

Lord Carmarthen

October, 1784

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Lord Carmarthen begs leave to inform your Majesty, that the two Pictures of the Prince Royal, & Prince of Denmark are arrived at the office, and begs to receive your Majesty's commands, whether they should be sent to The Queen's House or to Windsor, or whether your Majesty would chuse them to remain in their cases till next week.

St James's. Oct. 1784.

37 min. aft 4. p.m.

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Visc. Howe.
Adm. Office 3. Oct. 1784.

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Lord Howe has the honor to transmit to your Majesty
a Dispatch brought from Commodore Sir John Lindsay,
containing the only intelligence which has been received
at this Office respecting the Equipment of any Ships
at Toulon.

Admiralty Office

3 Oct 1784

9th AM

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Ld. Sydney
& H. M.'s reply

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October the 9th
1784

Lord Sydney humbly presumes
to acquaint His Majesty that Mr Pitt
having desired some addition to be made
to the Letter, which he wrote yesterday

to

Ld. Sydney
& H. M.

to the Chairman of the East India Com-
pany, he ventures to transmit to His
Majesty the Draught of his Letter so
amended.

Lord Sydney had an opportunity
of recalling his first Letter, which was
not delivered to the Court of Directors

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Ld. Sydney
& H. M.'s reply

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As the Addition to the draft I yesterday approved of to the
Directors of the East India Company in no degree affects it and may
be in futurity a predeceatual step it meets with my thorough concurrence

Windsor
Oct. 9th 1784.
55/8 P.M.

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Ad. Sydney
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my answer Windsor Oct 9th 1784. 55/18

Extract of a Letter from Madras,
 Dated th 14. October 1784.

In my last Letter I mention'd what had been done, or rather not been done, as to recruiting His Majesty's Regiments order'd to remain in this Country, & I hope my Accounts to the Secretary at War, will be deem'd satisfactory, however, that this strange Business may be perfectly understood at home, I enclose you my Correspondence with the Select Committee of General Campbell: You will no doubt be astonish'd, but cannot be more so than I am; — After delaying the giving out of the King's Orders 3. Months, it's no wonder so many Men are lost to the Service, & I think you will agree with me, that since they are irrevocably so to us, it would be the Dog in the Manger to prevent the Company availing themselves of an Opportunity that may never offer again: for after all, let us disagree as much as we will, our Cause is the same, & our Country's good too much interwoven with that of the Company, for an honest Man to suffer resentment, or Jealousy, to prevent his exertion in its favor — on this ground therefore I have advis'd Mr Hastings to enlist the Men sent from hence by Lord Macartney, not

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notwithstanding General Campbell has sent
Colonel Gordon with Orders to prevent it:
The poor Old Man has fallen into the very
Snare I warn'd him of, & now thinks he
has nothing for it, but to stick to the Letter
of his Orders, to get out of the scrape —
The Correspondence I send you Copies of,
will so fully explain every Circumstance,
that I need only to refer you to it, for the
fullest Information. — Since the Suno
sail'd, some strange Occurrences have taken
place, of which I will endeavour to inform
you. — His Lordship, our Governor, who,
though no Man piques himself more on
coolness, so far forgot himself, as to give
the Lie direct, in Council, to a Mr. Sadtler,
one of his obsequious Colleagues; & as if that
insult was not enough, he refus'd to have
any thing to do with the Man, till he did
himself Justice. — We need not observe what
Countryboasts ^{of} his Lordship's birth — The
consequence was, Mr. Sadtler call'd him
out, & the first Shot hit his Lordship on
the left Breast, just over the Heart, but the
Bone turn'd the Ball, & it prov'd only a
flesh wound. — His Lordship had the 3.
in Council for a second, & Sadtler, (being
another Counsellor.) had either fallen,
we should, for the present, at least have got
rid of three of our worthy Rulers out of four.
The next Matter I have to tell you, is, that

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a most serious Mutiny has broke out among His Majesty's Troops at Arcot, where a Squadron of my Regiment, with the 36th 73^d & part of the 52^d Regiment, are in Garrison. — but before I proceed, it will be necessary to make you acquainted with some previous circumstances. — Arcot is 90 Miles from hence, was the Capital of the Carnatic, where the Nabob resided, till the late War, when Hyder entirely demolished it, hardly leaving a House roof'd in the whole City. — After the Peace, for no other reason but to insult the Nabob, whose favorite place Arcot was, did Lord M — send near 3000 Troops, and order'd them to be cover'd in the old Houses: nothing ever was so bad as these Quarters, or any place so unfit to receive Troops. — no provisions of any kind being to be had, the Garrison was allow'd Batta; which is Money to the Officers, & Provisions to the men. The Black Troops were 12 Months in Arcot, & much discontented, & four Regim^{ts} of Cavalry went into open revolt, confin'd all their Officers, & continued so a Month. — however a large Party march'd against them, & my Regim^t appearing, they submitted. — My other Letters inform'd you of the treatment the 4 Regiments had met with, & that in fact they were the Nabob's Troops, only lent to the Company — however his Lordship who tramples on all claims, broke the 4 Regim^{ts} & converted them into two. — after this,

