave me when
I was in England, which I left behind
me lastly a chestnut cropped mare which
I brought of Walsingham & which was
given into Yr Stables, pray dearest
brother send them all to Gros, till
next Autumn when I hope to have
through your means to be there.
My Servant will bring you a young
Kabyle fine Pointer dog which I hope
will meet your approbation,
Kind half compliments to my
new unknown Sister in Law,
believe me Ever

Your most sincerely
attached brother

Emile Augustus

Goldmuntel 28th Aug.st
1796.

Dearest Brother

According to my last letter you will have seen that I have requested his Majesty to grant me a furlough, on account of my left Eye, but now I must say this desire is much increased by a circumstance that I cannot help mentioning to you. You must remember my Stay in England I have often told you that Walmoden could not bear me, a great Instance of this he has just shewn me, in order to give you some light into this affair I must begin with our coming into Winter Quarters. On the 26th May we quitted Crest - marched and taken the Cantonments in the Country of Altendorf and Dipholtz which brought on another Incident the Government of a big Stock consisted in three Lumpen Regts the Horse Guards, mine own, & the Regt of Busch, I thought the Exercise of all three Regts and

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especially my own Brigade I always commanded myself, a thing which none of the other Brigadiers could do, as they do not know a dance from a manœuvre. In the beginning of this month I was informed my Brigade was to encamp the 22 and was to be exercised with the Rest of the Corps, as all the Campaign we do nothing together. On the 22 my brigade entered the Camp, and after having settled every thing to the entire satisfaction of the Troops & Instructors, I received an order that M. G. de Vaughenhain (Former Governor of Edinburgh) was to have this brigade & I was to put myself under his Orders. Vaughenhain has never done any duty since the Army whatever and your humble servant, has as much Idea of service than an old woman, besides for the last 12 years has never seen a soldier, having travelled

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to Vienna, Italy, & been so long with my brother; this man is just appointed General Officer over me, which was he four or five years would not be half so vexatious. All the Troops in the Camp complain already they he plagues them, & takes no manner of pains against the Rascal behaviour of the Instructors. You need over this Blunder of Wellington to me is pretty disheartening, I am now a man Nothing have no brigade, & consequently can not go to the Camp, except sometimes in the Afternoon. I am so at not end of Attachment for my Regt which would cost lost, I would send in my Resignation to morrow. I beg & entreat you directly to do so if you cannot manage my return home. Believe me ever most faithfully

Yours affectionately
Bertie

My best compts to Lady J— Ernest Augustus

Duke of Cumberland
20th Augt. 1793

H. R. H. the Duke of Cumberland
Sept. 17th 1795.

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Gottenstadt Sept. 27th 1795.

Dearest Brother

Having received till now no answer I could not post-pone writing again to his Majesty entreating his Permission to return home to England for the Recovery of my Sight, I send you here inclosed a Copy of the letter I sent to him. If he should refuse me, I do not know what to do, for I cannot sacrifice my Eye sight for anything in the World, Nature begs of you

on the receipt of this to let me know that your advice is in case of a Refusal. I beg you will immediately write, for I am uneasy his Majesty will answer me directly. Dearest Brother believe me ever

Most sincerely
Your affectionate
Brother
Ernest Augustus

Goldenstedt Feb^ry 26th 1795

Sir

I have till now not ventured to write to Your Majesty being afraid I had incurred Your Majesty's Displeasure by asking for fortnight leave, but Your gracious and ever fatherly conduct to me emboldens me to explain myself further, & to ask again for Leave to return home to England. Your Majesty will perhaps recollect that my late Illness caused me a great Weakness in my left Eye, this Weakness is so much increased that I risk to lose entirely my Eye, this timid Idea makes me unwell, and is a thing which is terrible for a young Man of my Age. At present I can distinguish no object so well with my left Eye, perhaps I shall by employing Dr Wathen's Lotion I may recover my Eye, the Idea of losing which makes me most miserable. I therefore most humbly Your Majesty to permit me to return home to England.

Sir

Your most dutiful Son

Ernest Augustus

H. R. H. The Duke
of Cumberland
Sept. 20. 1795

Prince Ernest
27th Sept. 1795

Geldersdorf Sep^br 27th 1795.

