Private

Bexley 31st July
1820

Dear Sir

I was favoured with your communication and have issued my orders accordingly —

Permit me to state for your information and consideration — There is a troop of Yeomanry at Sturminster commanded by Major Bowdon and another whose headquarters is at Bridport commanded by Captain Bragge

I thought it right to put you in possession of these circumstances that the Person generally may not give offence to any Person I have said nothing concerning it to any other but yourself —

Dear Sir
Your
humble Servant
General Wetherall

Rolle

Brighton 31st. March
1820

My dear Sir

I have this morning received the two enclosed Notes which I have thought proper to send forward for Information — I have promised as soon as you communicate to me the Prince Regent's Commands to give him the earliest Intelligence

My dear Sir
Very sincerely
Your & Servant

General Wetherall

Rolle

I have strong Reasons to fear another Death has taken Place in the R. F.

Exeter 31st January 1820
9. A. M.

Sir,

I have the Honor to report for your Information that I have this moment received a Letter from the Dr. Genl. General directing me to hold in readiness a Guard of Honor of 1 Capt. 2 Subalterns & 50 men as an escort to the Body of His late Royal Highness the Duke of Kent to march to Ldmouth, upon a Communication being received from Lt. General Wetherall: which escort is to proceed with the Body as far as Dorchester, there to be relieved by

Lt. General Wetherall
&c &c &c
Ldmouth.

The 16th Lancers.

When I have the Honor to receive your Commands, I shall be extremely obliged by your stating where it is intended that the Body of the late Royal Highness shall rest on the first night from Sidmouth – as the nature of the Route does not admit of any Relay for the escort – consequently the Escort that will proceed from hence to Sidmouth will accompany the Body the whole way to Dorchester.

I have the Honor to be, Sir
Your most obed. Humble Serv.
J. Ch. Dalbiac Colonel
Lt. Col.
Ld. Lt. Drags.

Colonel Dalbiac begs Lt. Genl. Wetherall
will acquaint him if he should wish
that the present Detachment or any part
thereof should remain ~~after~~ for a time at
Sidmouth to assist in any of the arrange-
ments that may be necessary after the
removal of the Body of His late Royal
Highness the Duke of Kent.

Sir
Lieut.
Colonel
Dalbiac
Lieut.
Genl.
Wetherall
Sidmouth

Col Dalbiac
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Col Reynett to Letter on the Death of Kent Death by Command of the D. of Cambridge

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Col. James H. Reynett (Lt. Gen.)

Hanover
31st January
1820

My Dear Sir

I am sure I need no excuse for the liberty I now take with you, which I do, penetrated with the deepest personal grief for the occasion, in soliciting You do me the favor to acquaint Me, with the State of the Duchess of Kent — how she supports a loss, so afflicting to her — and alas! to so many others — I have in addition, the Commands of the Duke of Cambridge to the same effect, who is extremely anxious to hear, from an individual of the lamented Dukes family, a detail of the cause of an event, so disastrous, so unlooked for — His Royal Highness has written to Prince Leopold (& I believe the Duchess, to the Duchess of Kent, but my own feelings, joined to his wishes induce

Lieut.t General Wetherall

induce me to venture, to bring myself again to your Recollection, at a Moment, upon an occurrence of a nature the most painful to us both — I can well appreciate what you must have suffered, upon the melancholy expected termination of the life of the most Estimable Man, & altho' from the little comparative knowledge I had of Her Royal Highness, I may not perhaps be expected to feel his loss to the same extent, I can nevertheless assure You, I lament Him with a sorrow little short of that which I should feel for a Brother — in fact I feel myself inadequate to express & ~~to feel~~ indeed a want of words commensurate to the sentiments that oppress me in the contemplation of this lamentable close of the existence of one, who from earliest Youth I had been taught to look up to with the most affectionate Respect & Attachment — & which it is now alone left ~~to~~ me, alas? to hanger to the sacredness of His Memory.

