Lord Chatham
3rd April

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Admiralty April 3rd – ½ p. 1. P.M. –

Lord Chatham has the honor of transmitting to your Majesty, some Dispatches received this morning from Commodore Cornwallis, brought by your Majesty's Ship Thames which is arrived at Spithead and also a letter from Captain Bracebridge of your said Ship, giving an account of the loss of your Majesty's Ship Pandora, which had been sent in search of your Bounty. —

Sir John Sinclair, Bart.

Ap. 10 1791

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Sir,

I take the liberty of requesting your Majesty's acceptance, of a Muff, made of the skin of a Shetland Lamb, which, I hope, will sufficiently prove, the great perfection to which that article may be carried, so as to render the importation, of foreign skins, or furs, unnecessary.

Having brought to the neighbourhood of London, specimens of the three principal breeds of Scotland, I hope your Majesty will have the goodness to examine, and to accept of them.

Yours.

There is. 1. a real Shetland Ewe and Lamb of the first quality, producing, on the whole, the most valuable wool in Europe.

2. a Cheviot Ewe, which will sufficiently prove the excellence of that breed, being, perhaps the best Hill sheep, any where to be met with.

3. a Wether of the wild, blackfaced, mountain breed of the north of England, and of the greater part of Scotland. This breed is remarkable for the excellence of its mutton, but the wool is of the coarsest sort, worth only 4 pence per pound. Under your Majesty's protection, however, it would be possible, to convert this breed, in less than 10 years, ~~into~~ the Cheviot, whose wool can be improved to be worth 15 pence per pound, whose superior handiness is now ascertained, and whose carcase is equally valuable for the Table any

Sir John Sinclair, Bart.

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Any day this week, that your Majesty could find leisure for that purpose, I should be happy to attend at Windsor, to deliver the above mentioned specimens of these different breeds, and to explain their different natures and properties. — I flatter myself that your Majesty, will have the goodness to excuse this liberty, which nothing could induce me to have taken, but the full conviction that under your Majesty's auspices, it will be in my power to double the value of a very con: siderable part of these Kingdoms, by the improvement of sheep and wool. —

With every sentiment of duty & respect, I beg leave to subscribe myself,

Sir, Your Majesty's devoted

Whitehall and faithful subject

next door to Parliament Street John Sinclair

10th April -

Sir John Sinclair
10th April

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House of Lords - Lords Present

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Die Lunæ 11° Aprilis 1796.

Arch. Cant.
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Epus. Norwicen.
Bangor.
Lichfield & Cov.
Exon.
Bath & Weller.
Londinen.
Glocestr.
Meneven.
Sarum.
Bristol.
Elien.
Petriburg.
St. Asaph.
Lincoln

Lords Present.

Dux Glocester.
Dus Thurlow
Canc.
Com. Camden Chas.
March. Stafford C.P.S.

Dux Leeds.
St. Albans.
Beaufort.
Devonshire.
Richmond.
Brandon.

March. Townshend.
Lansdown.
Buckingham.

Com. Kellie.
Orange.
Bredalbane.
Coventry.
Lauderdale.
Carlisle
Bathurst.
Fitzwilliam.
Stanhope.
Moray
Portlt.
Doncaster.
Chatham.
Mt. Edgcumbe.
Abingdon.
Chcr.
Norwich.
Uxbridge.
Talbot.
Balcarras.
Aylesbury.
Howe
Scarborough.

Com. Digby
Clarendon
Glasgow.
Sandwich.
Hardwicke.
Suffolk.
Fortescue
Delaware.
Chesterfield.
Leicester
Harcourt.
Cardigan.
Exeter
Berkeley.
Beverley.
Grosvenor.
Rochford.
Egremont.
Derby.

Vic. Stormont
Sydney.
Wentworth

Dus Grenville Ld. Pr.
Fife.
Middleton
Somners.
Boston
Kenyon.
Rawdon.
Loughborough
Cardiff
Walsingham.
Dover.
Cathcart.
Willoughby de Br.
Elliot.
Brandon.
Brownlow
Howard de Walden.
Fonsonby.
Hawkesbury.
Southampton
Lovel & Holland.
Mulgrave.
Bucie.
Amherst.
Torphichen.
Bulkeley
Eliot.
Camelford.
Fitzwilliam.
Harrowby.
Grey de Ettrick.
Dacre
Douglas of Douegl.
Stawell.
Walpole.
Delaval
Sandys.
Malmesbury.

House of Lords Minute

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4 April 1791

Order of Day.

Lord Porchester moved, That a Message be sent to the Commons to acquaint them that this House will proceed upon the Trial of Warren Hastings Esqre.

