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London 2 February 1819

Sir!

We beg to refer to the Letter we had the honor of writing to your Royal Highness on the 22^d of last Month, and to acknowledge the Receipt of one from your Royal Highness under date 14th of January, which has since reached our hands, and to which we found subjoined a List of the Names of Tradesmen to whom your Royal Highness had given Orders addressed to our House for payment of certain Sums of Money, as stated against their Names, from the January Quarter amounting to

£ 677. 8. 11

of which List the following have been paid on your Royal Highness's Foreign Account, viz:

M ^r . Burckhardt	£ 188. 18	
M ^r . Dyson	93. 3. 9	
M ^r . Elvey	1A. 16. 7	296. 18. A

— leaving yet unpaid the Sum of — £ 380. 10. 7

From the Representation we had the honor to make to your Royal Highness of the State of your Foreign Account at the date of our last Letter the 22^d January, when it was unpaid £ 156. 10. 9

and by the payment since to M^r. Elvey — 1A. 16. 7
is now enclosed to — £ 171. 7. A

Your Royal Highness will have perceived the want of Funds to satisfy further Demands, and in consequence we have been under the necessity of desiring the Holders of these Orders to retain them for the present. We have been in like manner under the disagreeable necessity of writing by this day's Mail to M^r. Pedraglia, who, in transmitting to us an Order from your Royal Highness to pay him £ 828. 11. 6, advises having drawn upon us for the Amount, that we must decline accepting his bill for the present.

We trust that we need not assure your Royal Highness of the sincere pleasure it would afford us if Funds are obtained through

through either of the Channels Your Royal Highness has been pleased
to mention Your expectations of obtaining them to satisfy these Demands
and to give the Parties the earliest Notice of our being prepared to do so
We have the honor to remain with the most dutiful Respect,

Sir, Your Royal Highness's
Most obedient and
most humble Servants

Thomas Courtts & Co

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Letter from W. Courtts
to H. R. H. The Duke of
Kent. - dated 2nd Feb 1709

Strand London 2^d Feb^r 1829^c

Sir

I had the honour of writing to Your Royal Highness on Friday last January the 29th and have not yet received any letter from His Royal Highness The Duke of Cambridge - but I have seen Mr Atome, who most warmly as usual expressed his respect and regard for your Royal Highness but assured me it is quite in vain to apply in any shape to the Committee for any new supply of money - being now convinced too late that the large sums they consented to be applied to your Accommodation instead of going on with the payment of Debts according to the original plan - provid an injury done your Royal Highness instead of the benefit intended - and on the last advance in this way a full determination was made & agreed to by all parties that any application of a similar kind should never again be desired, or agreed to, but the object of clearing all your Royal Highness's Debts shall alone be proceeded in or attended to.

My House have sent your Royal Highness
all the particulars of your account to the present
time - which I need not therefore repeat as I
have been very unwell lately & during the whole
month of January - was almost entirely in the
country by the advice of my medical & other friends
and indeed I have not been able to pay the attention
to the business of my friend which has always been
my greatest delight to observe

The great advances I made to Your Royal
Highness particularly on your leaving England
made me hope the exertions I had made in this
way - might produce the pleasure I thereby hoped
for, of seeing you return to England entirely free
of all incumbrances - which I am the more
unhappy to understand is not the case - that it is
quite out of my power to renew these loans
which I hope your Royal Highness - will have the
goodness to observe - and as I may be obliged to be
absent again from London I have expressed my
Sentiments.

fully to my partners who will be very happy
to show your Royal Highness every attention
they can, without impropriety
I have the honour to remain with the
most dutiful respect and sincere attachment

Sr Your Royal Highness's most
Faithful & obedient Servant

Thomas Corbett

enc.

London 2^d February 1866

Sir

We have received the favor of your letter dated the 20th ult^o enclosing an order from H. R. H. The Duchess of Kent for 300 £ Sterl. and advising your Bills upon us on account of the same for

£ 150 } in favor of Gontard
150-1 } and Sons,

which we shall duly honor.

