

Carl Spencer

2nd August 1794

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Carl Spencer has the Honour of transmitting
for your Majesty's Perusal the Opinion of
the Attorney and Solicitor General on the Case
of a Man who was condemned to Death by
the Sentence of a Court Martial for shooting
at another with Intent to kill him; and
as the Law Officers express a Doubt concerning

The Regularity of the sentence, humbly
propose that he may receive your Majesty's
Pardon without any other Condition annexed to
it than that of serving on board one of your
Majesty's Ships of War, and as he is a
Person known to have been a Highwayman,
it is proposed to put him on board some Ship
destin'd to a distant foreign Station.

Admiralty. 2 Aug: 1796.

Ld. Grenville

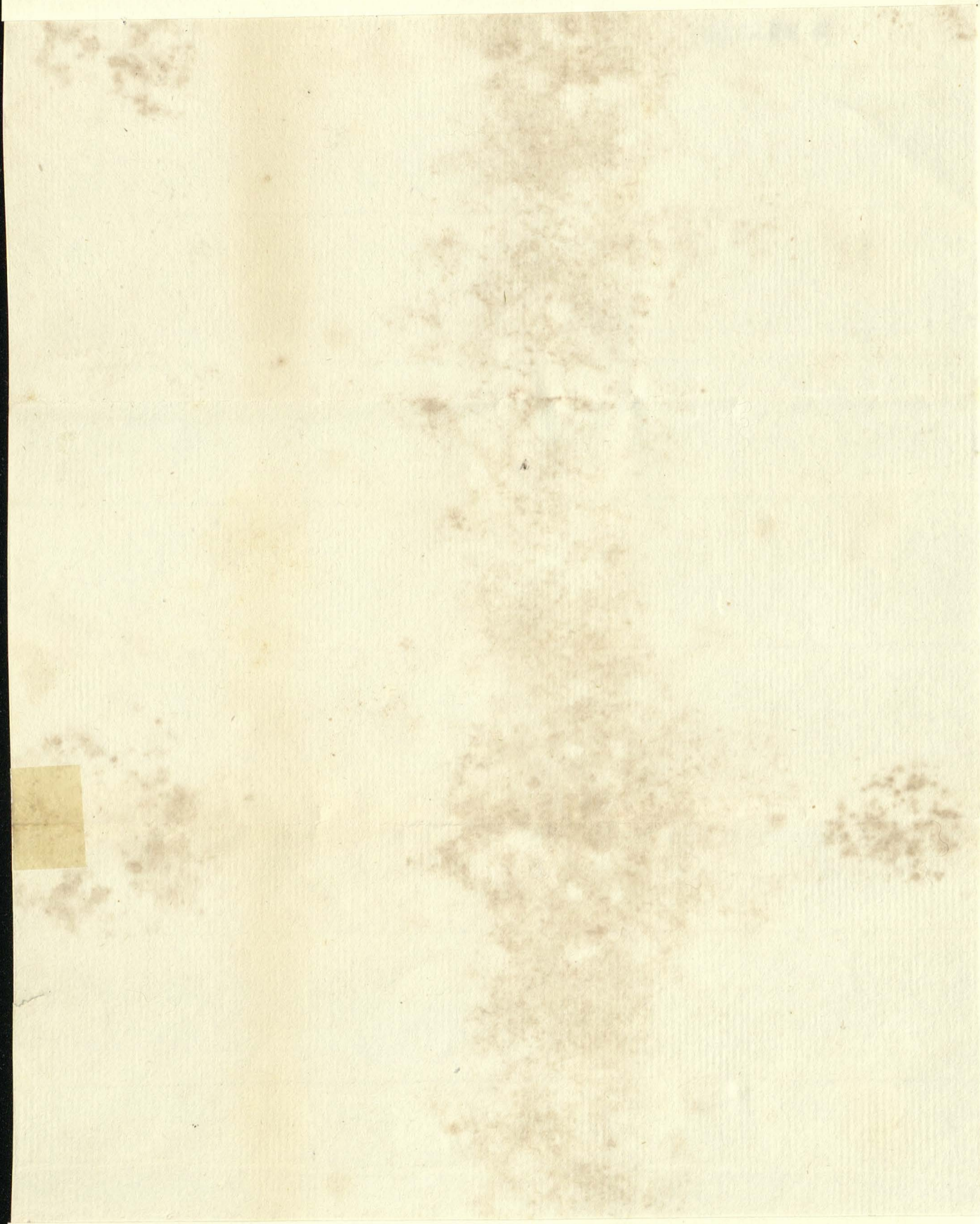
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Downing Street August 10th 1796.
3. PM.

