

from the Crown to the Earl of

x Both relative to the Changes made
in the Military Establishment of France
since the Peace of 1763. Done 15th Aug
1764

My Lord

According to my promise I have
sent Your Lordship by the Duchess of Northumberland
the Reductions and Incorporations made in the French
Troops from the Peace to the 30th August 1764, I hope
this work will be completed in a few Months, and
that I shall then be able to present Your Lordship
with the List of the French and of their Allies
employed in the Siege of Minorca, in the Empire
&c during the last war, in the meantime I have
the honor to communicate to Your Lordship, &c

The Earl of Bute &c &c &c

actuel des affaires generales concernant les finances
du Royaume de France et le detail general et specie-
ifique sur toutes les parties des finances du Royaume
de France, avec des observations politiques et interes-
santes tant sur la multiplicite onereuse des impots
que de l'administration, et de la regie des dites
finances: by this work it appears France contracted
a debt of 1,106,216,216, Liores from 1755 to the end
of 1762, not including what they owe for the forage
provisions, horses, carts & furnished their Troops
by the several Electors, Princes, and States of the Empire
during all the last War, what was owing to the Kings
House hold, and to the several Contractors, the great
anticipation of the revenue of many Provinces, the
Plate carried into the Mint, and many other things.
I flatter my self this will not be disagreeable to your
Lordship, if you should have already seen it, it will
at least prove my desire of making my Court, and of
proving my gratitude.
I should be altogether unworthy of the Protection you

you honored me with of I omitted profiting of this occasion
 to most humbly represent to Your Lordship how much it's the interest
 of the Maritime Powers and of the Elector of Hanover to gain the
 Friendship of the Elector of Cologne and to unite him more closely
 to them to secure for his Successor such an Archbishop of
 Cologne and Bishop of Munster as may be agreeable to
 those Powers, all that is required from Great Britain for
 this service amounts to no more than £15000. To be
 paid in three years, say £5000 a year, in the first
 18 months the Ministry will be able to judge if this
 money is well employed, and if the Effect answers their
 expectation, for the greatest part is to be distributed
 amongst the Prebends of the two Chapters, sure My
 Lord this is a very trifling if compared with the Advantage
 that will result from it. ~~the Courts of Vienna and Dresden spare nothing to gain~~
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 those Chapters, and to fix them in the Interest of the
 Princes of the House of Savoy who are in the Church
 it's impossible for me and the Dutch Minister to oppose
 with any hopes of success good words against such

Offers as they make the Elector as well as the Canons
of the two Chapters, I presume to mention this
Affair to Your Lordship that I may not reproach
myself hereafter for having neglected any thing
that might tend to frustrate this Enemys Scheme, or
be of use to His Majesty.

I beg the continuance of Your Lordships Pardon
and that you'd be persuaded no one can be with
higher Respect and Truth than.

My Lord.

Your Lordships

Bonn 15 May
1708.

Most Faithfull most Devoted
and most Humble Servant

J. Cressener