Sir

I have not ventured to write to Your Majesty from fear of having incurred Your displeasure by my having asked for leave to return home to England; nothing but the anxiety I am at present in can make me importune Your Majesty with a fresh demand. You may recollect, Sir, from the melancholy Wound I received last Campaign my left Eye was much weakened, but now Sir instead of its being recovered, so far from that, I am in the horrid Apprehension of losing it, the greatest of Evils; I cannot describe to Your Majesty how amazingly melancholy & low spirited this idea makes me, I have written to my friend Price as he always took so much interest in my misfortune, and have begged him to speak with Dr Walkin perhaps Sir by returning home, & by taking great Care I may recover my Sight.

Your Majesty's gracious and fatherly Behaviour to me during my Stay in England makes me hope that my

humble Request may be granted.

Sir

I am

Your most dutiful Son

Ernest Augustus

Prince Ernest
November 12 - 1795

Hanover 12th Novr
1795

Sir

I cannot express to Your Majesty my feelings at hearing the very lucky Escape which You have again made, we cannot thank Providence enough for having through his Mercy preserved the Life of the very best of Fathers, God grant that never Your precious life may run again such a Danger, but that we may hope You many & many a Year, this is my sincere and earnest Prayer to the Almighty.

Since the 10th am I entered the service, commenced with my Regt, the Horse Guards and Infantry Regt old S. Leither, as we shall in the very first Days enter into old Quarters, I hope Your Majesty

will prevent my return to England for the Benefit of my Eye, as we now return home. How long we are to remain in these Cantonments I cannot say, but suppose it will not last long. Dolly marches the 22 into Hanover.

Ever

Dear

Your most dutiful

Son

Ernest Augustus

Prince Ernest
December 11. 1795

Hannover Decr 11th 1795.

Sir

It is but since two Days that I am arrived here for a few days having separated the Companies, Squadrons, and the Depot of my Regiment, and it is now my first Business to write to Your Majesty. After having settled my Regimental Duties as far as circumstances would permit me, I have now begun to think of my ~~own~~ private Business, among which nothing is of greater Consequence to me than my Health; my Health is perfectly good for the greater part except my Eyes which makes me suffer very much, and weighs much on my Mind, I have consulted Lampe, and Richter from Gottingen, they both agree that I may be cured as it a Cataract, but that I must be operated, the Feldmarschall, Gral Walmoden both advise me to return home directly, I therefore most humbly intreat Your Majesty to permit me to return home directly as it is of the greatest Consequence for my Recovery that the

Surgeon. She is to operate me must observe as these Gentlemen tell me, the Progress of the Disorder in order to operate me at the right moment. Langer & Richter have given the Fieldmarschall their Opinions to this Effect and he will forward them to Your Majesty. I hope Providence will grant me success in the Operation, & that I may again be able to make use of an Eye which at present I cannot make use of, and which I have lost in the Service of my Country. Permit me therefore once more to request Your gracious Permission to return as soon as possible home.

Sir

Your Your most dutiful Son

Ernest Augustus

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H. R. H.
Prince Ernest.

Duke of Cumberland
Dec. 11th 1795.

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Hannover Decr 11 1795

Dear George

I did not hand to have lost the use of an Eye in doing my Duty and exposing myself for my Country, and not to have got an Answer from his Majesty though I have wrote four Times for Leave to return to my Country. According to the Advice of the eminent Surgeons here my Sight I may never get it a Cataract caused by that unlucky Shot, and they think I may return dually blind as there are the best Operators. I have consequently wrote by this Day Mail and the Feldmarschall has also wrote; and I am determined if I doe not get an Answer from his Majesty to return without Leave for I have already sacrificed enough, & will not sacrifice my Eye for any Whim of others.

My Salutation is of so white to have a lie quietly here till I am recovered, pray dearest Brother I beg you will do your utmost to get me leave to return. I shall stop certainly at Paris. Know I speak with you before I proceeds hereafter.

Yours

Ernest Augustus

Duke of Cumberland
no date
Supposed 1795

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Sir

I hope Your Majesty will Excuse my Writing to You on a Subject, which I have never as yet ventured to trouble You with, but my present Illness forces me, namely to ask Your Majesty's gracious Permission to have a few Things dressed at the Royal Kitchen, as there is absolutely neither Kitchen nor Implements here belonging to my Apartments, and whatever I want, I am forced to send for from the St James Coffee House. Your Majesty may depend upon it I never would abuse of this Permission, but shall ever acknowledge it as a great Favour.

St James
Sunday Morning

Sir
Your most Dutiful Son
Ernest

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Duke of Cumberland
9th Jany 1796.