Against the Motion.

1. Lord Chancellor.

For the Motion.

2. Lord Porchester.
3. Lord Mulgrave.
4. Earl of Radnor.

who moved, to leave out after the Word "That" the following Words; "That the Judges do attend on Wednesday next to deliver their Opinion on the following Question, Whether the Recognizances entered into by Warren Hastings Esqre — John Sullivan Esqre and William Baightwell Sumner Esqre are on the 21st of May 1787 are still in force?

Against this last motion

1. Lord Grenville.

Irregular Conversation.

Lord King. Lord Chancellor Lord Hawkesbury
Lord Hawkesbury. Lord King. Earl of Radnor.

Viscount Stormont.
Earl Stanhope.
Lord Chancellor.
Lord Loughborough.
Lord Kenyon.
Earl of Guilford.
Lord King.
Earl of Guilford.
Lord Grenville
Marquis of Lansdown.
Lord Loughborough.
Marquis of Lansdown.

Upon the Question being put whether the Words moved to be inserted should be so inserted,

Teller. E. Chesterfield } Content 20 Not Content 69 Teller E. Derby

Then the previous Question was put, Whether the original Question shall be now put

Teller E. Derby } Content 66. Teller E. Chesterfield } Not Content. 10.

Then the original Question was amended by adding the Words on Monday next. and resolved in the affirmative.

Wm. Pitt

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Mr Pitt humbly begs leave to acquaint Your Majesty that Mr Grey to day proposed a String of Resolutions concluding with one declaring the present Armament unexpedient and was seconded by Mr Maitland. The Previous Question was

moved by Lord Belgrave and seconded by Mr Dyboes. The Original Resolutions were supported by Lord North, Mr Powys Mr Whitbread Mr Sheridan, and Mr Harison, and opposed by Mr Ryder Mr Stanley, Sir W. George, and Mr Dundas

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The House divided, for the Previous Question

253 – Against It, 173. –

Downing Street.

Wednesday Morning April 13th 1791

Mr Pitt.

April 13. 1791

Wm. Pitt

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Mr Pitt humbly begs Leave to acquaint Your Majesty that two Resolutions have been moved by Mr Baker, and seconded by Mr St John, the Object of which was to censure the Armament. The Previous Question was moved by Mr Dole

Carew, and seconded by Mr J. Elliot. The other Speakers for the previous Question were Mr C. Yorke, Sir James Murray Sir Richard Worsley, Mr Lewis Grant, Mr William Grant and Mr Pitt. The Original Motion were supported by Mr Anstruther, Sir James St Clair Lord

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Wycombe and Mr Fox. The previous
Question was carried by 254 to 162

Downing Street
Saturday April 16th 1791. 4 AM.

Mr Pitt.

April 16. 1791

Lord Bath
April 16. 1791

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Arlington Street April 16th 1791.

Sir.

Your Majesty will, I hope, pardon my taking the liberty of using this method to ask Your Majesty's permission to go to Bath to drink the waters, as the present situation of my family makes it impossible for me to pay my duty in person. not wishing to give Your Majesty the trouble of any answer, I flatter myself that I may consider silence as consent. I have the honor to be Your Majesty's

Most dutiful & Loyal Subject
& Servant

Bath

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Lord Salisbury
April 17. 1791

Sire

From the very great Interest
Your Majesty and the Queen have
shewn in whatever concerned Lady
Salisbury & me, I cannot lose a
moment in acquainting Your
Majesty that she was brought
to bed this Morning at half past
six Clock of a Boy, & are both

very well. I am very much concerned that I have been so long prevented by Indisposition from attending Your Majesty, but I hope Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to dispense with me a few days longer.

I have the honor to be with the most profound Respect & Submission

Sire

Your Majesty's

most dutiful

& Loyal Subject

Salisbury

Arlington Street
17 April
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Ld. Granville

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Whitehall Ap. 19th 1791. 4. P.M.

It having been this day determined at a meeting of Your Majesty's confidential servants humbly to advise Your Majesty that instructions should be sent to the Earl of Elgin and Lord St. Helens, in conformity to the inclosed draft, Lord Grenville has the honour of humbly submitting them to Your Majesty. And as

as His Grace the Duke of Leeds was not present at the meeting Lord Grenville humbly requests to be honoured with Your Majesty's commands whether Your Majesty would be pleased to authorize and direct Lord Grenville to sign the instructions above mentioned.