Lord Grenville begs leave humbly to
recommend Mr Paget to Your Majesty as Your Majesty's
secretary of Embassy at Madrid, in the room of Mr Jackson,
and Mr Garlike to succeed him as Your Majesty's Secretary
of Legation at Berlin.



Ld. Grenville

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Lord Grenville has the honour to
transmit to Your Majesty the key of the new
locks of the boxes of the foreign Department
of the State Office.

Lord Grenville.
Downing St. 17. Aug. 1796.

Duke of Portland

Aug 29 1796

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The Duke of Portland humbly begs leave to submit to your Majesty, that as it is understood to be your Majesty's intention that the Parliament should not meet on the day to which it is at present prorogued, it will be necessary that a Proclamation should be issued for that purpose, & to request to have your Majesty's pleasure signified to him respecting the day, on which your Majesty will command your Council to attend you at Weymouth. The Duke of Portland has been desired by the rest of your Majesty's servants to submit with all humility to your Majesty's superior Wisdom, Thursday the 13th of October
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as the most convenient day that occurs to them for the meeting of
the Parliament, & to suggest, in case Your Majesty shall be
pleas'd to approve that proposal, that it may be adviseable that
the Council should attend Your Majesty on Friday or Saturday
next, by which forty days notice will be given; although, it
is the Duke of Norfolks duty to observe to Your Majesty, that
in the present case, as forty days notice ~~of a Meeting~~ for the
despatch of Business has been ^{already} given, it is not indispensably,

Duke of Portland

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of your Majesty's convenience should not prevent your
Council to attend your Majesty on either of the days which
the Duke of Portland has taken the liberty of mentioning,

Buckingham House
Monday 29th August 1796
35 p. 2. p. 9m

Duke of Portland,

Burlington House
29 Aug 1796.

Duke of Portland.

Downing St. 31st Aug 1796.

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The Duke of Portland has received your Majesty's Commands which will be punctually obeyed by the Lord Chancellor & the Duke of Portland, the rest of your Majesty's servants feeling it ever their duty in consequence of your Majesty's gracious invitation to attend to the business of their respective departments - The Earl of Mansfield is too indisposed at Whitehall to attend your Majesty but he will be informed by the Duke of Portland of your Majesty's gracious remembrance of him.

The Duke of Portland most humbly begs your Majesty's pardon

to say as your Majesty feel the humblest offer of his most cordial
gratitude for the sentiments your Majesty has condescended to
express on the birth of Lady Sutherland's son

Downing Street
Wednesday 31st August 1796
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15 p. 3. p. m.

Duke of Portland.
Weymouth. 2. Sept. 1796.

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Sept 2 1796

It having come to the Duke of Portlands knowledge, that your Majesty has been informed of the loss of the Earl of Mansfield the amount of which was received just after your Majesty had refused from walking by the Duke of Portland, he feels it incumbent upon him most humbly to request to be permitted to lay before your Majesty the reason for his having been guilty of an apparent want of respect to your Majesty in suffering the intelligence he received to reach to your Majesty through any hand but his own - the Duke your Majesty had always undertaken to express for Lord Mansfield was

such as to make the Duke of Portland wish that Your Majesty's
rest might not be exposed to the risk of being disturbed by the
concern Your Majesty would feel at this melancholy event &
therefore he was desirous that the communication of it should
be deferred till tomorrow morning. — the means by which it has
transpired the Duke of Portland supposes to be the delivery of
two letters for Lord Cathcart & Colonel Greville which the
Katon had sent enclosed in the packet he sent to the Duke of
Portland & desired might be put immediately into their hands —
Weymouth Friday Sept: 7 1796

Nathaniel Kent to ? Gen. Harcourt

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Craig's Court 5th Sept. 1796.

Sir,

Accompanied with this, You will receive a Packet containing the Monthly Reports, of the Windsor and Richmond Parks which I shall be obliged by your laying before His Majesty.

