

Mr. Gen. H. Taylor to H.M. (George IV.)

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Windsor August 22
1826

Sir,

Your Majesty will, I am confident,
be graciously pleased to forgive my humbly
submitting to You the enclosed copy of a Letter
which I have had the satisfaction of receiving
from the Duke of York. - It offers ample
proof that I was not mistaken in the Estimate
I had formed of the Strength of Her Royal
Highness's Mind and of the firmness with which

Yours
H. Taylor

He is prepared to meet the possibly fatal Result
of what he considers a Struggle between the Powers
of his Constitution and the progress of a formidable
Disease. - It also proves that, although aware of
his Situation, nothing has passed which has
produced despondency or increased Uneasiness,
on the contrary, that he has derived Relief from
the Conviction that Justice is done to his Manly
Character, and that he is not left to the Necessity of

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conclusions, possibly more alarming and, as all events,
more doubtful, from his own sensations unexpressed,
and the anxious looks of his Attendants. — I venture
to add this Observation because it is his own,
more than once strongly expressed to me during my
last Visit to him. — I am certain that it will
be very satisfactory to Your Majesty to learn that
the Duke of York's own Report of increased Comfort
and Chearfulness is decidedly confirmed by that
of his Attendants.

Mr H. Taylor

to

The King

Aug. 22. 18.

Health of the
Duke of York

I shall send a copy of his letter to Mr
Henry Hallford, as it will confirm what I had said
to him yesterday of the nature of my communication
with Her Royal Highness and the Impression left by
them.

I have the Honour to be with
the most respectful Attachments,

Sir

Your Majesty's

Most Obedient, devoted
and dutiful Subject,

Taylor

Duke of York to Mr. Gen H. Taylor

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Baville August 21. 1726

Copy

Dear Taylor

I cannot send the Letters up, of
this Night, without writing one Line to thank you for
your kind Visits, and to say what a Comfort, and
Relief it has been to my Mind. Believe me, I am
by no means cast down about myself, on the contrary
I feel bold as to ultimate Cure; but I did not like
the Appearance of Distrust of my want of Personal
Determination to meet whatever it may please
Providence to decide concerning me. My Mind is
now relieved on this head and I know that I
shall never be placed in the same Situation
again.

I have had a good Night

and certainly continue in every way to gain ground
in my general health. It will now be to be seen
whether, as my strength returns, the unpleasant
Symptoms may give way, or if it may not enable the
Medical Advisors to attack them with stronger
Means.

I am

Yours Most sincerely

signed
C. D. Wick

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Arlington Street December 25

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Sire,

I was honored early this day
with Your Majesty's gracious letter of yesterday and
I beg most dutifully to acquaint Your Majesty that I
took the earliest opportunity of communicating it to
the Duke of York who desired Me to express to You
his affectionate and devoted thanks for the gracious
Information of Your Majesty's pleasure with respect to
the Disposal of the Situation of Constable of the Tower
and of the Government in Succession. - His Royal

Warrant

My Lord ordered Me to add that he gives the greatest
Credit to the Duke of Wellington for his liberal
Conduct upon this Occasion, and that he is glad that
Your Majesty has had the Opportunity of gratifying
the feelings of Lord Harcourt, and of expressing so
distinguished a Mark of favour upon Your Majesty's
most attached Servant, Sir William Keppel.

I have the Honour to submit to
Your Majesty the Memorandum of these Appointments
so far as the Commendation in Chief is concerned in
them. But the Appointments to the Town has not
been usually directed to Your Majesty through

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the Royal Highness. The Succession however, will of course
not be gazetted until the Duke of Wellington's Appointment
to the Town can take place. - I take the Liberty
most dutifully to submit, at the same time, a Memorial
for the Promotion of Major Sneyd to the British
Rank of Colonel which I did wish should
appear in the Gazette simultaneously with the
Honorary Distinctions conferred for recent Service in
India, as it has the same source.

With respect to My dear excellent
Master, I give to say that I am unable to give Your
Majesty any Comfort. See Henry Hallford's Report with
Yours

has shewn to your Majesty that he is losing ground,
and he appears very weak today, altho he was thro some
Business as I brought before him with Attention. His
Patience and Resignation continue exemplary, as they
have been since the Commencement of this sad Trial.