It being thought of importance that no time should be lost in the execution of the measures there stated, supposing them to receive Your Majesty's approbation, Lord Grenville has taken this manner of laying them before Your Majesty. He will have the

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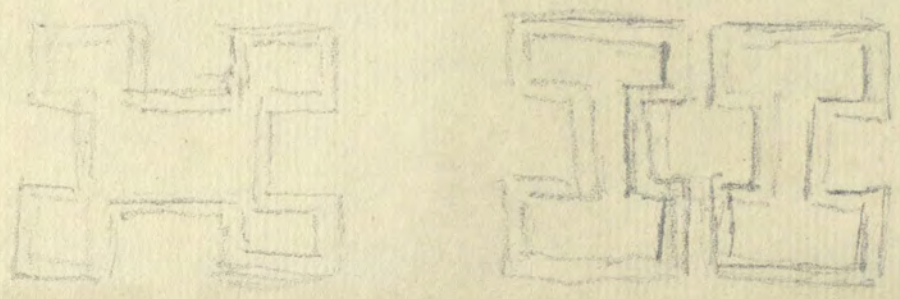
honour of submitting to Your Majesty tomorrow the Drafts of instructions to Mr. Ewart who has undertaken to set out tomorrow Evening to return to his post at Berlin, if Your Majesty should approve of it.

Lord Grenville
19th April 1791



Extract of a Letter from Earl Cornwallis, to Sir Wm. Fawcett, dated 19th. April, 1791.

Extract of a Letter from Lord Cornwallis, to Sir Wm. Fawcett, dated 19th. April, 1791.

—— "My worthy, & gallant Friend, Skelly, "has been at the head of every Attack this War, "& led the Grenadiers, & light Infantry into "Bengalore. — He is ruining himself, by serving "as Brigadier General, upon the Pay of Major; "& opportunities have been so unfairly, though "unintentionally, snatch'd from me, for far less "worthy Objects, that I see no prospect of my "being able to give him any Rank. — I shall "be much oblig'd to you, if you will represent "this most humbly in my Name to His Majesty,

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"assuring His Majesty, that from a regard to the
"merit of the Officers, serving under me, I shoud
"be highly gratified, at His Majesty's conferring
"some mark of His Royal Favor, upon Major
"Skelly." —

Ld. Grenville

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St. James's Square April 21. 1791.

6. P.M.

Lord Grenville has just been honoured with Your Majesty's note accompanying the Seals of the Foreign Department, and begs leave humbly to express to Your Majesty his grateful and dutiful acknowledgments for this mark of Your Majesty's

Majesty's confidence, and to assure Your Majesty of his unremitting diligence in carrying on Your Majesty's service, till Your Majesty shall have appointed a successor to the Duke of Leeds.

Lord Grenville is extremely concerned at the mistake which occasioned his not attending Your Majesty today to hold the Council in the absence of the Lord President; but Lord Grenville

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had understood the Lord President that he meant to be there himself. Lord Grenville earnestly hopes that no delay or inconvenience to Your Majesty was occasioned by his absence.

Lord Grenville
Rec'd 21. 1791

Mr Pitt.
April 23. 1791

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Downing Street
Saturday April 23. 1791

Mr Pitt has been honored with Your Majesty's gracious Commands; and will not fail during the Interval afforded by the Recess to weigh with the utmost Attention what Arrangement can furnish the best Prospect of promoting Your Majesty's Service. He will in the mean Time avail

himself of your Majesty's Permission
to learn Lord Grenville's Wishes respecting
a Change of Departments, which He is
persuaded will be entirely guided by
a consideration of what will be most
advantageous to Your Majesty's Service

Mr Robinson
April 23. 1791

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Lyon Hill
Saturday Night
23d April 1791

Mr. Robinson begs leave to have the Honour to report to His Majesty, that the Workmen on Thursday last began to lay the Foundation of the Works at the Dog Kennels in which Mr Robinson hopes now to proceed with all due Expedition — It being necessary for Mr. Robinson to attend at Harwich, for Mr Orde's re election, on the Gracious Mark he has lately received of His Majestys Royal Favor, Mr Robinson

hopes

hopes, His Majesty will have the Goodness
not to disapprove such Attendance, and to
excuse Mr Robinson's presence at the Works,
as Mr Robinson will make his Absence
as short as possible, and as Mr Robinson
has given all necessary Directions for
the Works proceeding in the mean time.

Wm. Pitt

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Hollwood.
Friday April 29th 1791.

Mr Pitt has thought it his Duty to take this Mode of humbly submitting for Your Majesty's Consideration, in the Interval before He may have an Opportunity of Personally receiving Your Majesty's Commands, the Result of what has occurred to Him with a View to an Arrangement in Consequence of the

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Resignation of the Duke of Leeds.