I returned this Morning from Norfolk by the Mail - and your Letter has followed me back, and come to my hands this Morning. - my grateful thanks are due to His Majesty for his Goodness in apprizing me of the Alteration my intention in coming up, was to attend to the business of both Parks, so as to have gotten every thing into proper order, previous to His Majesty's return and after I had the Honour of attending Him on the 13th - to have requested

Permitted

Permission to have returned to Norfolk again
to have superintended a meeting which has been
twice altered on my account, and which now
stands fixed for the 16th 17th of this Month - and as
I cannot possibly put it off a third time - I must
request the favour of you to take the Liberty to
ask His Majesty whether I may presume so
far as to request leave to postpone my attendance
at Windsor to the 26th Instant or to allow Mr
Clavidge or Mr Pearce to attend for me on the
19th if they are back from Yorkshire by that
time -

I am going to Windsor on Wednesday for three
or four days before I return to Norfolk, from
whence I will send His Majesty a State of his
Book of Farms, and where I shall be glad to
hear from you about Friday next - In the
mean while I am

Yours obliged humblest
Nathl Kent

Duke of Portland

Sep. 7 1796

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The Duke of Portland most humbly submits to your
Majesty's superior judgement the draft of the Letters
under to the Lord Archbishop in obedience to your
Majesty's Commands respecting the sentence of the
Court Marshal on Major Maxwell of the Northampton
Regiment

Whitehall House
Wednesday 7th Sept. 1796
45 p. 2 p. m

Duke of Portland,
Burlington House, 1744. 1746.

Duke of York

8205

London September^d 1796

Sir

I have the Honor to transmit to Your Majesty the Monthly Returns, and Weekly States, and to lay before You, Sir, for Your approbation the Recommendations for the Vacant Commissions, I must at the same time humbly beg Your Majesty's pardon for not having sent these papers yesterday, but having had a very long Conference with Mr. Pitt and Mr. Dundas and afterwards with the Duke of Portland upon several points, I was too late for the Mail.

In the Conference I had with Your Majesty's Ministers, after due consideration it was determined to offer the Command of the Army in Ireland to Sir Charles Gray, but to my great surprize when I mentioned it to him this morning, he absolutely refused it, and is a measure which convinces me

that he has compleatly made up his mind, He excuses
himself upon the precarious state of his health, but
thinks himself fully adequate to continue in the
command of the Southern Districts. Under these
circumstances it is very difficult to know who to
recommend to Your Majesty for the very important
situation of Commander in Chief in Ireland, and the
least objectionable arrangement in my opinion would
be, to endeavour to persuade Lord Lashington to accept
of it

I am at present employed in making out
the general disposition of the Troops upon the
breaking up of the Camps, which I must humbly
propose to Your Majesty may take place at
the latter end of this month, as not only it will
prevent the increase of Disease, which generally
takes place in all Camps during the Autumn, but

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will likewise have a very considerable saving in the expense
as the Bargains with the Contractors for the Piece, Hay, Straw
etc were made at the time when their articles were at
a most extraordinary price, Government now loses near
four and twenty per cent upon them.

As soon as the despatch is made out I shall
have the honor to lay it before Your Majesty

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Majesty's

Most Obedient Son
and Subject

Frederick

[Faint, illegible cursive handwriting on lined paper]