As yet I have had no difficulty in obtaining
his Sanction for that which is essential in the Recovery of
the O. H's Department and I trust I need not assure your
Majesty that not an Appointment or Commission has been
submitted to you which he had not expressly sanctioned.

I have the Honour to be with the most
perfect and respectful Attachment,

Sire

Your Majesty's

Most dutiful Subject
and Grateful Vassal

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I find the Memorandum respecting
Mason's Proceedings had been already sent

Charles

Sir Herbert Taylor
to
The King
Dec 27th 1826

(Old Lieutenant,
serving on full pay)

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Arlington Street December 26
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Sire,

I humbly presume to submit to your Majesty that, amidst the various arrangements which have engaged the Duke of York's Attention and Solitude for the Welfare Efficiency and Comfort of the Army, the Situation of the Old Lieutenants serving on full Pay, who are unable to purchase Commission has long been a prominent Object. It was however very difficult to suggest any thing that would relieve them, without entailing extraordinary Charge upon the Budget, nor was it until within the last Two Months that

the Means of effecting this Object satisfactorily, occurred
to His Royal Highness. - Some little delay has unavoidably
arisen from the Reference to Lord Salisbury, to the Duke
of Wellington, and to Lord Liverpool, but the Arrangements
having been sanctioned by Them successively and Lord
Liverpool having acquainted Me this day that the
Duke of York may feel no difficulty in taking Your
Majesty's Pleasure, I have received His Royal Highness's
Commands humbly to submit it for Your Majesty's
gracious Approval.

The Details of the Arrangements
are stated in the long Memorandum which accompanies
this Letter and the Paper which is docketed for
Your

Sir Herbert Taylor
to
The King
Dec. 26th 1726.

(Old Lieutenant,
serving on full pay)

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Your Majesty's Approval and Signature contains the
Heads which would be published in a General Order to
the Army.

I am satisfied that Your Majesty
will give me Credit for the Anxiety which I feel at the
present Period that a Measure, conferring a Boon
upon old and meritorious Officers, who have no other
Interest than their long and arduous Service and who
are so justly entitled to Reward, should be known to
result from the Duke of York's Solicitude to call to
their Cases that gracious Protection which Your Majesty
has ever been pleased to extend to those who have served

Yours

For gallantry & faithfully, and Lord Liverpool has most
kindly entered into a feeling which His Royal Highness
could not himself express, and which indeed His modest
and unassuming Character, would at any rate have
repressed. One of the best Acts of His administration and
exemplary Administration of the Army will, under Your
Majesty's fostering auspices, promote the Comfort and
the Satisfaction of a Number of excellent Old Officers,
and they will bless His Memory, as they and others have
had cause to bless His Existence.

Mr. Henry Halliday had the honor
to report to your Majesty this Morning that the Duke
had

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and signed his will, and it will be satisfactory to Your
Majesty to learn that he has since been in a very quiet,
& composed state; generally free from pain, wholly free
from agitation. To this indeed, I am persuaded, that
a subsequent interview with the Bishop of London, and
a determination to receive the Sacrament on Thursday
next has materially contributed. I sat with him for
some time this evening during which he was cheerful,
when awake. He mentioned with satisfaction what had
been settled with the Bishop of London and his
hope that the Princess Sophia would take the Sacrament
with him. He appeared perfectly resigned and desirous
not

ask me a notice any ailings or a doubt to his Illness. He
certainly appears weaker but he has been more, free
from nervous Insensations throughout this day, and I
have been since him more calm & composed than this
morning.

I have the honor etc. with the
most profound and respectful Attachment,

Sir

Your Majesty's

Most obedient Subject,

and most grateful Servant

J. Mayors

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Belington Street Decr 31,
1826

Sir,

Although Your Majesty will
receive from Sir Henry Balford and Sir Botley
Cooper full accounts of the Progress of the Duke
of York's Disorder and his actual State, I cannot
deny to myself the melancholy Satisfaction of humbly
acquainting Your Majesty that, as there were some
Indications on Friday Evening of great Anxiety
in His Royal Highness to see Me, as if he had
some communications to make which passed on His

Yours
Mend

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Mind, and as he called for me repeatedly without
saying any thing particular, they advised me to go
to him between One and Two this day when he
was more awake and apparently more capable of
reason than he had been for some hours.

