Henry Dundas

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Whitehall Tuesday 3d April
3 p. M.

Mr Dundas humbly takes
leave to transmit to
His Majesty a letter He
has received from Lord
Chancellor, and he begs
to receive His Majesty's
pleasure upon it. Mr

the meantime Mr Dundas has suggested to the Lord Chancellor the Propriety of not inserting in the Commission for tomorrow the Bill to which He refers; It can either be repeal by another Commission

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on Thursday, or by His
Majesty in Person as
His Majesty shall be
pleased to determine:
The Bill for applying
the 400000 £ to the
Extinction of the National
Debt may receive the
Royal Assent at the

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Whitehall. 3. April

same time. Mr Dundas takes the liberty of suggesting to His Majesty that besides the Recorder's two Reports, which first, it is expedient to have a Council tomorrow to pass some Irish Bills.

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Whitehall April 3. 1793.

In obedience to Your Majesty's commands which Lord Grenville had the honour to receive this Morning, instructions will this night be sent to Lord Auckland, and also a letter to Sir James Murray for the information of His Royal Highness the Duke of York, authorising His Royal Highness and Lord Auckland

Auckland to proceed to Antwerp, and also empowering His Royal Highness to move the British and Hanoverian troops towards the frontier of French Flanders. Lord Grenville is apprehensive that the fair drafts will not be ready to send to Your Majesty tonight, and therefore troubles Your Majesty with this detail.

Lord Grenville has been informed today, that by some neglect the necessity for holding a Council to pass some Irish bills has been overlooked, and that the Parliament of Ireland is to meet

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on the ninth to receive them. He is therefore under the disagreeable necessity, in the absence of Lord Camden and Mr Dundas, of troubling Your Majesty, which he trusts Your Majesty will excuse, to request to know whether Your Majesty would be graciously pleased to hold a Council for this purpose at Windsor either Friday or Saturday. Lord Grenville having finished his business in town proposes returning to Dropmore tomorrow morning, which he takes the liberty of mentioning in order that he may the sooner be honoured with Your Majesty's commands.

Lord Grenville.

Whitehall — 3. April 1793

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D. of York
Bergen op Zoom April 4th 1793.
No.

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Bergen op Zoom April 4 1793

Sir

I can the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Majesty's very gracious Letter of the 29 and to express to You Sir How happy, the approbation which Your Majesty has been pleased to express of my Conduct hitherto makes me.

The very extraordinary and unexpected events of which Captain Crawford has brought me this day the account and of which Sir James Murray has transmitted a Copy, have made such an alteration in affairs, as makes it necessary to alter the orders I had given to the Hanoverian troops, I shall therefore send Lieutenant Colonel Hackemann Morning to Emmerick, and from thence to the Field Marshal, to order the Hanoverians to march the Nearest Way to Osnard.

I shall leave this place on the 7th to go to Antwerp to the Conference which has been proposed by the

Prince of Coburg thought Lord Auckland, and shall take care to transmit to Your Majesty as soon as possible the event.

I need not, I trust assure You, Sir, that I shall take care in the Conference to keep always in view, the instructions Your Majesty has done me the Honor to give concerning the destination of the Troops

I have the Honor to be Sir,

Your Majesty's

Most dutiful Son

and Subject

Frederick

Mr Pitt.
April 8. 1793.

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A Recommendation from Your Majesty being necessary in order to introduce the proposed Vote of Credit of One Million and a half for the Service of the present Year, W. Pitt humbly presumes to submit for Your Majesty's Signature a Message in the usual Form for that

Purpose, which may, if your Majesty is pleased to approve of it be delivered tomorrow, and referred to a Committee the next day

Mr Pitt also takes the Liberty of submitting a Message to the House of Lords, as has been usual on similar occasions.

Downing Street

Monday Night ~~April~~ 8th 1793.

Lord Grenville
11th April 1793

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Whitehall ½ p. 1 P.M. April 11. 1793.