I beg to subscribe myself, My Dear Sir,

Your most faithful & devoted Servant

J H Reynolds

Private

Bitton
1st Feby 1820

Dear Sir /

I am fearful from your Noble Lord's having not sufficiently explicit in my Communication respecting Major Bowden and Captain Boggs Troops – They have no connection with either of my Regiments and with any other and are independent of each other The foraging Head Quarters is at Stamerton The letter at Bridport – I merely mentioned it for your information lest you should not have heard of it

I am dear Sir
Your obedient
and faithful Servant Rolle

General Wetherall

Cmbe 1st Feby 1820

My dear Sir,

I have been in daily expectation of hearing from my friend Capt. Conroy of the State of the amiable Duchess, & I lament extremely that he has not afforded me, & my Family that gratification which under existing circumstances, might have tended to have diminished the sincere concern we have experienced.

Mr Lucombe has handed to me the two Bills which have been sent to you as the Representative of our ever to be regretted late Royal friend on the part of Mr Cator and Mr Rafael for their respective houses; upon which I have to remark that neither of the houses was engaged by me for any certain time, & I expressly told Rafael that I had not engaged Mr Cator for any certain period. The tenancy therefore is a weekly

Mr. Turner

tenancy commencing from the 13th of
Decr last Mr Cabon house at 7 Guas
a week & Mr Rafarel at 5 Guas
a week, and I consider that you are
at liberty to give up both the Houses
at a week's Notice commencing with
the Week; and that I certainly gave
Rafarel to understand that his House
would be continued as long as Mr
Cabon was —
If you, & Capt Parker could spare
a day from your melancholy duties I
should be most happy to see you.
I still retain my intention, accompanied
by my friend Dr Fisher, of paying
my last tribute of Duty and respect
to the Remains of our Gracious & lamented
Royal Friend. I have the honor to
be, Dear Sir, Your very faithful Servant
Thos Turner

Lt Genl McMahon.

Sir John Kennaway

Escot Lodge
near Exeter
2 Oct. 1820

Sir,

In reply to your Letter of Yesterday's date I have the honor to inform you that I have directed the Party therein mentioned to hold itself in readiness at the shortest notice – & I have to request you will do me the favor to cause the time of the departure when fixed on, of his R. H.'s remains from Sidmouth, to be signified by a Line directed to Capt. Barleigh A. adjutant to the East Devon L. Regt Y. C. at Honiton.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
J. Kennaway
Coll. E.D.L.Y.C.

Lt. Gen. Whitwell
&c &c &c

Exeter 2d Feb.y 1820.

Sir,

I have the Honor to acquaint you that I this Day received a Letter from the Master General ~~that~~ directing that the Guard of Honor from the 4th Light Dragoons intended to escort the Body of His late Royal Highness the Duke of Kent from Sidmouth to Dorchester, shall consist of only one Subaltern & 20 men, notwithstanding the former order that was issued on that Subject.

I have the Honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient
Humble Servt.
J. Ch. Dalbiac Col.
Lt. Col.
4th Lt. Drag.

Lt. Genl. Wetherall
&c &c &c
Sidmouth.

Dr John Fisher

Palace Salisbury
Feb: 2
1820

Dear Sr

I was sitting down to address a Letter of Condolence to you upon the sad event of the premature death of our not to be lamented Duke — when the melancholy News of the death of our much beloved good old Sovereign was brought to me.

The two mournful Events coming so rapidly, & so suddenly have shaken me so much that till now I have not been able to take up my Pen.

I now write to mention to you what probably you have been

already informed me of — the offer of the Yeomanry Corps of this place to escort the remains of our late much loved Duke thro' this County: I have requested the commanding Officer to correspond with you on the subject & to consult with Lord Rolle.

All I shall trouble you with therefore is to beg you will have the goodness to inform me — when you think the Funeral Procession will set out from Plymouth — what number of days it will be on the Road — or on what day it is likely to be at Windsor.

Dr John Fisher

I am Dear Sir
with much regard
your faithful Servant
J. Sawyer

Lett Lordon
with Copy of
Route

H. Qrs
Feb. 2. 1820.

Dear Witherall,

I have just received from the Lord Lieutenant's Office a paper of which the enclosed is a Copy, and I have accordingly placed it in safe keeping, the Officer of 20 now as a Guard —

Have the goodness to communicate with the Officer Commanding at Exeter, the time for his detachment to arrive with you.

Yours faithfully &c

HHB

Thomas B. Mash.