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Things remain'd quiet till the 1.st of Septemb.
last, when it seems His Lordship had
determin'd that the Batta allow'd the Eu-
-ropeans should cease. — In all the Companies
Garrisons, at a distance from Madras, it
has been always usual to allow half Batta
but His Lordship willing, as he always is,
to make a distinction where there is no
difference, chose to call Arcot a Cantonment,
not a Garrison, & then threw into it almost
all the King's Troops — An Idea had gone
abroad that Batta was to be stopp'd, but no
Orders had been issued, & the King's Troops,
Officers & Men talk'd loudly, and shew'd
discontent. — Any one who has ever been
conversant with Troops, must know, that,
stopping any Allowance from them, is a
dangerous Experiment, & at all Events should
be done with the utmost delicacy, but His
Lordship disdain'g the smallest Management
on this Occasion, endeavour'd to bring this
Matter about in a manner you will little
expect; & the first notice the Troops received
of their provisions being stopp'd, was from
a Black Servant of the Commissary, at 12
o'clock on the 1.st of Septemb. the usual time
of delivery. — One of their own Brigadier
Generals, commanded in the Garrison, but
neither he, nor any Officer in it, had receiv'd
the smallest intimation of this intended

economical reformation — All the Troops
 (my Regiment excepted) flew to their Arms,
 paraded, & threatened to march to Madras,
 however for the time their Officers prevailed
 on them to disperse & a promise given
 they should have half Batta for the present,
 Discontent however prevailed, & a threatening
 Letter was wrote the 13th Gen. Horne, in
 consequence of which, the supposed Author
 was confined, at Night the 36th Reg^t. shew'd
 a disposition to rescue the Prisoner, but
 the 73^d & 52^d Regiments being sounded, pro-
 mised to stand by their Officers. — at length
 the 36th in a most violent Storm of Rain
 & Thunder, pitch dark, took their Arms,
 the other 2 Regim^{ts} with 2 Field Pieces
 were drawn out against them; in this
 critical Situation were matters, when
 a General Court Martial by Torch Light,
 was order'd to sit, not on the Man who
 wrote the Letter, for he was convey'd away
 by the Generals Orders; but on two Men
 of the 36th whom they had seiz'd —
 while this Court Martial was sitting, a
 drunken Artillery Serjeant, who was
 confin'd in the Guard House, ran out, &
 with a loud Voice order'd the 36th Regim^t.
 to shoulder, on which he was cut down
 by Colonel Knox, & wounded in several

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places, but getting up again, he ran thro' the 36.th Regiment, who on this immediately gave a shout & broke. — some one who was frightened, call'd out fire the Guns, & the Man with the Port-fire, was just on the point of so doing, when some one more collected, stopp'd him — had he fired the Guns, 30 Officers at least must have fallen, as they were all assembled almost at their Muzzles, holding this Court Martial — however, now the 36.th gave up the Matter, & so it ended — next day, the unfortunate Drunken Artillery-Man, was blown from a Gun before the whole Garrison, but what you will doubtless deem strange, without any trial, or form whatever — had this summary Sentence been executed at the Moment, the apparent necessity might have pleaded some excuse, but the next day doing it, can only prove the lawless Ideas of Europeans in this Country, & the total disregard there is to what at home constitutes the rights of a British Subject. — The Man was drunk, & ought to have been punish'd, perhaps with Death, though he most certainly meant nothing, but he was entitled to a trial, & though he

died like a Hero, & acknowledged he deserv'd
his punishment, yet he signified that he was
executed contrary to Law, & his own Rights;
for my part, I think his Execution little less
than murder. —

They have divided the 36. Regiment & matters
are now quiet, but we are all discontent, &
I wish something yet may not happen still
more serious. — At Inchinopoly, among the
Black Troops, something still more cruel has
happ'd — They discharg'd above 1000 Men
who had serv'd the whole War, & had 18 Months
Arrears due, without paying them a Shilling;
a scrap of Paper, worth little, & in their minds
nothing, was all they got, to say so much
was due to them — The wretches were starving
& on being obliged to press their claims on the
Officer who had commanded them, he im-
prudently struck them — on which a Stone
or two was thrown, & the consequence, two
of these gallant, ill requited Veterans, were
immediately blown from a Gun — This is
the way my dear General, we reward our
Troops in India, & these are the means by
which we carry horror & aversion with us
from one end of Indostan to the other —
The Subject is disgusting, & I see destruction
& ruin from every Quarter in India so visibly
that I should despair of an Angel's power to
do good, even should you find one in England