Lord Grenville has the honour to transmit to Your Majesty, the dispatch from Lord Auckland, brought this morning by Sir James Murray, as also a letter from His Royal Highness the Duke of York. — Sir James goes this morning

morning to Battlands, and will have the honour to pay his duty to Your Majesty at the Levee tomorrow, unless Your Majesty should have any earlier commands for him.

For previous letter, c. 9 April 1793, see 7377

D. of York
Beveren April 12th 1793.
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Head Quarters at Beveren April 12. 1793

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Majesty's very gracious Letter of the 5th and to express to You Sir how happy Your Majesty's approbation of the different arrangements I have taken concerning the March of the respective Troops under my command makes me.

I disembarked the two Brigades the day before yesterday and am cantoned with them in three villages about two leagues from Antwerp upon the West side of the Scheldt. which I consider as a very fortunate circumstance, as the French Garrisons of Gertruydenberg and Breda have been passing through Antwerp for these two days, and I am perfectly convinced it would have been very difficult to have hindered something very disagreeable happening between our Men and these infamous Rascals particularly as by their Capitulation they are allowed to be armed I dare to march from hence tomorrow morning, to Lockeren and the next day to Ghent, and shall be on the 17. at Bruges, where I hope Murray will meet me again and bring me Your Majesty's orders

I inspected the 37 and 53 Regiments the day before yesterday

and the 14th yesterday. I found them infinitely better than I expected the Draft they have received from Chatham are really very good, the Independent Company which the 37 received are pretty good, but I can not say so much for the one which the 14th received, indeed I should have thought them perfect paynes if I had not seen afterwards some of the French at Antwerp to whom they were quite giants. Unfortunately the Chatham Draft brought with them a Bad fever by which ten men of the 14th have died. Mes Lancers are going off

Marechal Grouchy returned yesterday morning to Wavre in order to meet the second Division of the Prussians whom he has ordered to pass the Rhine at that place as it is much the shortest road they can take to Antwerp and from thence to Brussels as soon as General Walmoden arrives at Wavre the Field Marechal means to come back and join the first Division

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your Majesty's

Most Dutiful Son

and Subject

Frederick

Wesell den 14ten April 1793.

Allerdurchlauchtigster König und Churfürst
Gnädigster Herr

Ewer Königlichen Majestaet höchst gnädiges Schreiben und Post-Script vom 7ten dieses, so wie von dem Lieutenant de Longueres nachgeschickt worden, habe ich in Antwerpen erhalten.

Mit dem General Commissair Brook Watson habe ich wegen der Rations und Portions welche die Truppen nach einer Verzeichniß, so ich von der Königs Canzelley erhalten, gesprochen; Derselbe ist zwar bereit alles Mögliche zu thun, wünscht aber daß dieses Verzeichniß von Ewer Königlichen Majestaet unterzeichnet werden möge, und alsdann werde ich sehen, ob das Brodt alle Zeit

Freyt.

ganz gelassen werden wird, so wie es noch der Teutschen Feld-Ordonnanz geschieht.

Außer dieses erhalten die Unter Officiers und Gemei-
ne weniger noch verwehrter Ordonnanz und nich-
dem wir verschiedene andere Truppen beorbaum-
men, und werden schwerlich in einem so theuren
Lande wie Brabant subsistiren können.

Dem General Adjudanten von Spörken werde
ich von allen diesen unterrichtet, wird Ihr
Königlichen Majestaet darüber unmittelbar Bericht abstatten,
und habe ich ja geglaubt daß dieses der kürzeste und
geschwindeste Weg seyn wird, um wegen der Be-
zahlung der Truppen nunmehro bald möglichst in
Richtigkeit zu kommen.