Duke of York
September 21. 1796



H. K. to Duke of York -

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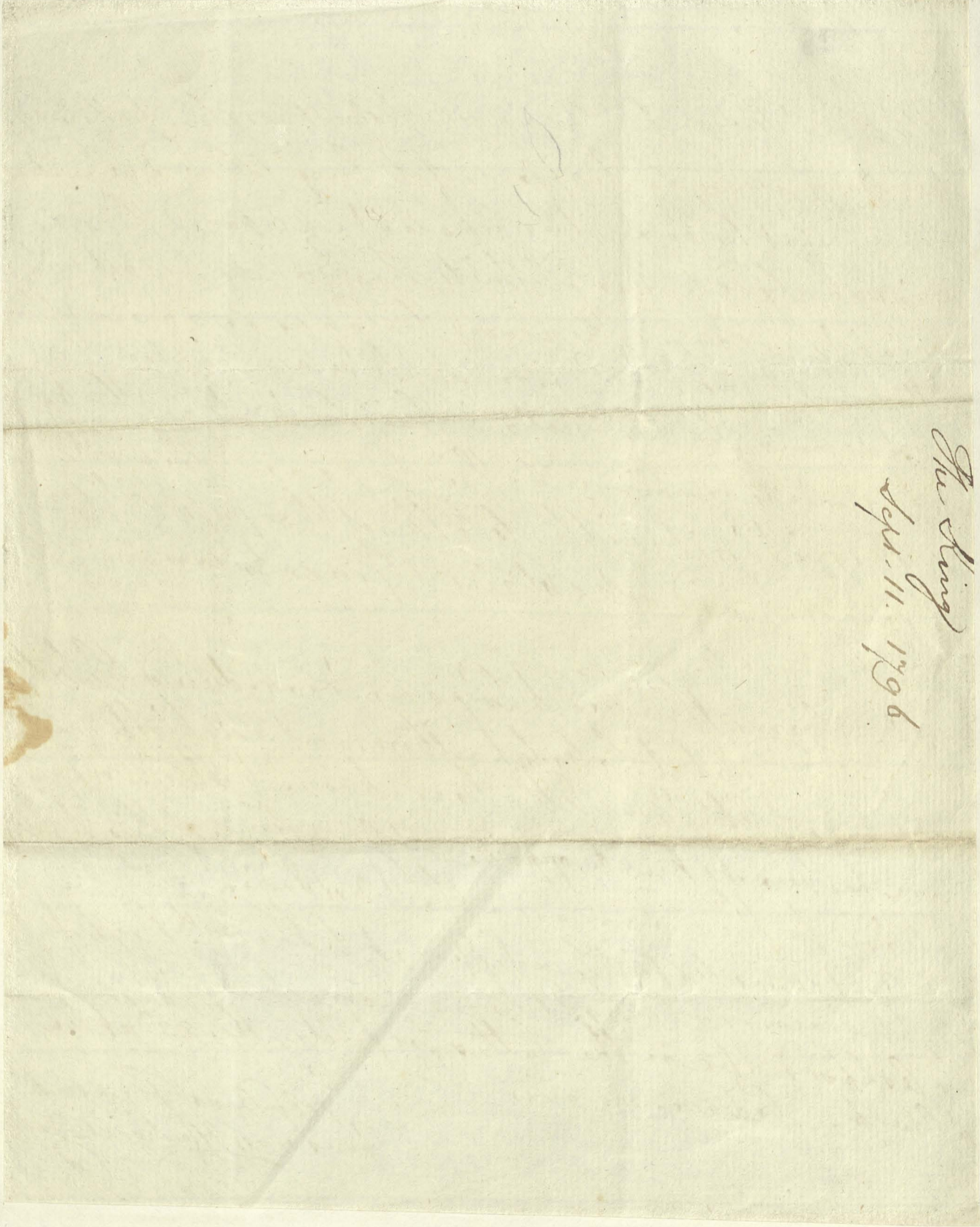
Weymouth Sept. 11. 1796.

My Dear Frederick, The general dislocation plan for the Troops seems very proper, and I approve of its being followed; when it is known what temporary Barracks can be prepared the Corps being now fixed to their Districts the Quarters for each will be easily arranged, the sooner the Camps can be moved the better; but I trust the Generals will be acquainted they must remain for the Winter in their Districts and the Officers of Regiments remain with their Corps unless employed in Recruiting; it is idle to talk of the possibility of an Invasion and not obliging Officers to remain with their Regiments.

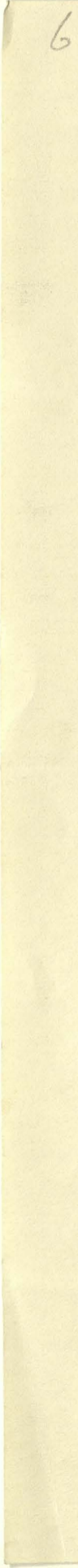
The sooner the French Corps can be reduced the better. The conduct of Sir Ralph Abercrombie is highly commended but had not till your letter been known by me. I suppose care has been taken to appoint a Lt Gen. instead of this being intended for the Command in the West Indies.

As it seems perfectly indifferent to the 12th Regt. of Light Dragoons whether I review them at Wimbledon or Ashford, I fix on the latter for Friday the 23^d at ten a'Clock. believe me ever

My Dear Frederick
Your most affectionate Father
George G.



The Stamp
Apr. 11. 1906



This (original) letter was found
in an envelope on the table in
the Archives, May 1939. The
copy was already in the box
of George III Calendar.

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Weymouth Sept. 11th 1796.