Endorse

1st Day. Monday 7th Feby, from Seaminsh to Bridport.
25 Miles. Stop at the Bull Inn.

2nd Day. Tuesday, from Bridport to Blandford 31½ Miles
Stop at the Grey Hound Inn.

3rd Day, Wednesday, from Blandford to Salisbury 22½ Miles,
Stop at the Antelope Inn.

4th Day. Thursday, from Salisbury to Basingstoke
35 3/4 Miles Stop at the Crown Inn.

5th Day. Friday, from Basingstoke to Bagshot 19½ Miles
Stop at the Kings Arms

6th Day, Saturday, from Bagshot to Cumberland
Lodge, or Windsor, 12 Miles by
12 o'Clock and Bury the Body at
Night.

Signed/ T B Mash.

Sir

Mr Maguire feeling himself uneasy that I did not ask him to sign both reports of the transaction & embalming, favored me with a visit on Tuesday last to state that he considered himself equally responsible in the operations, & that unless he was allowed to sign the latter report, he would decline each, & send in his own separately; I must beg of you to say, if I have presumptuously considered myself, as the only Surgeon to whom it was entrusted, if not, I conceive it is not necessary to have his signatures, but from courtesy, & friendly attention that I have, & do wish to pay him, & as I expressed myself to you.

For your letter, & from your verbal instructions which you gave me, when I attended you late on Tuesday night, bringing to your recollection, that two medical gentlemen of Stamford held appointments & whether I had to refer to them, I think, you answer to me, was, that I might, or

not, as I thought proper, for that the operation depending on me, I might get what assistance I deemed necessary, & that I applied, as he responsibility was entirely on me, I wished to be allowed to see the Body of H R Highness without delay; to which, on referring to the confidence given me, you immediately assented to. I certainly have considered the chaperie's attendance, arising solely from my wish to make every thing pleasant to his feelings, & therefore I cannot consent to say that I at all consulted wit him on the subject, but that I gave all necessary directions, & provided all that appeared to be useful. He ashford will be able to give you any other information, & of ~~what~~ share Mr. Maguire took in the operations will be. ~~I am~~ very sorry to give you so much trouble, but if your leisure will admit

you to say, whether Lucas, or was not,
the sole surgeon & alone responsible
on the late melancholy & confidential
occasion, it will prevent further doubts
in Mr. Paquier's mind, as in that
of

Sir

Your obed Servt

J. Conroy

Berlin 3 Feb
1826

The Lieut Genl Wemyss
&c &c

Sidmouth

Offa Sidmouth

Carlton Palace
3rd Feb: 1820

Sir

I lost no time in communicating to the Lord Chamberlain's Department the substance of your Letter, and received assurance that every necessary direction was given on the lamentable Subject, and in progress of execution: I trust that

you have found every thing
done conformably to the
operation of those feelings
with which you must
be so deeply impressed
upon so deplorable an
occasion -

I beg leave to forward
to you a Copy of this day's
Bulletin of the King's
Health, and to acquaint
you that subsequently
to the opening of it Her
Majesty's health has been
progressively improving

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your very faithful
obedient Servant
Fred: A: Watson

Mrs Watson

3rd Feb.y 1820

Enclosure

Copy

Carlton Palace
3d Feb. 1820
½ past 11 a:m.

The King has not passed a good night, but all His Majesty's Symptoms are still favorable

Henry Halford
Wm Knighton
M. J. Tierney

Blandford Febr. 3. 1820

Sir,

Having received an intimation officially, that the Remains of His late Royal Highness the Duke of Kent will be deposited in Blandford Church on the night of Tuesday the 8th Instant - I take the liberty of troubling you on the subject, as Vicar of Blandford, to express my readiness to comply with any orders you may be pleased to transmit for the regulation of ceremonies

to be observed, in order to testify in the fullest manner the respectful interest felt by the inhabitants of Blandford on the mournful occasion –

Should no orders be transmitted by yourself; may I express a hope that an officer may be sent forward to make the proper dispositions ~~arrangements~~ that due respect may be paid to the Remains of His late Royal Highness –

I have the honor to be

Sir

Yr. most obedient

humble Servant

C. I. Hoare

Vicar of Blandford

To General Wetherall

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The Viscountess
Blandford
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H. Qrs Feb. 3. 1828

Dear Wetherall,

I enclose to you copy of an Order which I have this day sent to the Officer Commd. the 4th Dragoons at Exeter. –

Yours faithfully

J. Hood

Lieut Genl. Wetherall

Sidmouth

To Lt Col. V. C. Halliac

Enclosure

Copy.