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Hannover 9th Jan 1796

Dearest George

At length I have received your letter, and the Duke of Glouchester's got leave to return home, this Journey I hope so to arrange that in the beginning of Feby I may see you dearest Brother, my Duty as Colonel of a Regt requires that my presence here for a fortnight or three Weeks as all the Regiments, and the Chancellerie are in my Hands. But you may easily conceive the Amor patriae will make me quit this cold Climate as soon as possible. I reclaim dearest George your former Friendship and believe no man on this World is more sincerely attached to you than myself. As soon as I disembark, I'll send directly a servant to inform you, either I shall stop at Fulton House, or you must meet on the Road, as I absolutely must speak to you before I see the King; tomorrow Morning I

I set off for Brunswick to pay my Respects to the Duke and Duchess, on Thursday the 14th June to be back here. God bless You, darling Ernie I hope to see You

Believe me
Your
Your most devoted Affectionate
Brother
Ernest Augustus

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St James May 17th
1796

Dearest Brother

Thank you Mr Poly. there for the Letter, tho it frightened poor Dearest, leaves not a Doubt to say, as it natural to be concerned at You have come upon me so unexpectedly. She sent every prime Report for You, but I cannot get any thing else out of her as yet. She has promised to meet me at Paquet's tomorrow at 4 o'clock. I hope to be luckier. She always comes to tell that if she did make it up, You could not agree a fortnight, cela entre nous. Tomorrow Evening I shall trouble to say that has passed at Paquet's. Do not forget that You promised me and be afraid I have not settled by your Brother

Ernest.

H. R. H. the Duke
of Cumberland

May 17th 1796.

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Richmond June 8th 1796.

Dearest Brother

I saw George Lee yesterday at the Races and spoke with him about carrying a letter from Eliza to you, she will write ~~instantly~~ by him to day. Nothing until last night made me go yesterday to Church, but a Desire of the Queen to meet her there (which I did,) for I suffered violent pains in my Head, though I am better certainly to day I find I need Quiet for I feel a weight in my Head which I have not be. The King called me aside & told me he had written to you, & that his firm Resolution was to act, & hoped Lord Moira would be of the same Opinion that you should on no account sacrifice a bit of your dignity; should have to any Letter, only

fundit to me & I will take the proper
measures to have it safely delivered. If
I find myself better I shall drive down
in my carriage on Saturday to dine
at Windsor, but shall return on Monday
to London. I slept here last night & am
now setting off for town, should I hear
any thing that I think is worth mention-
ing I will write by this Day's Post

Your Dear Brother

Your most affectionate
Brother

Ernest Augustus

Duke of Cumberland.

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Windsor Sunday 13th June 1746

Dearest Brother

I came here Yesterday and had intended to go on to the Grange to see You, but I am so unwell, that I must return to Town to see Dr Sutton, my whole Face is quite sore with St Anthony's fire, & I am afraid this infernal Fall of Sleet I have still disagreeable Sensations in my head, has caused me the Gumbility of Boil which plagues me. The King spoke to me Yesterday about You & he said the same things he mentions to William done in London; he approves vastly You not having seen Sheridan, the enclosed I hope You will let me know You have received.

Dearest Brother
Your most affectionate
Brother

Ernest Augustus

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St James Palace June 23d
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Dearest Brother

I had last night a long conversation in presence of our Mother with the King, he said he had received your paper; and at the same time a letter from the Premier, saying "People pretended" "that you did not make up the Squabble," which the King said he thinks Abrial himself off and with that to the Premier "He had heard so."
Fridrici tho I left at Windsor with all you all that passed of which I knew nothing. The King asked me if I knew of the paper I answered of yours yes, but of his nothing. God bless you

most sincerely your
affectionate
Brother
Ernest Augustus

Prince Ernest
23rd August 1797

New Green Augt 23d 1797

Sir

I was made very happy last Night by a letter received from Mr Pitt informing me Your Majesty was graciously pleased to grant me an Allowance of three thousand Pounds a Year. Permit me then Sir to return You my most sincere Thanks for this Mark of Your favour, and be assured I shall constantly endeavour to act in a Manner to prove my Gratitude not only for this, but for the many other Kindnesses received from the best of Parents. Believe me

Sir

Your most dutiful Son
Ernest Augustus

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Sun Octbr 12th
1746

Dear Brother

I have a favour to ask of you
will you permit me to borrow a pair of Coach
Horse Harness, for I have got a Chariot, & intend
driving my Carriage Horses in it this Winter,
will you permit me this I get Harness of my own
to borrow yours, the Simplest & plainest Goes best.
Lord Malmesbury sets off tomorrow for Paris.
if he succeeds in making peace, I am afraid
it will not be suitable to the Honor of old England.
Dearest Brother believe me