He finds on Conversing with Lord Grenville, that it will be perfectly agreeable to him to change to the Foreign Department, if his doing so is thought conducive to Your Majesty's Service; and it undoubtedly appears much more easy to find a Successor for the Home Department, than

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for the Foreign. On considering all the Persons who might be thought of for the Home Department, there occurs no One to Mr Pitt, whose Appointment permanently would be so creditable or advantageous, as Lord Cornwallis. And it seems probable that on his Return from India, which most likely will

take place before the End of this Year,
or early in the next, He will not be
unwilling to accept it. If Your Majesty
should approve of looking to this Arrang-
-ment, It would remain to determine
in whose Hands the Seals may be best
placed in the mean Time. Mr Pitt
humbly begs Leave to submit that if Your

Majesty, that He sees no One so fit for this Purpose as Mr Dundas, knowing that He can fully rely on Him for the most cordial and efficient Co-Operation in Business in the Interval; and that He would with entire Satisfaction quit to make Room for Lord Cornwallis, retaining only the Conduct of the

Business of India, as President of the Board of Controll, which Situation, when the Charter is renewed, might naturally be separated from the Office of Secretary of State. It might in this Case be desireable that this intermediate Arrangement should be suspended for a short Time, in order to avoid the Inconvenience of moving

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Mr Dundas's Writ, before the material Business of the Session is ended.

Mr Pitt begs leave farther to submit, the Propriety, if your Majesty should be graciously pleased to approve of these Suggestions, of at the same Time admitting Lord Hawkesbury, as President of the Committee of Trade, to a Seat in the Cabinet.

Mr. Pitt
29th April 1791

Ld. Grenville

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Hollwood April 29th 1791. –

As Lord Grenville understands that Mr. Pitt submits to Your Majesty by this Messenger the ideas which have occurred to him on the subject of the arrangements which have become necessary in consequence of the Duke of Leeds's resignation, Lord Grenville is desirous of availing himself of the same occasion humbly to renew the expressions of

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his gratitude to Your Majesty for what Your Majesty was graciously pleased to say both to Mr. Pitt and to himself on the subject of his being charged with the foreign department if he preferred it to his former situation. Lord Grenville begs leave with the utmost sincerity to assure Your Majesty that he has no other wish upon the subject, than that of contributing in the best manner he is able to the carrying on Your Majesty's service in such a way as may be satisfactory to Your Majesty: And that he will undertake with chearfulness and zeal any situation in which he can hope that his exertions

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can be at all conducive to that object to which he is bound by the strongest sentiments of gratitude as well as of duty.

Lord Grenville
Esq. &c. &c. &c.
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Mr Pitt.
May 7. 1791

On arriving in Town yesterday, Mr Pitt was honored with your Majesty's Commands, accompanying the Memorial from the Prince of Wales, which He has now the honor to return. Mr Pitt was afterwards detained the whole Day, in a Committee which was moved

on Friday last to examine the Application
of the Money voted for Carlton House,
and then by the Debate in the House
on Mr Sheridan's Proposition respecting
the Revenue. No Reference was
made in the debate to the Subject of
Carlton House, and Mr Pitt is rather

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inclined to imagine that the Memorial
to your Majesty is rather with a View
to lay the Ground for some future
Attention of the Subject in Parliament
than to any Effect at present. But as
the Committee will probably finish this
Morning, and the Debate on the Revenue

which was adjourned last Night will close to day. Mr Pitt will be enabled to submit to your Majesty tomorrow the Result of any Thing which may happ. Mr Pitt humbly begs to take the opportunity of submitting whether it would be your Majesty's Pleasure that Mr Dundas should receive the Seals tomorrow as there would be some Inconvenience in delaying beyond that time the Opening his Writ.

Downing Street. Tuesday May 7th. 1791.

Mr Pitt.
May 7. 1791

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Mr Pitt humbly presumes to submit to your Majesty a Warrant for the Issue of Seven Thousand Pounds Secret Service for the Current Year, which he is induced to trouble your Majesty with, from finding that there are some

Demands which prep in Point of Time.
Mr Pitt will humbly beg your
Majesty's Permission to bring the
Vouchers for the Payments hitherto
made, when He has the honor of
attending Your Majesty next Week.