who

who would make an Attempt to reform us. —
Colo: Floyd writes to you himself, & with
Ophinston sends a Memorial — I have
seen it, I am perfectly satisfied of the facts.
The former has been most cruelly used by
Lord M — because he is a Soldier,
acts & thinks as one; I wish I could
say all in his Situation had acted the
same becoming part; but I am sorry to
say, Asiatic Gold has charms that some
can not withstand. His Lordship knows
how to bait the Hook, & some people have
gor'd it to the very bottom of their Stomachs.
Ogle, who His Lordship sent to S. Thome,
is a man, that in gods truth has both by
Example & Precept hurt the Kings Service.
You know the man I dare say, I may
conceive he is not improved by keeping
an Arrack Shop, to the Destruction of the
Troops, though to his own very great
Emolument. — Of all the infamous
practises ever allow'd, this is the most
scandalous, & one of the principal Engines,
by which His Lordship has been able to
assume the entire command of the Kings
Troops. — Guess my good Sir, how I
must suffer to see all this, & unable to
prevent it. — I told you my Regiment
was complete with Men, but His Lordship
will give us no Horses, of which we want
200. for as our Men died, he took away
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our Horses; his utmost endeavours have
been to cause my Regiment to be broke,
& I know has wrote home to the Court of
Directors to effect it, but I trust, the same
friendship I have experienced in all the
other Affairs from you, will protect me
likewise in this: — its only ranour &
malevolence in him, for he knows the
Settlement can never do without European
Dragoons, & I know they have a Scheme
to raise a Corps of their own, the moment
my Regiment should be reduced, & had
gone so far as even to promise my Men to
the person to whom they mean to give it.
I have wrote to Mr. Hastings on the Subject
of Horses, & am not without hopes he will
order me Money for the purpose; — the
Men are now the finest you can imagine,
and are all perfectly season'd to the Climate.
I wou'd not I am sure recommend my Interests
on this head to you more. — Whatever
they may seem to affect in Leadenhall
Street, you may depend that the blundering
patch work of a Peace with Tippu is
already fallen to pieces, & he is now treating
us with the most sovereign Contempt. —
you know what a number of our unhappy
Prisoners he has detain'd, & besides that, he
is taking the most effectual means to
gain our right Flank, if I may use
the

the expression, — Look in Rennel's Map,
& in N. Lat. 14. 40' & E. Long. 78. 50' you
will see a Fort call'd Udegcherry; — This
Fort is on our side the Hills, & in my Opinion
the very Key of the Carnatic towards the
North — This, at the peace, we gave him,
under a pretence, of getting from him a
damn'd place to the S. call'd Chittapur,
but in truth, to get Gen. Jones's little Army
which was in chequer mate from Meer Saib,
out of the scrape. — of all concessions this was
the worst, as it brought Tippu into the
North part of the Carnatic, where if he
should extend himself, he not only cuts
you off from your Northern Circars, from
whence you draw 11 Lacks of Pagodas
yearly, & from your communication with
Bengal, but will deprive you of every
resource in War — Bullocks, Horses,
Corn, & every thing else during the War
came from thence, & we could never have
existed had our intercourse been cut off: —
having possession of this Fort, he has already
extended himself almost to the Sea, & has
so ill us'd an Officer who was sent to treat
on the Subject, that the Officer escaped with
great difficulty, but not without his Baggage
being seiz'd — he himself being pursued by a
party of Horse — The Nizam has also
receiv'd a threatening Message, & Tippu has
had the insolence to send him weights,
measures & Coins, & to say he should take

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The Capital Hyderabad, & has actually sent all his Artillery to Gutti, which lies in Lat. 15. & Long. 78. by which you may see he threatens both us & him. - Col. Pearce, who went home in April last w. the Bengal Detachment, is stopp'd on the Borders of Ganjam, & it's reported, is to march to the Nizam's assistance; - if so, we shall go to it directly; all will depend on the Mahrattas, if we have money enough to engage them, with the Nizam's assistance, we must crush Tipu, & till that is done, there will be no peace in Israel: This will be a war to make fortunes indeed, & if we once get to work in the Nizam's Country, I think there will be some Business in earnest - but alas! we want all the requisites for success - Arrangements of every kind miserable, or rather none at all, & the Hands of every Commander so tied up by the Civil Power, that Field Deputies would be infinitely preferable - They might see with their own Eyes, & if tolerably clever, grow wise by Experience, but our impracticable Cheesemongers in the Council Chamber of Madras, would incapacitate a Caesar. -



Extract of a Letter
from Madras,
dated 14th October 1784.

Duke of York
 15th Oct: 1794

I sit down to give Your
 Majesty as exact an account as possible
 of every thing which I have seen during
 my last journey to Vienna, I would
 have done it sooner if it had been in my
 power but I did not dare write any
 thing because every Letter whatsoever is
 opened in the Imperial Dominions.