Your most affectionate
Brother & friend

Ernest Augustus

Duke of ~~Cambridge~~ Cumberland
January 16. 1798

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St James Jan 16th 1798

Sir

I hope Your Majesty will excuse my addressing You on a Subject which till now I have postponed mentioning to You, but circumstances have occurred which render it absolutely necessary for me to address Your Majesty. The news of the approaching Death of Feildmarshall Freytag being daily expected, and the Command in consequence falling on General Walmoden, I wish to seize this Opportunity of resigning my Regiment & quitting the Hannovrian Service, as I should be sorry to appear to do any thing personal, and for many Reasons I cannot possibly serve under General Walmoden. At the same time I throw myself on Your Majesty's Goodness, for having now served eight Years, two of which were passed in very active Campaigns, I should be loth to give up a Profession I love. I shall therefore feel as grateful as I ought if Your Majesty reflecting on my Situation will when an Opportunity presents itself give me some Rank in the Service of my own Country. I will only take up Your time

with adding that I hope Your Majesty will not mis con=
=ceive, or take ill my Motive, or my Manner for thus ad=
=dressing You, but do me Justice for the Gratitude, Affection
and Duty with which I ever have been and shall be

Sir

Your Majesty's
most dutiful Son
Ernest

London April 14th 1798

Sir

Allow me once more to address myself to Your Majesty and throw myself on Your Goodness. Consider for one moment how great must be my Anxiety to serve at this Crisis, when the whole Nation is arming, and even Your Majesty in Person intends to come forward, a time in which it behoves every Man to assist in the Defence of Great Britain. I have again offered my Services to the Commander in Chief, who answer'd me by Letter "that it would do me more harm than Good, the mentioning the Subject to You;" alluding to the Step which I had taken in quitting the Hanoverian Service. Y. M. highly tenacious of Your own Honor, if You reconsider this Business must feel, that I should have forfeited mine, had I continued in the Hanoverian Service, contrary to my solemn and public Declarations of never serving under Genl Walmoden, who had personally ill treated me. It would be presumption in me to suppose that I have fewer Enemies than other Men and there would

not have been wanting those to have represented my Conduct if not
in a dishonorable Light, at least as inconsistent in making such
Declarations without Foundation.

"My Request to my Brother the Duke of York was to have obtain-
"ed the Brevet Rank of Lieutenant General, and offering when
"the 13th Light Dragoons arrived from the West Indies (if he could
"obtain me from Y. M. the being named Colonel Commandant) that
"I would superintend the reorganizing that Regiment, leaving
"all the Emoluments naturally to Gen.l Craiggs the Colonel
"(as he had said that at his Time of Life it would be a
"disagreeable Task,) and it would be my greatest Ambition
"to gain Y. M. Approbation by so doing. I mentioned Instruc-
of the Prince of Wales, not meaning to put myself upon a
footing with him, yet trusting that as a Son of Your Majesty,
some Indulgence or respect might be shown, particularly
in the present times, when in my humble Opinion the
Honor of Y. M. & Your Descendants ought to be the more
considered. Nevertheless, Sir, if it is Your Opinion that my
Application is improper, God forbid that one of Your Sons

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should be the Person to give a bad Example, & therefore if You should think that what I have asked is detrimental to the Service I have been too long a Soldier to gainsay it, but will gladly accept any Rank, Y. M. thinks consistent with Your Dignity to grant, but should You be determined to refuse this humble Request, I will then Sir go into the Yeomanry as a Private, by that means I shall show my Loyalty in a glorious Cause, in which I have already served, & by so doing shall prove my Zeal & Readiness to come forward in Defence of my King & Country.