Ich hoffe daß Ihro Königlichen Majestaet dieses
allergnädigst genehmigen werden; und verwerte hier-
über durch denselben die Ihnen allerhöchsten
Befehle, und verharre mit allertiefster Ehrfurcht al-
ste

Ew. Königlichen Majestaet

allerunterthänigster, treu
gehorsamster Diener
Wilhelm von Freytag

Die erste Division der Chur Hannöverschen Troeppen bestehend aus den 1ten Grenadier Bataillon den 10ten und 11ten Infanterie, den 9ten und 10ten leichten Dragoner, 1ten und 11ten Cavalerie Regimentern, der 1ten Division schweerer nebst der gr. schweeren Artillerie, marschiren den 6. und 12ten April aus der Grafschaft Bentheim durch die Holländischen Provinzen Over Issel und Geldern über Enschede, Borcheloo und Deutichem ins Clevesche, passiren den 12. April den Rhein bey Spieck über Cleve und Cranenburg nach Graaf, woselbst sie den 15ten über die Maas gehen nach Hertzogenbusch, Osterwick, Hochstraten und den 19ten und 27ten April in und bey Antwerpen ankommt.

Von da den 21ten über die Schelde nach Dendermonde, Gent und Brüggen, woselbst die Avantgarde den 26. April und das letzte 4ten Infanterie Regiment den 2ten May eintreffen wird.

Die 2ten Division bestehend aus den General Haub, der Leib Garde, 2ten 5ten und 7ten Cavalerie Regimentern, den 2ten Grenadier Bataillon der Garde den 5ten. 6ten und 11ten Infanterie Regimentern, der 2ten Division schweeren Artillerie und dem Hospital, trifft den 20ten April und successive bis den 13ten May bey Wesel ein, passirt hier den Rhein und marschirt über Geldern nach Venloo woselbst sie über die Maas geht und den Marsch über Wert und Herentals nach Antwerpen fortsetzt, sie passirt da die Schelde, geht ferner über St. Nicolas nach Gent und so fort auf Brüggen, woselbst das 2. Bataillon Garde den 6ten May und das letzte 11ten Infanterie Regiment etwa den 29ten May eintreffen wird.

A. v. Spörcken
General Adjudt.

Wesel den 14. Apr. 1793.

Duke of York

Bruges April 17. 1793.

Sir

I want words to express to Your Majesty every thing which I felt at the receipt of Your two most gracious Letters of the 8 and 12 both of which reached me yesterday. The very flattering mark of Your Majesty's approbation of my conduct thus far by promoting me to the rank of General and the very kind assurances which You are pleased, Sir, to give me of Your affection and of Your regard upon all occasions to my interest, fill my Heart with a satisfaction which I can not describe, as I know how little Your Majesty is an admirer of high-flown Speeches. I will only beg Your Sir to be assured that it shall ever be my first care to endeavour to conduct myself in such a manner as not to render myself undeserving of that affection of which Your Majesty has ever given me so many

proofs.

I have received two Letters from the Duchess from Windsor in which She says that She can not sufficiently express all the goodness and kindness with which Your Majesties have been graciously pleased to treat Her during the time Her Son had the Honor to pay Her duty to Your.

I moved Lier yesterday with the Troops from Ghent, and am this morning to have a conference with two Austrian Officers concerning the Situation of the different posts, as however, Sir James Murray is not as yet arrived and I am not as yet informed how far it may be Your Majesty's intentions to enter into the Prince of Coburg's plan of operation, I shall give no decisive Answer.