I shall begin with the Emperor
 himself his manner is most exceedingly
 engaging, He has a wonderful deal of
 conversation and is polite to every Body
 who are not under Him his manner is

speaking One was certainly flattering to the
highest degree, and He allowed me to see
every thing which I could possibly wish
to see, even things which no person whatsoever
before was ever allowed to take a view of.
He is however a somewhat incautious in
his conversation, He has told me many things
which I am sure ought not to be told
to any Body whatsoever, and must be
a stranger, and this at a table of dirty
so that any person might have heard
pleas'd. During the time that I was
in his dominions I heard and saw a great
many things, which made me form a very
different idea of them than I had before.
He is cruel so that I wonder how
he can be so concerned, He certainly is
exceedingly wicked.

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to the alliance with France, as he one day
told me himself, for he said that it was
of the greatest consequence to him to be in
alliance with France, because it allowed him
to draw away all his
troops from Flanders and Italy. I confess
that I found myself wonderfully mistaken in
the idea which I had formed of the Imperial
troops, the men are certainly in general fine
But in their discipline their drill their
marching and their manoeuvres they are indeed
very very far behind the Prussians, indeed
I was astonished to see their inattention.
The Emperor however appears vastly fond of
his troops as well as of meddling in the manoeuvres
though I can not say that he appears to
understand much of the matter.

The Austrian Cavalry is much more however in
proportion than their Infantry they are exceed-
all mounted, they ride infamously and their
whole Accoutrements are in exceedingly bad Order
All their evolutions are wonderfully slow
and in their Charge though they do not ride
faster than a small Gallop I have seen
whole Regiments run away with. Their Artillery
is certainly very good and their Engineers are
I believe now the very best in the world they
indeed that is not at all astonishing, as they
^{build}
~~are~~ at this present moment clever Camp
perhaps one of the best in Europe and
astonishing things to be seen in the Emperor's
Dominions or indeed in any other in the
momentary Magazines which he has formed
every thing necessary for his Army. Each

Province has its own particular one, quite
separate from the rest, I will only mention
one Article alone, to give Your Majesty an
idea of the profusion of every thing, In the
Kingdom of Bohemia alone, there are in the
Magazines nearly three Millions of firelock
Cartridges ready made, so that they may be
made use of immediately. The Emperor told
me himself that he had upon the table
at Vienna of every one Magazine in the dominions,
and every thing is in such order that if
he was to give the orders to his troops to
march tomorrow each Regiment knows to
what army he is to belong and the Horses
carts &c. what are to convey his Baggage
The Emperor has allowed a thousand and fifty

pieces of field Artillery; for each army and
they require eighteen thousand Horses belonging
to the Artillery and the Horse Regiments belonging
alone, All this Corps are already marked
and there is a regular list kept of them so
that they are forthcoming at a moment's
Warning. In short, after having seen
all these preparations and heard what has
been said I am convinced, that the Emperor
will do every thing in his power to augment
his German possessions, As yet he has not
had time to finish all his arrangements
but when they are once ready he will certainly
strike some Blow or other, and I am certain it
will be a very hard one. At Dusseldorf the Elector
was exceedingly civil and did every thing

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and to amuse us, I saw his Regiment of Horse Guards
belonging and trained perfectly well, I also saw
the Parade of the foot Guards which are
very fine. I think by my Duty to
Your Majesty with a piece of news which
I received Yesterday from Osnabruck and which
is of some consequence to Your Majesty which
is that the Dean of Osnabruck sent the word
that the Elector of Cologne is doing every
thing in his power to obtain of the Pope
the nomination of all the Canons of Osnabruck
which fall vacant during the Papal
months, this is a favor which had been done
to the late Elector and which was then of
the consequence as he was a pious Gentleman

but of the present Elector's Affairs or it may
be of some consequence to Your Majesty's family
hereafter. The Dear though a Roman Catholic
wishes that I might of popular aspect of the
Pope for myself of course Your Majesty
does not approve of that, It would be better
that some other Roman Catholic not so powerful
allied had that in his disposition

I am afraid I shall have ampler
time of your Majesty with this long letter
I shall therefore conclude and kiss myself
ever, Sir