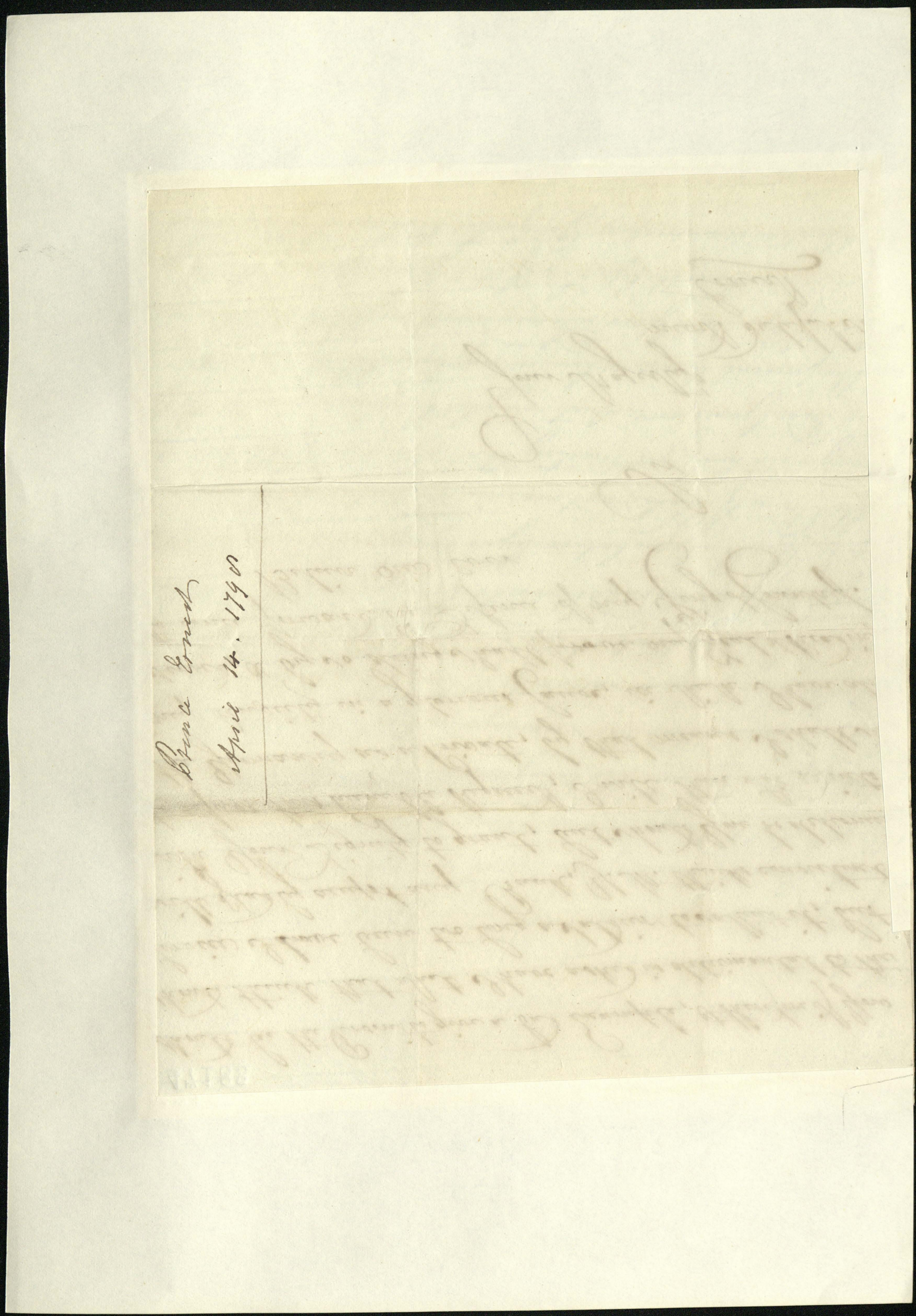
Believe me Ever

Sir

Your Majesty's

most dutiful Son

Ernest



Prince Ernest
April 14. 1790

Duke of Cumberland
May 14 1790

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St James May 14th 1798

Sir

It is four Weeks since I presumed to write to Your Majesty entreating Your Acceptance of my Services in any Way that You might think consistent with Your dignity to grant throwing myself entirely on Your Goodness, which, Sir, I again most humbly do, and again beg Leave to state my Willingness and Anxiety to bear Arms for the defence of my Country in any Capacity. Permit me, Sir, to repeat, that I do not solicit G. M. for any particular Rank, but to be employed in any military Situation whatever that meets with Your Approbation, which I pledge myself to fulfill, and if G. M. Determination should be that I should enter the Service in a Subordinate Line, I shall be proud to do my Duty & to give the Example at such a Moment of obeying as strictly as if I never had had a Command. I should not have presumed to address G. M. a second time upon the same Subject, but as I have received no Answer to my first Letter, I have not thought it respectful to G. M. to act, or to appear in Your Presence; for, Sir,

believe me when I assure You upon my Honor it is most painful to me to take any Step contrary to Your Approbation, yet it is highly necessary that I should take some Step for the Sake of my Character to prove my Anxiety to assist in the Defence of my Country. Should Y. M. not be so gracious to employ me, in that case I have no Step left, but to serve as a Private in the Yeomanry and thereby save my being looked upon as an Enemy to my Country in not sharing the impending Danger thereof.

Sir

Your

Your Majesty's

most dutiful Son

Ernest