Downing Street.
Saturday May 7th 1791

Wm. Pitt

May 16 1791

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Mr Pitt humbly begs Leave to submit to Your Majesty that on an attentive Examination of the Demands on the Civil List, It appears that principally from the Augmentation of the Annual Payments to the different Branches of Your Majesty's

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Royal Family, an Arrear has been incurred in different Articles to the Amount of about Sixty Thousand Pounds. A large Part of this may under Your Majesty's Approbation be easily discharged, by applying to

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that Purpose, a Balance of the 4½ p^r Cent
Fund, the Amount of which greatly
exceeds any Demands that are likely
to be made upon it. — But in order
to clear the Remainder, and to avoid
any Danger of an Exceeding in Future,

Mr Pitt would humbly submit to
Your Majesty that it may be expedient
to desire the Assistance of Parliament
to replace the Sums issued last year
on account of the encreased Annuities
to the Royal Family, and to transfer
Part of them for the Future from

Your Majesty's Civil List to the Consolidated Fund. — Mr Pitt will have the Honor of stating to your Majesty more particularly the Result of the Accounts which have been made out, and of receiving Your Majesty's farther Commands, after the Levee on Wednesday. His Motive for giving

your Majesty this trouble in the Interval
is in Order humbly to submit the
Propriety of a Message to Parliament,
which He has taken the Liberty of
preparing in very general Terms;
and which if it should receive Your
Majesty's Gracious Approbation, It

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might be convenient to deliver tomorrow,
as the Business of the Committee of
Supply will be compleated in the
Course of the present Week.

Downing Street.
Monday May 16th 1791

Mr. Pitt
16th May 1791

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House of Lords

Lords Present

Die Luna 16° Maij 1791.

Arch. Cantuar.
Ebor.
Eps. Glocestr.
Menevon.
Petriburg.
Oxon.
Bangor.
Sarum.
Londin.
Litch & Cov.
Bristol.

Dux Glocestr.
Dus. Thurlow Cancellar.
Co. Camden Praeses.
March. Stafford. C.P.S.
Dux Grafton.
Portland.
Norfolk.
Devonshire.
Dorset.

March. Salisbury Cam.
March. Townshend.
Lansdown.
Aberavon.

Co. Lonsdale.
Guilford.
Shaftesbury.
Abingdon.
Digby.
Doncaster.
Stamford.
Radnor.
Fitzwilliam.
Lauderdale.
Plymouth.
Macclesfield.
Suffolk.
Spencer.
Denbigh.
Chesterfield.
Graham.
Derby.
Hellie.
Stanhope.
Harcourt.
Clarendon.
Jersey.
Strange.
Chatham.
Poulett.
Carlisle.
Ailesbury.
Fortescue.
Hardwicke.
Aylesford.
Mount Edgcumbe.
Exeter.
Scarbrough.

Co. Tankerville.
Leicester.
Talbot.
Sandwich.
Rochford.
Hauxonberg.
Dumfries.
Winchilsea.
Moray.
Eglintoun.

Vic. Hereford.
Sydney.
Stormont.
Wentworth.
Hampden.

Dus. Grenville Ml.
Prim. Secretar.
Chedworth.
Pelham.
Clifford.
Vernon.
Middleton.
Hawkesbury.
Kenyon.
Hawke.
Walsingham.
Sandys.
Ogley.
Rodney.
Dover.
Mulgrave.
Cathcart.
Amherst.
Bagot.
Lorton & Holland.
Brownlow.
Walpole.
Loughborough.
Harrowby.
Rawdon.
King.
Fitz.
Rivers.
Monson.
Porchester.
Dacre.
Milton.
Eliot.
Hay.
Torphichen.
Willoughby B.
Howard de Walden.
Clifton.
Malmesbury.
Ondow & Cranley.
Cardiff.
Ducie.
Grantley.
Sondes.
Douglas of Douglas.
Stawell

House of Lords Minute

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The Order of the Day being read for taking into Consideration his Majesty's most gracious Message to this House,

Moved by Lord Grenville,

That an humble Address be presented to His Majesty,

To return His Majesty the thanks of this House for the communication contained in His Majesty's most gracious Message. — To assure His Majesty, that while we learn with regret that the Endeavours which His Majesty has used in conjunction with His Allies to effect a Pacification between Russia and the Porte, have hitherto been unsuccessful, we shall be ready to concur in enabling His Majesty to defray the Expence arising from such further Augmentation of His Majesty's Naval Force, as His Majesty now judges it requisite to make for the purpose of adding weight to His Representations, and of supporting the Interests of his Majesty's Kingdoms, and contribu-

-ting to the Restoration of general Tranqui-
-lity on a secure and lasting foundati-
on.