Memorandum

February 3rd 1820

Notwithstanding any former Orders, the Commanding Officer of the 4th Dragoons will be pleased to form the Escort over the Body of His late Royal Highness the Duke of Kent, of One Captain One Subaltern & fifty Men, with a Standard –

This Escort will proceed with the Body from Sidmouth to Bridport, when the Captain & thirty Men (with the Standard) will return to their Head Quarters, & the Escort composed of One Subaltern, & twenty Men will proceed with the Body to Dorchester where they will be relieved by a similar Escort of the 16th Lancers.

By Command of the Commander in Chief

(Signed) H H Gordon

DMS

The Off. Comm. the 4th Dragoons

Exeter.

Chard 3rd Feby 1820

Sir

I am honored with your Letter of the 1st — which being directed to Axminster, has only reached me this Morning, one day later than if it had been addressed to me at Chard, where I reside —

I will issue immediate Orders for a Captain, two Subalterns & fifty Men, to be prepared to attend the Remains of His late Royal Highness the Duke of Kent from Axminster to Bridport, & shall esteem it a favor if you will do me the honor of giving me the earliest Notice of the day appointed for this purpose, as the Men belonging to my Corps, being dispersed at a considerable distance, it requires

some hours to assemble them.

I have the honor to be

Sir

your most obed^t

humble servant

H Bawden

Major Commanding

Royal Bly^s

Lieut.t Genl. Wetherall
pr pr
Sidmouth

Colonel Bourke

Captain John Conroy (Lt. Col.)

Private

Kensington Palace
3rd Octr 1840 – 4 o'clock P.M.

My dear General,
I saw Mr le Blanc today, the Solicitor named and as conversation has taken place in fact upon many particulars, I will be next Monday more. We must act with great caution. I see Lord Liverpool tomorrow to ascertain, if he can, if he will admit any part of the Duke's claims – The Duchess is determined to give up every thing upon pay. – The history of this is stated in the Royal Family – Mr Fane Seymour before communicates it privately to the King.
We can learn nothing what is to be done for the Duchess – I fear little or nothing, but something for the Princess Victoria.
I saw your Instructions today

Yours

from the Lord Chamberlain's
office – With Lord Mayor's
Coatts & Sagasta Dinner
Dress.
There is a Court this afternoon that
the King is worse – Lord
Cathcart House this morning
He was decidedly better.
Have only time to save
the Post.
No letter from you today.
Ever most lovingly
Albert Edward

We are all to appear in
Court Suits of Mourning

Copy of Lord Chamberlain's Office 3rd Feb. 1862

Feb 3/1820

Sir

It struck me during the conversation I had the honor of having with You last night, that You had not been correctly informed of the distance You had to travel to Bridport thro' Honiton, or by the other road, & as I can now speak correctly on the subject, and the slow pace You must travel a few miles will make some hours difference in our journey – I trust You will not deem me impertinent in stating the following Facts – The distance from Sidmouth to Honiton is nine miles, from thence to Axminster nine miles, & from thence to Bridport twelve making a total of thirty Miles – The distance from Sidmouth to Axminster is fifteen miles making 27 to Bridport – But the nearest way of all is from Sidmouth to Lyme 16 miles from thence to Bridport ~~ten~~ nine total 25

Feb 3/1820

You will excuse my addressing should you prefer either of the nearer roads. Major Brewster can as easily supply you with an Escort at Cullifford as he can at Axminster & I shall relieve his Detachment yo which way you are at Charmouth - but this I will arrange with him

Begging once more to apologise for the liberty I am taking, I have the honor to remain Sir

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
Th Bragge

Tadborow Axminster Feb. 3. 1820

The whole road thro' Lyme is better and the Hills not more severe than on the other road -

AXMINSTER
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To

Lieut. General Wetherall

&c &c &c

Sidmouth

Devon

By Honiton.

Frank

Wetherall