We have further received your letter of the 23rd January enclosing an order from H. R. H. The Duke of Kent in your favor

C. F. Pedraglia
Mittenberg.

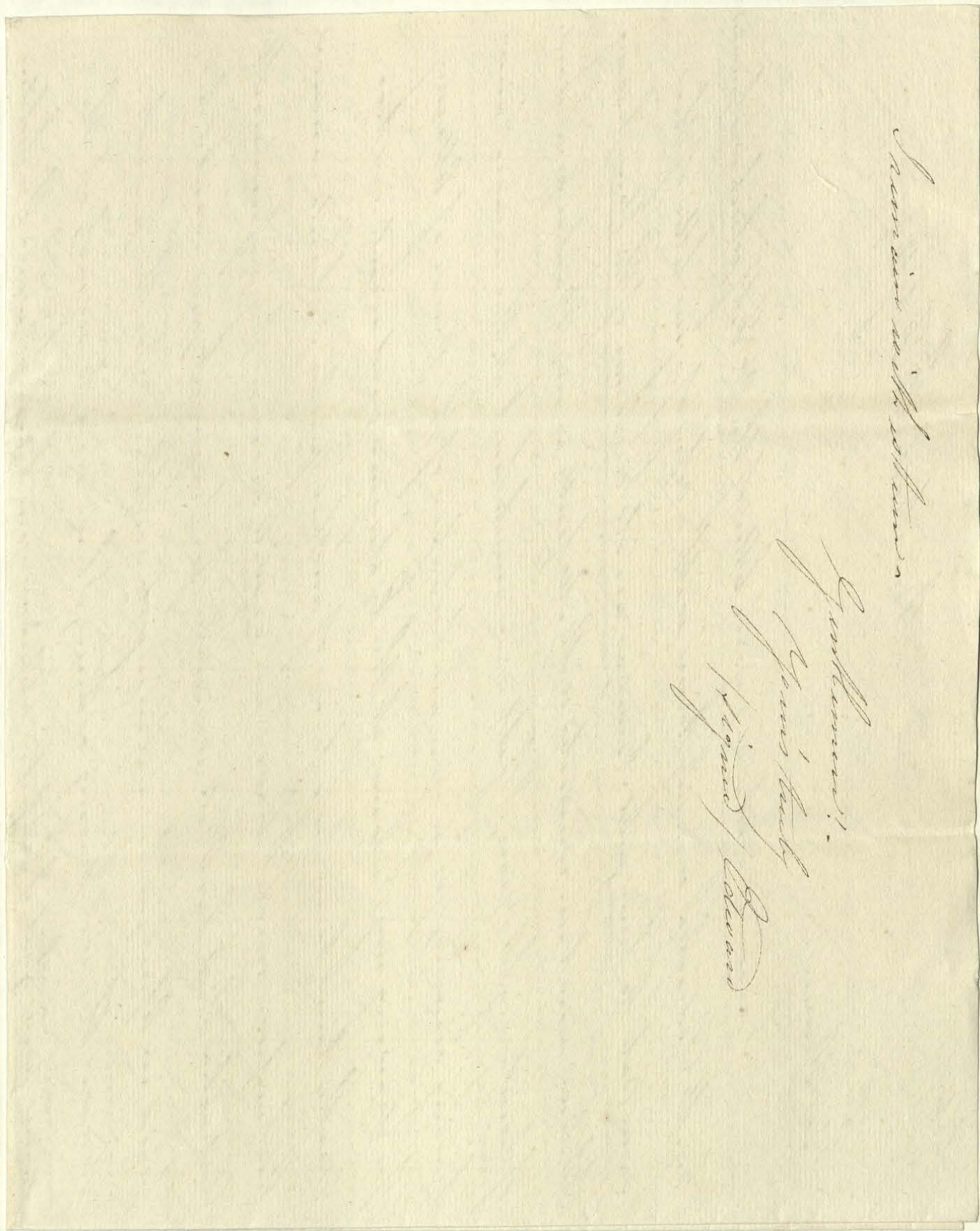
for £ 828 - 11 - 6. My. m but as it
is necessary we should write to
His Royal Highness respecting
this sum before it can be charged
to his account, we are sorry
you have drawn upon us on account
of it as your Bills cannot be
accepted for the present

We are

Sir & c

Thomas Coutts
& Co

Feb 12 1819



Remains with Mr. Turner

Yorkhampton

James's Hall

Wm. James

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Amorbach 12th Feb 1819

My Dear Sir!