For the Address. Against it

1. Earl Fitzwilliam.
who moved an
amendment to the said Address by leaving
out from the Words "most gracious Message"
to the end of the said Address, and instead
thereof to insert the following Words: viz:
"To express our sincere concern that
His Majesty's benevolent intentions to
restore the Blessings of Peace to those
distant parts of Europe that are exposd
to those calamities of War, have not
yet produced the desired Effect – That
uninformd as we are of the Causes that
may have interrupted the Success of his
Majesty's amicable Interposition, but
most anxiously solicitous to maintain
the unassailed tranquility of His
Majesty's dominions, and to improve

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at home the Blessings of Peace, we can on this occasion only express our dutiful and loyal assurances of support, whenever the Honor and Interests of His Majesty's Crown shall appear to be threatened and testify our reliance on His Majesty's paternal Care to preserve uninterrupted that fortunate situation, which this Country now enjoys, of entire Amity with all the Powers of Europe.

For the Amendment.	Against it.
1. Vict. Stormont to ask a Question.	4. Lord Grenville in anr. to a Qu. of Ld. Stormont.
2. Lord Dorchester.	6. Duke of Richmond
3. Earl of Carlisle.	8. Lord Chancellor.
5. Vict. Stormont.	11. Duke of Leeds
7. Lord Dorchester to explain.	
9. Vict. Stormont to explain	
10. Marq. of Lansdown.	
12. Earl of Carlisle to explain	
13. Marquis of Townshend	

Upon the Question put, whether the Words proposed to be left out shall stand part of the Original Motion

E. Chesterfield Teller } Content 87 Proxies 9. 96

{ E. Fitzwilliam Teller. } Not Content 33 Proxies 1. 34.

Wm. Pitt

May 25 1791

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Mr Pitt humbly begs Leave to acquaint Your Majesty that on Mr T. Grenville's Motion to day for an Address to Your Majesty on the Discussion with Russia a Debate took Place, in which little new was stated on either Side. The Motion was supported by Mr Pelham, Mr Dowys, Major Maitland, and Mr Fox

and opposed by Mr M. Montague, Sir Edward Knatchbull and Mr Pitt. -
The Numbers for the Address were, 114,
Those against it, 208. -

Downing Street
Wednesday Night. May 25th 1791

Wm. Pitt to Ld. Southampton

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Downing Street
Thursday. May 26th 1791

My Lord,

The House of Commons having ordered to be laid before them Copies of all Applications which have been made to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury respecting the Works at Carlton House, and of their Proceedings and Correspondence thereon, I have thought it most respectful to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, previous to the Production of the Papers

to beg the favor of your Lordship to
approve His Royal Highness that
such an Order has been made, and
that the only Papers which come within
that Description are the Minutes of
the Board of Treasury dated the 2d and 3d
December 1789, which I had the honor
of communicating on the 3d of Decr to
your Lordship for the Information of
His Royal Highness; together with
the several Papers therein referred to,
particularly the Papers & Estimates
enclosed in your Lordships Letter to

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me, dated the 24th of Nov. preceding; and also copy of a Petition from the Artificers employed at Carlton House, together with a Letter from Mr Steele dated 23d of Dec 1790, transmitting the same, by the direction of the Board of Treasury to Mr Lyte, in order that it might be laid before His Royal Highness.

I have the honor to be,
My Lord
Your Lordship's most obedient
and most humble Servant

W Pitt.

Lord Southampton

From Wm Pitt to
Lord Southampton

26 May 1791

Wm. Pitt to Ld. Southampton

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Downing Street
May 8th 1791

My Lord,

I received yesterday the Honor of your Lordships Letter and the private Note accompanying it; and should readily have complied with the Intimation contained in the Letter by adding your Letter to the Papers to be laid before the House of Commons; But it seemed to me impossible to include under the Order of the House a Letter addressed ~~to me~~ Individually, and written since the Date of the Order. If it should be the Pleasure of His Royal Highness the

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Prince of Wales, that I should lay your Lordship's Letter before the Board of Treasury, I will, on his Commands being signified to me, immediately do so, It will in that Case be entered on their Minutes, and any Member may regularly move for its Production. With respect to the Propriety of any fresh Application from His Royal Highness to Her Majesty on the Subject of Carlton House, I cannot presume to suggest any Opinion of mine, but must only beg Leave to repeat what I stated in Consequence of the Message which I had the Honor

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Wm. Pitt to Ld. Southampton

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of receiving this from your Lordship, that I cannot take upon myself to say any thing on the Subject, unless I receive his Majesty's Commands.