By the Account which I received at my arrival here Dumouriez's Corps of Troops whom He brought over with Him is totally dispersed and He himself and all the Officers who accompanied Him are to set out as to day from Brussels for Switzerland. I understand that He says that if it had not been for

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the Second Proclamation published by the Prince of Coburg
He should have been able to form an Army, I however am perfectly
convinced that this is first of all totally untrue, and Secondly
that Even if it had been so, it would only have been composed of
men attached to the revolution of 1789, and who would have
done the greatest mischief to the Cause We are engaged in
I think it is the greatest piece of good fortune for all the powers
and for the Prince of Coburg himself that Dumouriez fair
promises vanished directly, as after this first Proclamation
had he delivered up any of the Fortified Towns he had offered
for the Emperor
it would have been very disagreeable to have disavowed the
Prince of Coburg,

I have the Honor to be Sir
Your Majesty's
Most dutiful Son
and Subject
Frederick

D. of York
Bruges April 17th 1793.
No.

D. of York
Thielen April 19th 1793.
No.

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Thielen April 19 1793

Sir

I lose no time in returning Your Majesty my most humble thanks for Your very gracious Letter of the 16 which I have this instant received.

I perfectly understand Your Majesty's intention that I may act in Cooperation to the Army of the Prince of Coburg but that I am neither to put myself under his orders or to make any detachment from the Troops under my Command to join him, both of which, unless by Your Majesty's particular order I should exceedingly sorry to do.

It is in conformity with this idea contained in the instructions which I received through his Grace Murray that I marched this morning from Bruges with the Brigade of Footguards, and the Grenadiers and Light Infantry of the Line, and have ordered the 14 Regiment to follow tomorrow, through this place to Courtrai in order to cover the right flank of the Prince of Coburg's Army, I have likewise written this morning to the Movement which

is to take the Number of the Enemy from Dunkirk, Already all assure
Them on act having troops in Garrison there, then on some Cantoned
near it

I am at Sufficiently express Any Thanks to Your for
Your goodness in having already declared that Thank any expedition
to Land into Portugal, that Your Majesty will Extend to me
with the Assured Spirit, I feel this as an additional proof of that
affection and goodness that Your Majesty has ever been
pleased to shew towards me

As it will be absolutely necessary for General
Freytag to leave an English Aide de Camp attached to him I have
taken the liberty to recommend to him Sir James Wemyss Brother
the Wesp page to Your Majesty and is now in the Third Regiment,
he speaks German and French perfectly well this will be
of great use to the Marechal

I have the Honour to be

Your Majesty's

Most dutiful Son
and Subject

Frederick

Mr Dundas.
Whitehall — 20th April 93.

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Whitehall 20th April 1793
½ 5 P. M.

Mr Dundas humbly transmits for your Majestys perusal two Dispatches he has this day received from the Duke of Richmond. It is impossible for Mr Dundas without enquiry or consideration to receive an immediate Answer to these Letters, and the

has wrote so to the Duke
of Richmond, and it oc
:curs to Mr Dundas that
a final answer cannot be
given till Mr Dundas re
:ceives a Report from His
Royal Highness the Duke
of York.

Mr Dundas
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Wimbledon ½ past 11 n.m. Tuesday 23d

Mr Dundas humbly transmits for your Majestys Perusal the accompanying Papers which specify the Particulars of Mr Dundas's Communications with Mr Adam on the Subject of the affairs of His Royal Highness the Duke of York.

Duke of York

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Tournai April 23. 1793

Sir

In the last Letter which I had the honor to send to Your Majesty from Steuton, I acquainted You, Sir, that I had desired Sir James Murray to go himself to the Prince of Coburg and to explain to Him Your Majesty's wishes and intentions, as Sir James will send the full account of every thing which passed between the Prince of Coburg and Him, I will not touch upon those subjects, except to express my hope that Your Majesty will not disapprove of my having marched from Bouchain to this place, and having sent an order to Field Marshal Freytag to direct the march of the second Column of the Hanoverians upon this place likewise, instead of Flesch as was formerly intended. I expect the 10th and 11th Regiments of Light Dragoons, and the 1st Battalion of Grenadiers together with the 10th Regiment of Infantry to arrive here on the 30th. I am exceedingly sorry to acquaint Your Majesty

that the Hanoverians have been under great difficulties on account of the total want of forage. I think it however but justice to Mr. Commissary General Weber, that it has not owing to any neglect or want of care of his or of any of those who are employed under him, but to the abundance of the Dutch Government, who kept as a profound secret their intention of breaking their Troops, and on the contrary at the Conference at Antwerp declared it would be out of their power to move them before the 30 of this month, in consequence of which the Rent of the Hanoverians was fixed and announced to them. They have known when to move forwards on the 18th and have naturally made their own Peasants forward, finally found to their own Troops instead of keeping their agreements with Mr. Weber for the Hanoverians. Every thing however is now settled for them as far as this place, and I trust no such misfortune will happen again.