His Royal Highness viewed me
most kindly and told me that he felt weak but
not otherwise worse, nor suffering, but he said
nothing further that could warrant the previous
Impression nor did his Manner confirm it.
He was perfectly sensible, very composed, and once

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once or twice looked at me with a placid, I may
almost call it, a cheerful smile. Altogether I left
him with a firm conviction that he had no disposition
to make and above all that there is nothing upon
his mind that can produce anxiety or uneasiness.

I left him when the Princeps Sophia was announced
and the manner in which he then received himself
was very striking.

I have the honor to be with
the most respectful attachment and devotion,

Dear
Your Majesty's
Most dutiful Subject
and Grateful Servant
H. Taylor

Mrs. Taylor

to

Mr King

Decr 25. 1725.

(Arrangements in
consequence of the
death of Mr King
of Hastings.)

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Arlington Street
January 7. 1827.

Sir,

I have strictly conformed
to the Instructions with which Your Majesty
was graciously pleased to honor Me yesterday,
in My Communications with Mr. Peel, the Lord
Chamberlain's Office, and the Adjutant General,
and there is one point only upon which
I am under the necessity of humbly soliciting
Your Majesty's Commands.

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I find that the Professional Men who
attended the Duke of York do not consider it at all
necessary that the Body should be opened, with a view
either to remove doubt as to the Nature of the
Disorder or to reconcile difference as to the Mode
of Treatment, Medical or Surgical, none having
been provided:— Such being the Case I venture to
conclude that Your Majesty's Commands must
be considered as limited to the Process of
embalming in the usual Manner, without

Opening

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Opening the Body.

I have the Honour to be with
the most profound and respectful Attachment,

Sir
Your Majesty's
Most dutiful Subject
and Grateful Servant
N. Taylor

Mr. H. Taylor

to

The King

Jan 7. 1027.

(Relative to the
Summit of W. P. H.
the late Duke of
York.)

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Arlington Street January 10
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Sir

Sir William Knighton has
communicated to me that Your Majesty has been
graciously pleased to command that I should retain
the late Duke of York's Collar of the Guelphic Order,
as Your Majesty most gracious Gift, and I feel
bound in Duty and in Gratitude not to lose a
Moment in laying at Your Majesty's feet the
humble Expression of heartfelt Acknowledgement

Yours

for this additional and most kind and understanding
Mark of Your Majesty's inestimable favor and
Protection. This precious Relic will be doubly dear to
Me as having been worn by My late beloved and
lamented Master, and as the gracious Gift of My
Sovereign, whose continued Approbation it has been My
anxious Study to merit, and to whom I am devoted by
every tie of Duty, Attachment, and Gratitude, and it will
be handed down to My Children as an Encouragement
to pursue that correct Course of Conduct which shall seem
to them the same high Protection which has fallen to

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my share.

Every Act of Your Majesty has indeed
afforded much pleasure, & Proof of Your anxious Desire to
promote the Welfare and Interests of those who had been
Objects of the late Duke of York's Attention and to afford
to them Comfort under their heavy Affliction. This
is deeply felt by His Royal Highness's Servants, both
in the Provision which Your Majesty has so graciously
and so generously Commanded to be made for the
Payment of that which was due ^{all of} to them, and in
the Protection extended to some of the older Servants

by

by which the Means of future existence are insured to them
Their Gratitude has been expressed in the strongest terms
and they have desired the Army to join Majesty the
humble and dutiful Appearances of their Gratitude.

I have the Honour to be with the
most profound and respectful Attachments,

Sirs

Sir H. Taylor

to

The King

Jan^y 18th 1827.

Acknow^ledgements

after His Majesty's Gift

of the late Duke of

York's Guelphic Collar

to Sir Herbert

to

Your Majesty's

most dutiful Subject

and most Grateful Servant

H. Taylor