I have the honor to be, My Lord,

Your Lordship's obedient humble Servant

W Pitt

Lord Southampton

Private Letter
from Mr. Pitt to
Lord Southampton

31 May 1791

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Clothing Board Report. For terms of Ref.ce see 6814 (4)

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May it please Your Majesty,

We, whose Names are hereunto Subscribed, appointed (with others) to compose a Board of General Officers for the current Year, in obedience to Your Majesty's Commands notified to us by the Judge Advocate General and particularly expressed in a Letter to him from Your Majesty's Secretary at War, a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed, have duly considered the matters referred to Us, and upon the first point, which regards the most proper Shape and Colour of Hats for Soldiers serving in Warm Climates, We do most humbly offer to Your Majesty our unanimous opinion, guided in our judgment as to the Colour by the sentiments of Officers who have served and are now serving in those Climates, and who have formed their opinion upon experience, that a Round Hat, Black, in preference to White, with a false Lining, and not less than Six Inches in the heighth, nor less than four Inches in the Brim, and bound with black Tape Lace, is the best adapted to Service in Warm Climates:

Upon the Subject of Cloathing Recruits inlisted for Regiments Stationed abroad during the time, which must elapse before the Men join their respective Corps, We have considered of a Regulation and Estimate, which has been

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suggested to us, and which with some amendments has been unanimously approved, and We now take leave to submit the same so amended and humbly to recommend it, as in our opinion proper to be adopted, as follows —

"Cloathing proposed for Recruits raised for "Regiments on Foreign Station, to be worn on their Arrival at "Chatham Barracks, and untill they join their respective Regiments.

"Every Recruit, when he arrives at Chatham "Barracks and is approved of between the 10.th of March and "10.th of October, if not particularly Ordered by the Colonel of the "Regiment to have his full Cloathing issued to him, is to be provided "with one pair of Gaiter Trowsers, One Red Jacket with Sleeves, "which is to Button as a Waistcoat, having a Regimental Button "for the sake of distinction, and also a Collar, Cuffs and "Shoulder Straps of the Colour of the Facing of the Regiment "to which he belongs, and one round Hat.

"Every Recruit remaining in the Barracks after "the 10.th of October to be furnished in addition, — if destined "for Gibraltar or North America with White Regimental Waistcoat "and Breeches / which are to be considered as part of his Cloathing "for that Year / his Trowsers, on the Breeches being delivered "to him, to be taken into Store, but to be returned to him at "the time of his Embarkation to be worn over his Breeches for "the sake of preserving them, — but if destined for the East or

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"West Indies, with one Flannel Waistcoat with Sleeves, one pair of "Flannel Drawers and a second pair of Gaiter Trowsers."

Approved Patterns of which several Articles will be left at the Comptroller's Office.

"Supposed Prices of the abovementioned Articles,

			£	s	d		s	d
"Summer Dress.	"Red Jacket, as before described and large "enough to admit a Waistcoat being "worn under it			8	0			
	"Gaiter Trowsers			3	4			
	"Hat			2	2		13	6
"Winter "Dress.	"For the East "or "West Indies.	"Flannel Waistcoat with Sleeves		3	0			
		"Flannel Drawers		2	0			
		"Gaiter Trowsers		3	4		8	4
	"For Gibraltar "or "North America.	"White Regimental Waistcoat		5	6			
		"Do. Do. Breeches		5	0		10	6

"Every Recruit arriving at Chatham after the 10th. "of October and Approved of, and not ordered by the Colonel of the Regiment he "belongs to, to have his full Cloathing delivered to him, is to be furnished, if "destined for Gibraltar or North America, with the Red Jacket and Hat, as "well as the White Regimental Waistcoat and Breeches, and also a pair of "Trowsers, — which latter are to be taken into Store, but to be delivered out to "him on his Embarkation, to wear over his Breeches in order to preserve them — "— if destined for the East or West Indies, to be furnished with the Red Jacket, "a Round Hat, and the Winter Dress, as before stated for those Climates.

"Every Recruit being supplied with either of the "Dresses, is not to be intitled to any Small Mounting for that Year.

"The times of delivering either the Summer or Winter "Dress, although before particularly specified, may be varied from,

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"or dispensed with by the Commandant, or the Officer Commanding the "Detachments of Recruits at Chatham, according to the time of the "Recruits arriving there, and to the prospect of their Embarkation".

With regard to the change proposed of the Halberts now used by Serjeants in the Battalion Companies in the Regiments of Foot, for some kind of Spear, or short Pike, We do not apprehend that such an alteration can be attended with any inconvenience, and if of a proper form and size, may be for the better; but we humbly beg leave to suggest, that the ordering a small number of such Arms, of one or more chosen forms and sizes, to be made for trial of their convenience, might, if approved by Your Majesty, be found preferable to making the entire change immediately.