My Dear Frederick, The General Dislocation plan for the Troops seems very proper, and I approve of its being followed; when it is known what temporary Barracks can be prepared the Corps being now fixed to their districts the Quarters for each will be easily arranged; the sooner the camps can now end the better; but I trust the Generals will be acquainted they must remain for the Winter in their Districts and the Officers of Regiments remain with their Corps as best employed in Recruiting; it is idle to talk of the possibility of an Invasion and not obliging Officers to remain with their Regiments.

The sooner the French Corps can be reduced the better.

The Conduct of Sir Ralph Abercrombie is highly commendable but had not till your letter been known by me. I suppose care has been taken to apprise ² Lt. Gen. Stuart of this, he being intended for the Command in the West Indies.

As it seems perfectly indifferent to the 12th. Regiment of Light Dragoons whether I Review them at Wimbledon or Ashford, I fix on the latter for Friday the 23rd at ten o'clock. ⁽⁸²⁰⁶⁾ believe me ever

My Dear Frederick

Yours most affectionate Father

GEORGE R.

hd. Spencer

Sep. 11 1796

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Earl Spencer has the Honour of laying
before your Majesty the Proceedings of
a Court Martial held upon a Midshipman
of the Sandwich for an attempt to stab the
first Lieutenant of that Ship, together with
a Letter from the Members of the Court to
the Board of Admiralty requesting that he

may in consideration of the (circumstances
therein mentioned) be recommended to your
Majesty's Mercy; and also several Papers
transmitted to Mr Nepean by a friend of the
Midshipman in Question, including several
Statements which seem to prove that this
unfortunate young Man is at times afflicted
with fits of Insanity; Earl Spencer therefore
humbly submits to your Majesty whether
it might not be proper that your Majesty's
Royal Mercy should be extended to him, and

hd. Shearer

Sep. 11 1796

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He is informed, that should this be the Event
his friends will immediately take proper
Measures for securing him.

London 11 Sept 1796.

Earl Spencer
11th Sept. 1796

Ld. Spencer

Sep. 13 1796

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Lord Spencer has had the Honour of receiving
your Majesty's Note in which your Majesty
has been pleased to honour Captain Lane
with a recommendation to be appointed to a larger
Frigate, and is extremely happy to find that
Captain Lane has so conducted himself as to

desire your Majesty's approbation; it shall be
one of the first objects of Earl Spencer's Attention
to place that Officer in as good a Ship as
he can with propriety command in respect of his
standing in the Service, but there are not at this
moment any new Frigates indisposed of to which
he could immediately be appointed.

Earl Spencer has at the same time Mr. Hume

Ld. Sheares

Sep. 13 1796

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of laying before your Majesty a Letter received
this Day from Sir John Warren containing an
Account of the Proceedings of the Squadron under
his Command during their last Cruise.

Done: 13 Sep: 1796.

The Honour

Carl Spencer

Johnnaby. 13. Sept. 1799.

Duke of York

September 14 1796

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London September 14th 1796

Sir

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of
Your Majesty's two most gracious letters of the 10th and
11th Instants.

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Your Majesty's Commands for the review of
the 12th Regiment of Light Dragoons at Ashford Commenc'd
at 10 o'clock on the 23rd Instant have been already transmitted
to the Regiment.

I have in obedience to Your Majesty's orders examined
into Major Cornes's Memorial, it is not the first time
that the Major has applied to be reinstated in Your
Majesty's Service, but according to Your Majesty's
Regulations his having sold out is an insurmountable
Bar, (The only manner, if Your Majesty please in
which he may be employed without breaking through

the regulations which have been approved by Your Majesty
would be to appoint him to the first vacant Regency
in a Grenville Regiment,

I have the Honor to transmit the Memoranda
for Your Majesty's approbation as likewise the Weekly
Notes and the Report of the York Hospital

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your Majesty's

Most dutiful Son
and Subject

Frederick

Ld. Spencer

Sep. 18 1796

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Earl Spencer is extremely sorry to be under
the Necessity of requesting your Majesty to
pardon his not paying his Duty to your Majesty
on Wednesday next at St James's, that Day
being the annual Election of a Mayor of
the Corporation of St Albans, at which his

presence will at this time be very particularly expected.