In Your Majesty's last Letter, You have begged Me to inform You of Augusta and Elizabeth having caught

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the Clarke Bar, I trust by the time that they can properly receive the Order on Shelf is nothing, but it is hardly exceedingly Disagreeable,

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your Majesty's

most dutiful Son

and Subject

Frederick

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Tournai April 23d. 1793
No.

Mr. Pitt
25th April 1793

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Mr. Pitt humbly begs leave to acquaint
Your Majesty that Mr Sheridan this day
made a Motion for an Address to your
Majesty concerning the Memorial delivered
by Lord Auckland, which he introduced
by a Speech which dwelt principally
on the probable Ends of the War, and
on the general State of Continental

Politics. The Motion was opposed by Mr Pitt, and supported in a Speech of no great Effect by Mr Fox, after which the Motion was negatived by by 211 to 36.

Downing Street.
Thursday Night April 25th 1793 ½ pt 9

D. of York
Tournai April 26th 1793

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Tournai April 26 1793

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Majesty's very gracious Letter of the 23 and to express to You, Sir How happy Your Majesty's approbation of my Conduct letter to makes me. I am rejoiced to hear that the two Squadrons of British Dragoons are already Embarked, and shall wait with the greatest impatience for their arrival

I am exceedingly sorry to be obliged to report to Your Majesty a very unpleasant occurrence which has happened in the Battalion of Hannoverian Light Grenadiers, and in the tenth Regiment of Foot, but which however now is totally got under. As I am not informed of the articles of the Treaty I shall only state what has passed, and Your Majesty will be able to judge how far the Soldiers had reason to complain,

I was waked yesterday morning by a Hannoverian Officer who was sent Express by Lieutenant General Burgh to acquaint me that the Grenadiers and tenth Regiment of Foot had mutinied on Wednesday and had refused to march saying that they had been promised English Pay, and that they

would not march a step further till they had received it. Though totally unacquainted with the articles of the Treaty, I thought it my duty to do every thing in my power to stop this spirit, and therefore set off immediately for Vilvorde which was the cantonments of the Grenadiers. Upon my road however I was informed that the Battalion had marched that morning and was quartered about a league and a half on this side of Brussels. I immediately went there and desired the Major to assemble the Battalion directly. Before however the Battalion could assemble I had a good deal of conversation with General Buffet and with the Officers of the Battalion, who seemed more vexed and affected than can be described. They informed me that even before they left Hanover an idea had prevailed among the men that they were to receive English Pay, and that even on the first days march, one of the men had mentioned it and had said some such things, that one of the Officers was obliged to order them to be silent and threatened them with a very severe punishment if they attempted another word upon that subject.

When they arrived at Berthem it was with very great difficulty

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that they were persuaded to take a fresh oath to Your Majesty saying that they had already taken the Oath to You, and that whenever You ordered them to go, they would always obey and that therefore there was no necessity for a fresh Oath, General Buffle however persuaded them by telling them that by that means they entered into English Pay. When the first pay day came there was a good deal of Grumbling at their only receiving the Guarantee Pay but that every thing went on pretty well as long as they had good Quarters, and were fed by their Landlords, but as the last two Cantonments they were only ill treated by their Landlords, who refused to feed them, and from the smallness of their pay it was not in their power to buy victuals. The Mutiny began on the Sunday night in the tenth Regiment, who broke out of the Barracks at Steenkerque where they were placed, and I am afraid committed some Enormities. The next day their Camp Colours were given through the Quarters of the Grenadiers, acquainted them with what had happened at Steenkerque, upon which they mutinied upon the spot, and in spite of every thing their Officers could say to them, they would hear no reason,