With respect to Your Majesty's pleasure signified, that We should suggest, for Your consideration any other alterations in the Cloathing or Appointments of Your Majesty's Troops, which may appear expedient to be adopted for the good of the Service, We most humbly submit to Your Majesty, that in the general view of such Alterations, as might be made with advantage in any parts of the Cloathing or Appointments of the Men in the several branches of the Service, so many Articles may occur relative to the ease and convenience, or to the important object of preserving the health of Soldiers in the field: as also to their graceful appearance at all times, but in Quarters and in Garrison more particularly; and so many considerations may arise in the choice of them, respecting the form, the Expence or

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weight of the different Articles, or the excellence of the Manufacture and durability of the Materials; that We cannot presume to make any immediate or hasty report thereon, nor can We, without Your Majesty's more particular Commands for that purpose, take upon ourselves to continue our sitting for so long a time, as would be requisite for the many enquiries and informations necessary for forming such opinions upon these subjects, as may be fit to be laid before Your Majesty, as a ground for regulations generally useful and proper to be adopted for establishing a perfect uniformity throughout Your Majesty's Service, as nearly as the nature of the different establishments and the variety of situations in which the Troops, may respectively be Serving, can admit.

For these reasons We do at present confine our Report to the single Article of Breeches for the Heavy Cavalry, the Leather Lining of which has been found to be very inconvenient, in lieu whereof we take leave to recommend a Flannel Lining, as now used in the 3rd. or Your Majesty's own Regiment of Dragoons.

We conceive it may be material also to remark the great inconvenience resulting from the practice of making up the Cloathing before it arrives at the respective Regiments, inasmuch, as it is necessarily taken to pieces and made up afresh, that it may fit the Men, and humbly to submit our opinion, that it may be more useful, that the several Colonels should be at Liberty, if they think proper, to send to their respective Regiments the Materials, together with the Sealed Pattern, which has been approved by the Cloathing Board, and that the Cloathing should be made up at the several Regiments, by which means the trouble and expence of remaking and altering will be Saved, and the

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Soldiers be better fitted, — and in such case We presume to suggest, that a Certificate from the Reviewing General of the Cloathing being conformable to the Pattern may be allowed, as sufficient to intitle the Colonels to their respective Offreckonings.

All which is dutifully Submitted,

Horse Guards,
31st May 1791.

H. S. Conway
G. Howard
Dover.
Amherst.
Townshend.
J. Sibright.
Cyr. Trapaud
Johnston. 6th Dragn.

Southampton 3 Dragn.
J. Burgoyne
Hill Clarke
Edw. Maxwell Browne
James Grant.
Wm. Fawcett.
Jno: Clarke
Chas. Rainsford
F. Smith

H. St. John
Pat. Sonyn
William Gordon
Wm. Harcourt
J. Murray
Geo: Ainslie
J. W. Deane
G. Fotham.

War Office 8th March 1791.

Sir,

I have received the King's Commands to desire you will summon the Board of General Officers, and acquaint them with His Majesty's Pleasure, that they do take into consideration, and Report to His Majesty their Opinion, upon the following points:

1. What kind of Hats are most proper for Soldiers serving in warm Climates, both as to Shape and Colour?

2. Whether some Species of Arms of a more convenient and useful Size, and in the form of a Spear, may not be substituted for the Halberts now carried by the Serjeants of Battalion Companies in His Majesty's Regiments of Infantry?

Should any other Alterations in the Clothing or Appointments of the King's Troops occur to the General Officers as expedient to be adopted for the good of the Service, the Board will be pleased to suggest the same for His Majesty's consideration: And,

3. in particular, His Majesty desires that they will direct their attention to the subject of Clothing the Recruits of Regiments abroad, during the time that must elapse before the Men join their Corps. If the full Regimental Clothing be supplied at home, either on enlistment

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or at any period previous to Embarkation, it is usually so much damaged as to require the Recruit to be Clothed a new when he arrives at his Station: On the other hand, from the want of some species of Military Clothing upon the Recruits reaching Chatham Barracks, they cannot well be employed in the duties of that Garrison; while the rogue both of Sickness and Desertion among them is proportionably encreased ——— Possibly, some Plan may be devised by the Board for settling the species of Clothing to be uniformly furnished to Soldiers enlisted into Regiments abroad, for the period between the time of Enlistment or Arrival at Chatham Barracks, and the first general delivery of Clothing after they join their Regiments; with justice to the Men and benefit to the Service; and without enhancing the Charge for Clothing either to the Colonels or to the Public.

I am further Commanded to desire you will acquaint the Board of General Officers, that to obviate all doubts on the following heads, it is His Majesty's intention, that, in the next Regulation which may be issued relative to Clothing, there shall be Clauses directing the Colonels of Regiments to furnish their Men with black Stocks instead of Rollers or Neck Cloths; and to supply Cockades, as being, equally with the Hats, a part of the Soldier's Clothing.

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Judge Advocate General.

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