

A. von Löw

Hannover March
23th 1790.

My dear General

On Saturday last the 20th of this Month, the two Grooms Lindsay & Butcher set out from Hannover to Hamburg in consequence of H. R. H.'s the Duke of York's orders, to come over to England, of which I do not fail of acquainting You with. Mr Van Aesen will get them a Passage as soon as possible, & I have given directions to Mark to wait upon You at his arrival. He deserves in every respect, by his late behaviour Your protection, & I beg You will favour him with it, the more so as he comes over with the firm resolution, of behaving so as not to loose his Master.

Although Butcher, whom by the bye, I was obliged to get away by stealth, & by tricks, has promised the same thing, I doubt very much of his being able to keep it, for he has hitherto proved, the most compleat rascal, & good for nothing fellow.

Both Gentlemen have made a written agreement with their wives, of allowing them 60 Dalhers a year, out of their wages, desiring me of paying them so much a week, to the amount of this Sum. Though I am very willing of complying with their request, I only can take it under this condition upon me, that an arrangement is made in England that this Sum is stop'd out of their wages, & kept by the Duke, & that he passes it in the accounts. I keep here for him. He cannot loose any thing by this arrangement, for what I pay out here, he keeps back in England, & in case he dismisses one of them of his Service, he orders me to cease of the paying of this allowance. I beg the favour of You to settle this affair. Having already recieved an answer from the wine Merchant I do not fail of acquainting You, that your wine will be send of in about a week from Franckfurt, that he will be directed to this Man's Correspondent in London, who will deliver it to You, without Your having any further trouble about it.

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I do not recollect if I informed You in my last letter, that Your old Friend Kirchner is going to Göttingen, as Professor of the English Language

The Landgrave of Cassel has sent an Envoy here, as also to the other Electoral Courts, to negotiate the ninth Electorship of the German Empire for him.

Several Articles in the Papers both Administration & Opposition ones name You to Succeed to Lord Cornwallis in Being Governor General in the East Indies. If there is no indiscretion in the question, I should be tempted to ask You whether there is any truth in this report or not, & in case there is, whether You ~~should~~ could not want a German Aide de Camp in the East Indies?

If You remain in Europe should the money & odd ceremonies, of the election & coronation of a German Emperor not tempt You to come & see them?

The fear of presuming too much upon Your patience in asking You more questions makes me finish this letter, but not without renewing the assurances that I always shall be

with the greatest truth & sincerity

My dear General

Your most obedient humb.

Servant

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