Earl Spencer feels it to be more especially his duty to intert your Majesty's gracious indulgence on this occasion, as a Memorial will be presented to your Majesty in Council from the Board of Admiralty for an augmentation to the Emoluments of the Lieutenants in your Majesty's Navy, respecting which he should have felt it his duty to have offered some

Ld. Spencer

Sep. 18 1796

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precious Explanation to your Majesty, if it
were not essential to your Majesty's service
that it should be carried into effect with as
little delay as possible.

Admiralty. 18 Sep: 1796.

Lord Spencer

at
St. James's Palace
10. Sept. 1796.

Lord Grenville,
Drogheda 19th Sept. 1796.

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Drogheda Sept. 19. 1796.

Lord Grenville humbly begs leave to mention to Your Majesty that Mr. Asp the new Swedish Minister arrived during Your Majesty's residence at Weymouth, and wishes to have the honour of an Audience of Your Majesty to deliver his Credentials.

By a private letter from Col. Craufurd's Brother Lord Grenville has the satisfaction to learn that there

there are strong hopes of his recovery.

Wm. Pitt

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Towning Street

Tuesday Sept 20th 1796

J. M.

Mr Pitt humbly begs leave to request
Your Majesty's Commands whether a
Council should be summoned after the
Love tomorrow. - There are some Orders
to be submitted to Your Majesty which
are rather urgent particularly for an
Embargo on Spanish Vessels, which
after the Ships taken by Spain seems

unavoidable. If a Council is held, Perhaps
Your Majesty may think it right not
to defer the Execution of Your Gracious
Intentions in filling up the Vacancy
of the President of the Council. — On
the Subject of the Succession to the
Privy Seal, Mr Pitt will take the

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liberty of submitting tomorrow all
that has occurred since he had the
honor of attending your Majesty. —

It is with great satisfaction which
adds to this Note, that Accounts are
received to day thro Holland which
appear authentic, and which state

that the Archduke had gained on
the 8th Inst another Victory over the
Remains of Jourdan's Army near
Eckebreisheim. . . If this should be
confirmed that Army may be
considered as nearly annihilated.

W. Pitt,
Downing St. 20. Sept. 1794

Duke of Portland

Sep. 21 1796

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As it is not in the Duke of Portland's power to pay
his duty to your Majesty, he most humbly hopes your
Majesty will give him leave to use this method of requesting
to know your Majesty's pleasure respecting the time at
which the Tunisian Embassador may be permitted to
be introduced to your Majesty - The Duke of Portland was
in hopes that your Majesty would not have had the trouble
of this audience, but as there has not been any Frigate
sufficiently

Recd from Mr
21 September 1796

supremely at liberty. to reconvey the Sumner Minister Home, he
has applied since your Majesty's return from Weymouth to
have the honor of presenting his Credentials in person to
your Majesty

Buckingham House
Wednesday 21 Sept. 1796
35 p. 4. p. m.

Lord Grenville.
Cleveland Row. ⁴21st Sept. 96.

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Cleveland Row Sept. 21. 1796.
11. P.M.

Although the letters from Captain Anstruther contain only the confirmation of the Austrian success on the 3^d of September, Lord Grenville has thought it his duty to send them to be delivered to Your Majesty, on Your Majesty's arrival in town, well knowing the satisfaction which Your Majesty will derive from the particulars there stated, of events which cannot but be of the utmost importance at this crisis.

Ed. Spencer

Sep. 22 1796

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Ed. Spencer being uncertain how far it
may be convenient to your Majesty to honour
him with an audience in the Closet this
day, has the Honour of laying before your
Majesty the Sentences & Minutes of the Courts
Martial; the one on a Master's Mate of
the Amphitrite for stabbing a Midshipman of
that Ship in an Affray on board of her at Sea,

in consequence of which the Midshipman died,
& the Court had passed sentence of Death
on the Master's Mate, but it appearing by
the Proceedings that great Provocation was used
by the Deceased, & many other favourable circumstances
having come out in the Trial, the Court have
been induced to recommend the Prisoner to your
Majesty's Mercy, & Earl Macclesfield humbly recommends
it to your Majesty to extend your Royal Mercy

Ld. Spencer

Sep. 22 1796

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to him accordingly.

The other Court Martial has passed sentence of Death on a Seaman for Desertion, and considering that the Prisoner is one of those Mutineers of the *Defiance* who having been sentenced to Death for Mutiny experienced your Majesty's most gracious Pardon, he appears from this additional Nature of hardened Guilt, having Deserted from our Ship in order to receive a high Bounty for another to be a very fit person to make an

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Lord Spencer

22^d September 1796

example of, at a time when Desertion from the
Navy is unhappily so very prevalent, I feel
I have therefore humbly submit to your Majesty
the Promises of the said Sentence being carried
into Execution.

