

Duchess of Cumberland to Mr Pitt

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The Duchess of Cumberland has just learnt from Gen. Garth that Mr Pitt again has postponed the promised answer relative to the effects at Windsor Great Park.

The Duchess fears the mode she adopted as most respectful to the King will prevent the late Duke's affairs being finally arranged before Gen. Garth leaves England, who best understands them & if His Majesty should determine not to take the effects at the Appraisement they must diminish in their value after the neighbouring Families are removed to London.

The Duchess hopes Mr Pitt will think

it Inexpedient to defer any longer coming
to some Decision when he considers the
answer desired not a Favor to the
Duchess of Cumberland but an Act of
justice to his late H. Highness's creditors
whose Claims far exceed what Gen. Gosh
supposed at the time Mr Pitt Interrogated
him upon that Subject.

Cumberland - House Oct 9th 23rd / 90

Oct. 23. 1790

Mr. Pitt

to

Ann, Duchess of
Cumberland

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Duchess of Cumberland to H.M.

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Sir

Your Majesty beholds at your Feet

The most unfortunate of your Majesty's Subjects, who conscious of having incur'd your Majesty's Displeasure, would remain forever in respectful Silence, but that the Dread of becoming an Object of the Charity of Individuals, can only be averted by your Majesty's gracious Interposition.

I am Sir the Widow of your Majesty's Late Royal Brother the Duke of Cumberland. I forfeited a very considerable Estate by that Marriage. & was disinherited by my Father Lord Cathampton, from a mistaken Idea that so elevated a Situation must insure me a Provision.

From the Hour of the Dukes Death, your Majesty's Minister

Withheld every part of his Income. & I became a melancholy
Instance of the Vicissitude of Human Events, after having been
the wife of your Majesty's Brother nineteen years, deprived
of even the Necessaries of Life.

M^r. Pitt Inform'd me thro' General Gath, that your Majesty
had Commanded ^{him} to say, your Majesty would make a Provision
for the Duchess of Cumberland.

and I humbly beseech you Sir, that this your Majesty's
most gracious Promise, may be fulfill'd before the
Close of the Present Session of Parliament.

I have Sir, with the Assistance of my Friends, been Enabled
to gratify the only Ambition which has survived the Duke.
that of paying all his Debts.

Cumberland-House has been Offer'd every Person likely to buy it;
hitherto without Success, & unless I can very soon find a
purchaser, will be seized by the Banker, who previous to his
Royal Highness's Marriage lent fifteen thousand Pounds
upon it. he will not accept as Security for the Payment of
the Interest, the Warrant for one thousand Pounds a Quarter
sign'd by the Lords of the Treasury. it is upon a Secure so
 precarious that I am Consider'd as having no Income.

I Intreat Sir, your Majesty to believe, that Nothing but the

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Duchess of Cumberland to H.M.

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Extreme Horror of the Situation I have ventured to submit to your Majesty's Royal Breast, could inspire me with Courage to Address my Sovereign.

I have Sir reconciled myself to the melancholy necessity of quitting your Majesty's Dominions for ever. and shall Depart, with the Consolation of having Render'd the Duke of Cumberland's Life happy, his Death easy, & his Memory Respected, and in the Hope that the Unoffending, & Unfortunate, may find Friends in every Part of ^{the} Christian world.

Presuming Sir upon your Majesty's Great Goodness of Heart, and Affectionate Regard to the Memory of your Majesty's late Royal Brother, I humbly trust that your Majesty will be graciously Pleased, to relieve my Mind from the Dreadful Apprehension of becoming eventually an Object of the Charity of Individuals, by Commanding that the Pension your Majesty's Bounty may Assign for my Support be made permanent.

With every Sentiment of the most Profound Respect I have the Honor to Subscribe myself

Sir

The most Dutiful of your Majesty's
Subjects and Servants.

Cumberland-House

May the 3^d / 1792

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The Duchess of Cumberland

3rd May 1792

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Copy of a Lett^r deliver'd to the Kings Page at St James's,
Friday the 4th of May - 1792.

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Death, y^e Majesty's Ministers withheld every part of
his Income, & I became a melancholy Instance of
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Cumberland - House
May the 3^d / 1792

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Henry Duesbury
Cumberland
to
The King

Arms, Duchy of
Cumberland

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to

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The Prince of Wales

July 26th 1794

My Dear Prince

I know you are unhappy, & it grieves
me to think in these times of National Difficulty
& danger your Royal Highness should experience
any Anxiety that may deprive your Mind of a
Part of its Energy, Indeed my Dear Prince you
must have been very provoking, but can never
expect to be amiable, or contrive to obliterate that
affection you so long deserved. Mrs Pitt has too
much Sensibility not to have suffered extremely,
allows me my Dear Prince to assure you that I

I feel deeply Interested in the Happiness of you
Both. & that upon all occasions your Royal
Highness may ever command my best Services

I have the Honor to Remain

Y^r Royal Highness's
most affectionate Serv^t

Anne

Cambridge Wells

July 26th / 94

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Anne, Duchess of
Cumberland

To
The Prince of Wales

30. Dec. 1794

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My Dear Prince

I thought your Royal Highness had
known me better, after an Intimacy of Fourteen
years, than to believe it possible I should hold
such Discourse as is Imputed to me, & which could
proceed only from Folly, & Malignity, the most
atrocious, & the most Opposite to the whole
Sense of my Life, as well as to those Sentiments
towards your Royal Highness, for the Sincerity
of which I appeal Sir to your own Penetration.
I have nothing to ask of your Royal Highness

but the continuance of that good opinion
my conduct has never ceased to Deserve.
I am Sir, neither the Rival, nor the Enemy
of any of the Candidates for your Royal
Highness's Favor; but if it is their Pleasure,
that your Royal Highness should no longer
Honor me with the same Friendship you
have hitherto Profess'd, I shall quit England
with less Regret, & with a fix'd Determination
never to return.

I remain Sir
with the most Profound Respect
your Royal Highness's

Friend & Servant

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Whitehall 30 Dec^r

1794

Anne, Duchess of
Cumberland

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^{to}
The Prince of Wales

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April 22[?] 1795

My Dear Prince

As your Royal Highness must be convinced
by Experience, no Person has on all Occasions shewn
more Anxiety for your Royal Highness's Happiness
than myself, I did hope to be one of the First
to Congratulate your Royal Highness on your Marriage,
& to have an Audience of the Prince of Wales.
However Sir! I may regret, much time has Elaps'd

Since I had the Honor of seeing your Royal Highness,
I entertain no Doubt of that Friendship you have
Constantly professed for me, & I trust your Royal
Highness will not be Displeas'd I venture so far
to Intrude upon your Royal Highness's time,
as to Remind you Sir, of the Respectful Attachment
with which

I remain

your Royal Highness's

most Affectionate Friend

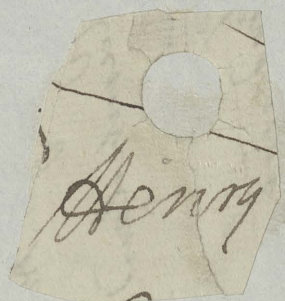
and Servant

Anne

April the 22th / 1795

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The Signature of His Royal Highness
(Henry) The Duke of Cumberland



Henry

on the 9 of July 1781
Cumberland House