As soon as the Rebellion was appeased I went out

to them and desired General de Bussche to acquaint them from me that I understood that they thought themselves engaged to I would give them my word of Honor that though I was at war with the Prussians, I would take care that whatever was their right should be given them, but that I was ashamed of their conduct as Soldiers, and that the first time they ventured after this promise to grumble again should be punished in the severest manner. I then told them myself that it was the first time I had ever seen a Hanoverian Regiment with disgust and that the disgrace they had brought upon themselves and only by their conduct away the first time they met the Enemy, I was not surprised to Your Majesty saw ashamed and dispirited the Men appeared, and I have no doubt from what I saw and have heard that this affair disagreeable commence is totally over. I thought it however right to desire General Bussche to acquaint all the Regiments of his division from me, that I should whatever is their right should certainly be given to them.

I trust Your Majesty will not disapprove of the steps I have taken in this very disagreeable Emergency but the affair was so pressing, and it was so highly necessary to

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quent & directly that I was obliged to take the blame upon myself.

I am very sorry to acquaint Your Majesty that the part of the country is so drained in point of forage that I have been obliged today to write to the Fld Marshal to desire he would halt the fourth Regiment of Infantry and the Artillery at Mechlin for a few days till I can get a supply from Bruges. All this is owing to the Dutch having marched their troops three weeks sooner, than they had said they would, and having bought up all the forage in the market.

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your Majesty's
most dutiful son
and subject
Frederick

Ld. Grenville

Ap. 26 1793

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Whitehall April 26. 1793.
4 PM.

Lord Grenville has the honour to transmit to Your Majesty a letter which has this day been delivered at his Office from M. Le Brun by a Notary public to whom

Monsieur

Monsieur Le Brun has sent it. The other letter referred to in it, is in Lord Grenville's possession but has not yet been opened.

Lord Grenville.
&c.
Whitehall. 26. April 1816

Ld. Grenville

Apr. 30 1793

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Whitehall April 30. 1793 ½ p. 1 PM.

Lord Grenville has the honour to transmit to Your Majesty two Letters which he received yesterday. They were kept last night in order to enable Mr. Hepean to give the proper instructions to a person whom he has sent down

to

Lord Grenville
April 30 1793

to New haven to bring up Dr. Langrimais if any such person is there. Lord Grenville thinks that the letter bears strong marks of forgery, and he is inclined to believe the whole to be a stock jobbing transaction, tho' certainly the state of Paris by the last accounts was such as to render the intelligence of such Massacres there highly probable.

Duke of York
April 30 1793

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Tournai April 30. 1793

Sir

I have the Honor to acquaint Your Majesty that Yesterday morning the four Squadrons of Light Dragoons arrived in their Cantonments near this Place and that today the Battalion of Hanoverian Light Grenadiers and the tenth Regiment of Foot marched into this place, when I chose to keep them for a few days to let them recover a little from the long march which they have had, I am happy to add that the state of that disagreeable Business which I was obliged to report to Your Majesty last post is quite over, the Field Marechal who arrived here last night desired me to let them pay the Cavalry for Twelve days, the Infantry for, till such time as Your Majesty's pleasure is known, As it is a total impossibility for the Soldiers to subsist upon their present pay. I

acquainted the Field Marshal, that I could have no repugnance to agreeing to this proposal, but that I hoped the Duke would take care that to increase their pay higher than English pay.

I have the Honor to be,

Sir

Your Majesty's

Most dutiful son
and subject

Frederick

As Ernest seems to doubt himself to Your Majesty by this post I will not say any thing upon the subject except that I do not feel them in the least alarmed.