

Windsor July 25. 1743.

Major General de Bude, The propriety of your conduct during the time you have been with my Sons made me as soon as I proposed on the Peace to send my Dearest Beloved Son Prince William to Germany determine that he should have the advantage of your Advice and Experience in a Scene quite new to him; but at the same time that he should be acquiring that Politeness and Decorum which is but little to be met with on Service in the Navy, and in Head Quarters on Shore, though Essential in a Prince, a Gentleman, and an Officer, yet that he should not omit pursuing the Theory of his Profession, I have through the recommendation of Lord Hood, for that purpose nominated Captain Mervick also to accompany him, and have placed Captain de Linsingen of my Electoral Troops to attend him whose knowledge of English as well as German and French will render him very useful.

My Great Object is that my Dearest Beloved Son may learn the German Language, the Law of Nations, the grounds of Civil Law, Engineering, Artillery, and Military Practices which three last branches will open his ideas and enable him to pursue his Profession as an Officer, not a mere Sailor.

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As to the Rules of conduct to be observed and the Etiquettes which the usage of Germany requires, they have been laid down and pursued with so much Approbation in the case of my Dearly Beloved second Son Prince Frederick Bishop of Osnabruck, that I referre You to the Instructions I gave to Major General Grenville, and to the information he will readily give You. I also referre You to my Oberhoff Marschal de Lichtenstein, who can give You every sort of information concerning the usages of German Courts.

You will have no opportunity of keeping me apprized of every Occurrence that may deserve my Notice; and I cannot conclude without expressing my hopes that with the Blessing of God my unwearied Attention to place my third Son in a way to become a respectable Character and an useful Officer may in the end be crowned with success.

George II.