Admiralty. 22 Sep: 1796.

Ld. Grenville

Sep. 22 1796

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Cleveland Row Sept. 22. 1796.
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Lord Grenville does me the honour to transmit to your Majesty the further accounts just received from Captain Anstruther, which although they do not confirm the report of an action on the 8th seem in all other respects as satisfactory as could be hoped.

Lord Grenville
September 22. 1796

hd. Grenville

Sep. 23 1796

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Downing Street Sept. 23. 1796.

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Lord Grenville has the honour to transmit to
Your Majesty a letter which Count Wedel has this mor-
-ning delivered to him, and also the copy of the dispatch
from the Danish Charge des Affaires at Paris, which Count
Wedel left with him. Notwithstanding the insolent
tone of the answer received there is an ambiguity in the
purport of that answer which seems to create some
difficulty as to the manner in which it ought to be
considered

considered so as to leave no pretext or subterfuge to
those who may wish to misrepresent the subject here.

Your Majesty's Servants are to meet this morning, and
Lord Grenville will have the honour to submit to Your
Majesty such ideas as may in discussion occur to them.

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fresh news. There is a letter from Lord Vliz not decyphered.

hd. Aramisville

Sep. 23 1796

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Wm. Pitt

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Downing Street
Friday, Sept 23^d. 1796

Your Majesty will receive from Lord
Grenville the draft of a Note which
contains the substance of what has
appeared to your Majesty's servants
necessary to be stated in consequence
of the insolent and evasive answer
transmitted from France. Little hope
can certainly be entertained of the Effect

of any farther Step, except for the purpose
of uniting this Country in future Efforts,
but with that View it seems expedient
to defeat the Cavils which would certainly
be raised here if the Business were
suffered to rest at the Point to which
it is now brought. — The Note proposed
seems calculated to force those who

Wm. Pitt

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govern in France to adopt more moderate
Sentiments, or to abandon the only
pretence under which they now in any
degree can shelter their obstinacy,
or by which they can retain any
Chance of obtaining a hearing for
their Advocates in this Country.
On these Grounds Mr Pitt trusts

L. M. Pitt,

Downing St. 23. Sept. 1791

Your Majesty will forgive his expressions
his anxious hope that this measure
may receive Your Majesty's approbation
persuaded as he is that the French
answer alone, (if no step is taken of
the sort now proposed) will not produce
the exertions by which alone the
Country can now be saved; but which
if made will provide not only for its safety

Lord Grenville

Sept. 23 1796

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Cleveland Row Sept. 23. 1796
11. P.M.

Lord Grenville has the honor to acquaint
Your Majesty, that Your Majesty's servants in consid-
-ring the answer received from France, thought that
it would be of the utmost importance to bring to a
distinct issue the ambiguous and evasive manner in
which the Directory has couched its insolent refusal of
a Passport: in order to leave no room for those
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misinterpretations by which attempts will certainly
be made to deceive the People of this Country with opinions
inconsistent with the safety of any independent State.
Every step that can conduce to this object is of such
infinite importance in the present situation of affairs
that no considerations but those of great & material
interests ought to be opposed to it. Under this impression
the note has been prepared which Lord Grenville has
now the honour to submit to Your Majesty, and which
it is proposed to send by a flag of truce directly to
France. There can be little expectation that a measure
of this nature can now conduce to the reestablishment
of Peace, which the present dispositions of the Directory
appear

Ld. Grenville

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appear to sit at a great distance. But it will clearly
prove the existence of those dispositions, and will in
that respect be highly advantageous to the interests of
Your Majesty's Dominions. Such at least is the best
opinion which Lord Grenville has been able to form
and which he now ventures most respectfully to
submit to Your Majesty's consideration.

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Lord Grenville,
Chancery House, 23. Oct. 1796

hd. Grenville

Sept 29 1796

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Dorning Street Sept. 29. 1796.
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Lord Grenville loses no time in having
the honour of humbly transmitting to Your Majesty
the agreeable news of the defeat of Moreau on the
21th which is confirmed by other accounts. There
are no letters from the Archduke's Army by this
mail.

Lord Grenville,
Downing St. 29. Sept. 1791