Your Majesty's

Hannover Oct. 25 1704

Most dutiful son
and subject

Frederick

John Robinson

Oct. 23 1784

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Mr Robinson has the Honour to acquaint
Your Majesty, that from the want of the original
Papers which were locked up in Security in
London, the Account could not be drawn up
with Exactness at Cadlands, altho' a general
arrangement of the Business was settled —
Mr Henry Drummond and Mr Robinson returned
from Cadlands on Monday Night, Mr Robinson
has since been several times in town with Mr
Henry Drummond, and Mr Robinson having
prepared the Bond before, last Night received
it approved by Mr Drummond, together with
the State of the Account, and a Declaration
drawn up, similar to that which Your
Majesty was graciously pleased to give
on

on the Ten thousand Pounds, all which Mr
Robinson begs permission humbly to submit
to Your Majesty— The Bond is prepared
for the payments to be made agreeably to
the Minute sent by Your Majesty, but
as Your Majesty proposed to make the
first payment of Six thousand pounds
in this Month of October, and the Month
is near expired, that payment is omitted
in the Bond, apprehending this may be
more agreeable to Your Majesty's pleasure.
Should Your Majesty be pleased to
approve of what is done, Your Majesty's
Commands shall be immediately obeyed,
the Bond

John Robinson

Oct. 23 1784

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Bond

the Bond copied on Stamp Paper for
Your Majesty's Signature, and every
necessary Step taken to compleat the
Business, exchange the Securities, and return
the old Ones, and all Papers, to Your Majesty.

The last Mode of Conveyance being
impracticable by the Absence of the Person,
Mr Robinson has presumed to suggest
the Mode of these Papers being sent thro'
Mr Henry Drummond, as least likely
to be observed, in which Mr Robinson hopes
he shall not have erred.

Lyon Hill

23^d Oct 1784.

Mr. Robinson
Lyons Hill Oct 23^d 1784.

Draft to M^r. Robinson
Windsor Oct 24th 1784.

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I put thorough confidence in M^r. Robinson's seeing that
the Bond is every way proper, as also the state of interest
on the sum that has been borrowed. I enclose the £6,000
which I desire M^r. Robinson will pay to M^r. Drummond
and get the proper Receipt; I shall take the same
method of making the subsequent payments, when
the Bond is ready I trust it will be sent for my signing.

Windsor
Oct. 24th 1784.
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50 A. M.

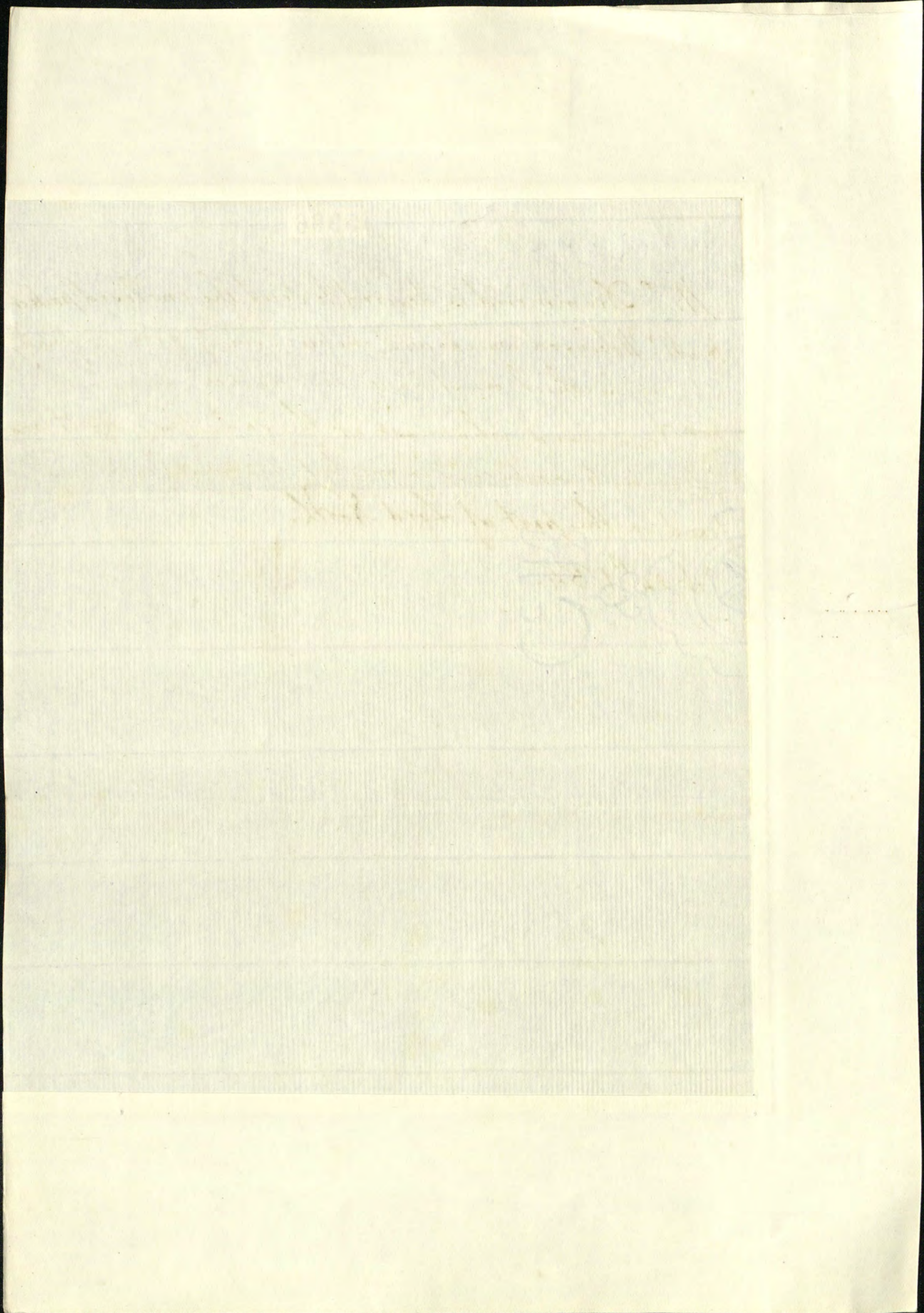
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Draft to M^r. Drummond
Windsor Oct 24th 1784.

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M^r. Drummond is desired to send the enclosed packet
to M^r. Robinson which will enable Him to arrange finally
a business which must have been rather unpleasant to
M^r. Drummond, who must at the same time see it was
not owing to inaccuracy in me but the most barefaced
fraud on the part of Lord North.

Oct. 24th 1784.



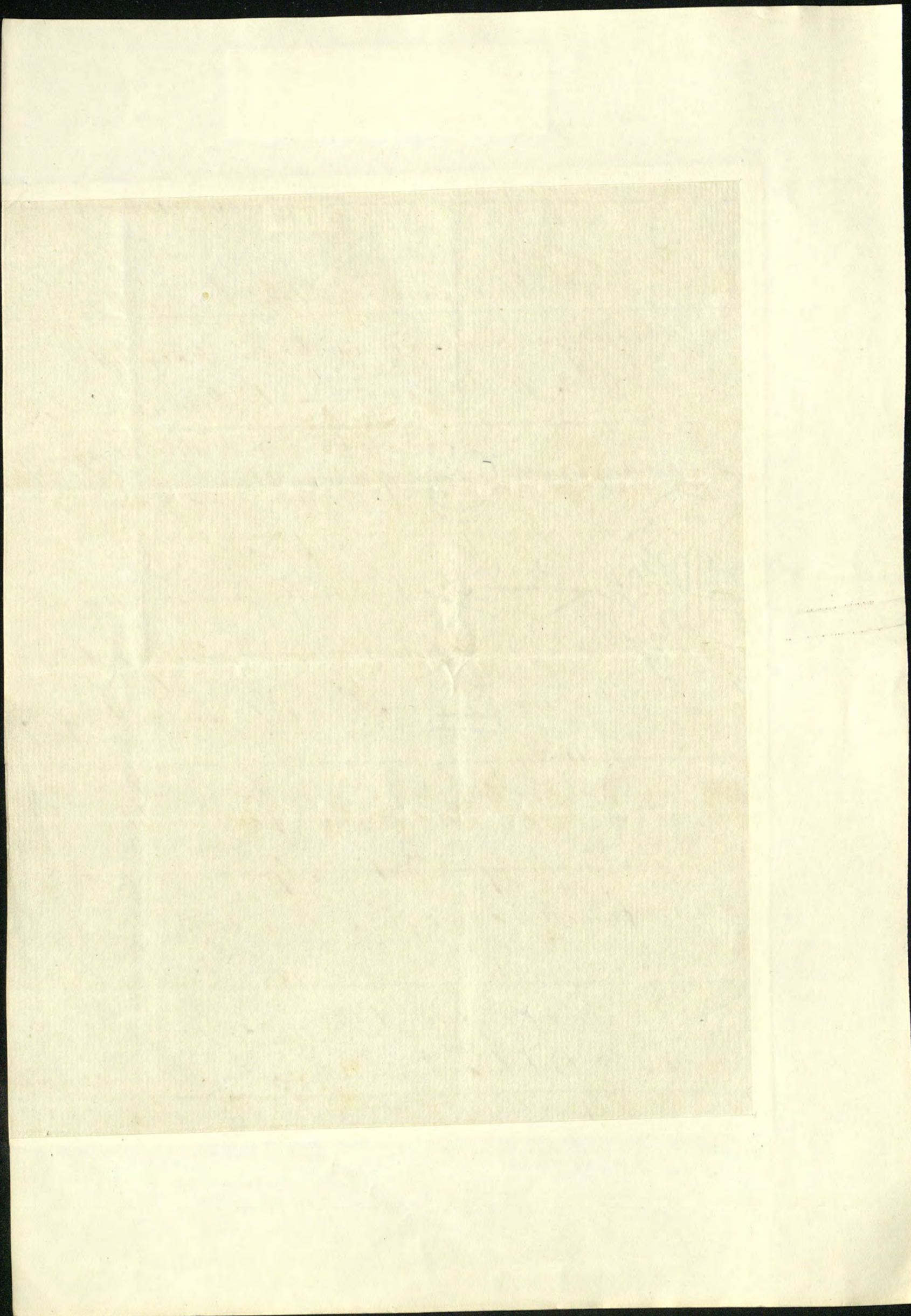
Mr. Drummond
Oct. 25th 1784.

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25 October 1784.

Mr. A. Drummond had the honor to obey
his Majesty's Commands with the packet
committed to Mr. D's care — Mr. Robinson has
paid Mr. Drummond £6000 on his Majesty's
account, for which Mr. Drummond has given a
Rec^t: & the account is now finally settled
deducting that Sum; For the remainder Mr.
Robinson has ~~agreed~~ agreeable to his Majesty's
orders prepared the Security amounting to
£32,241. 19. 4 —

Cher: Mr. Drummond feels most sensibly
your Majesty's Justice & Goodness to them
in finally arranging this business, & humbly
beg leave to acknowledge it: They had not
a Wish in it, & trust they never will have
one, but to accommodate your Majesty with
all Duty, to the utmost of their Power.



John Robinson

Oct. 26 1784

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Mr Robinson in Obedience to Your Majesty's
Commands has prepared on Stamp Paper
for Your Majesty's Signature, the Bond,
and the Declaration transmitted thro' Mr
Drummond — Mr Robinson has examined
the Account of Interest with Mr Drummond,
and Mr Robinson hopes, both the Account,
and the Bond, and the Declaration, which
is similar to that Mr Drummond informs Mr
Robinson Your Majesty was pleased to give
on taking the Ten thousand Pounds, are correct
and right. Mr Robinson has the Honour to
transmit

transmit these papers herewith, and also a Receipt the
from Mr Drummond for the Six thousand pounds for
committed to Mr Robinson's Charge to pay to Mr
Drummond — When Your Majesty shall
have been pleased to sign the papers, and to
return them, Mr Robinson will immediately
exchange the Securities with Mr Drummond
and transmit the old Ones to Your Majesty.

Your Majesty will be pleased to affix
your Seal to the Bond after your Signature,
and to have one Witness, at least, to the
Attestation: And likewise to insert in the
blank left in the Declaration the Sum in
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Sign

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John Robinson

Oct. 26 1784

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Receipt the Bank consolidated Annuities in trust
1 pound for Your Majesty

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Syon Hill

26th Oct 1784

Mr. Robinson
Upon Hill Oct 26. 1784.

Enclosure

5909
London October 25th 1704. then Received
of his Majesty, by the hands
of John Robinson Esq. Six thousand
Pounds for which his Majesty has
credit in account settled this day
with Robert Henry Drummond
Henry Drummond
£6000

25th Dec 1704

Wm^o Drummond

Recd for

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Wm Drummond's Rec:
London Dec 25th 1704

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Bond to Messrs. Robert and Henry Drummond
dated and sealed Oct 26th 1784.

Declares that of a sum of £40,000. on setting
the Account there remains due unto them

£ 32,241-19-4^d for Principal and Interest,
of which remaining sum ~~to be paid~~ to be paid on
the 25th of March 1785. — £ 5,000

on the 25th of Oct. 1785. £ 6,000

on the 25th of March 1786. £ 5,000.

on the 25th of Oct. 1786. £ 6,000.

on the 25th of March 1787. £ 5,240-19-4^d

on the 25th of Oct. 1787. $\frac{5,241-19-4}{32,241-19-4}$

also to be paid all Lawfull Interest which shall
accrue and become due on the above Sums.

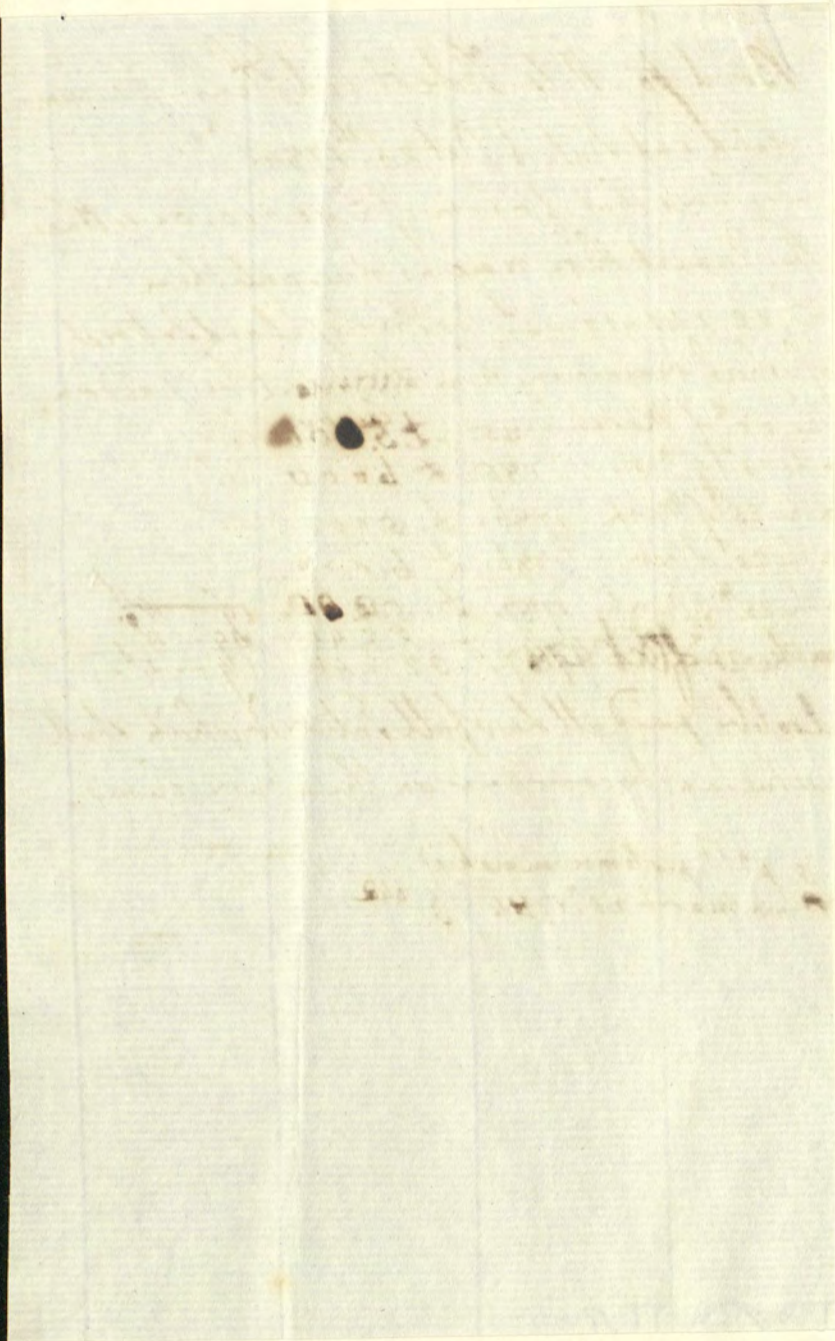
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Ans March 25th 1784

s. p. C^o Oct 25th — 556-0-11

March 25 1785 406-0-11

Oct 25. 156-0-11

March 25 1786



Mr Pitt Chancellor of the Ex.^{ch}
Downing Street Oct 31st 1784.

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Mr Pitt humbly presumes to trouble
your Majesty with the Answer which
He has just received to the Letter which
He wrote to Lord Percy, in which He
acquainted his Lordship that the
Regt of Horse Grenadiers would not

be given away till his Lordship's
wishes were known.

Downing Street

Sunday Oct 31st 1784.

John Robinson

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Mr Henry Drummond having informed
Mr Robinson that Mr Best was with Mr.
A. Drummond, by Your Majesty's Orders
on the Business of the Declaration (similar
to the former One) which Mess^{rs} Drummonds
wished might be signed by Your Majesty,
and had fixed to be with Mr Drummond
again to morrow Morning; it is apprehended
it may be Your Majesty's pleasure, that
Mr Best should exchange the Securities with
Mr Henry Drummond — Mr Robinson,
therefore, having got the old Securities from
Mr

Mr Drummond in order to be ready to deliver
them up to Your Majesty, supposes, it will
be right that he should return them to Mr
Drummond early to morrow, in order to meet
what is thought to be Your Majesty's
pleasure; and accordingly, if he should not
hear, that he is doing wrong, which he is
most anxious to avoid, or should not receive
Commands to the Contrary, he will return
them early to morrow to Mr Drummond.

The Business being in this Situation, Mr
Robinson hopes Your Majesty will approve
his returning to Your Majesty, the Papers
Your Majesty was graciously pleased to
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to send to Mr. Robinson at first on this Subject,
and Mr. Robinson hopes he may now without
too great presumption add, That Your
Majesty, from the most gracious Sentiments
flowing from the Feelings of Your Royal
Mind, has now compleated an Act of
Justice and Favor to Mess^{rs} Drummonds
and great Benevolence to Lord North.
Mr. Robinson in Conversation with
Mr. Drummond has taken the Liberty to
submit to him, that it appears to Mr.
Robinson, as not proper to have the Circumstance
of this Business being finished mentioned
to Lord North, without Your Majesty's
Orders

Orders thereupon, but to leave this to Your
Majestys pleasure to acquaint His Lordship
of the Relief and Ease so graciously given
to him, in such manner as Your Majesty
shall be pleased to think fitt.

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