I received your letter of the 2nd Inst. by Mail yesterday,
The letter I had expected you would have got from the Duke of Cambridge,
is no longer to be looked for, as you will have learnt from the extract
I sent you of his last to me. I am perfectly ready to give Mr.
Hume credit for the respect, and regard, which you inform me he
professes for me, but I think he might have spared the remark
which you inform me he made, viz. that it was quite in vain
to apply in any shape to the Committee, for any new supply of money,
being now considered too late, that the large sums they consented to be
applied to my accommodation, instead of going on with the payment
of debts, according to the original plan, proved an injury done me
instead of the benefit, intended. for Mr. Hume must be fully aware,
that, without that accommodation, I could not have contracted that
Marriage, which he and Mr. Custon in particular were so anxious
I should, and therefore this suspicion on his part, you had no doubt
to say that the Committee ought having afforded me the means
of managing, which I do not believe to be the case, nor even his
own sentiments, but his suspicions as you, however strong
they may have been, are nothing to those, contained in a letter
addressed by him to me, which have wounded my feelings very
deeply, and it has required my bringing fully into my recollection
his former acts of friendship, to admit of my answering him,
with as much temper, as I hope I have done, but, at the same
time, I have candidly stated what I felt upon the subject of his
communication. I at the same time received a letter from your
House, of a very unpleasant nature, upon which I have also felt
it my duty to express my sentiments, in a letter to your Masters,
and I will candidly state to you, that the conduct of the House
Thomas Beattie Esq.

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Feb 12 1819

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in refusing for the present, to accept a Bill, drawn by me on them
in favor of Mr. Pedragle, for a few hundred pounds, after having been
a customer of the House for upwards of twenty eight years, nothing
but my personal friendship for you, could have induced me to answer
it, in the cool manner I have done, but it is an affront from the
House, I never can forget, and which I am confident had you been
in health, and been aware of, in sufficient time never would have
occurred. Understanding so clearly your sentiments, as they are con-
veyed in the letter now before me, and considering the repayment
of all your advances to me, ^{to the} in full course, the only favor I am under
the necessity of requesting of you at present, is, that the remaining
£750 that is due of the £5000, that you advanced in May last, may
be paid in two sums of £375 in July & Oct, instead of ⁱⁿ April, but the whole
at least due in April & July, so the change of course at those periods, and
this, I should not ask of the House, but simply as a private favor from
yourself. I am most sincerely concerned to perceive, that your health
has of late been so indifferent, and I say this, with the sincere feeling of
an old friend, which I am sure you will credit, remaining always with
best regards to Mrs. Cuthb, and every sentiment of attachment and esteem
to yourself.

My Dear Sir:-

Yours faithfully
Edward

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Amorhast 12th Feb 1819

Gentlemen!

I received yesterday your letter of the 2nd Inst, which was preceded by Mr Pedraglia coming to me with a copy of your letter of the same date to him, and I am, as an old customer of the House, having I believe now been connected with Mr faults as my Banker for upwards of seventy eight years, I felt very much hurt at the circumstance having occurred, for, as you are possessed of the power of Attorney for drawing my Income at the Exchequer, and would in two Months time, be in possession of another Quarter, I should conceive the purpose might have been as well answered, by informing Mr Pedraglia that his Bill was noted for payment, and would be paid in April, as by declining its acceptance for the present. However the evil having occurred, I have now to request, at the same time that I perfectly approve your having desired the holder of Bills for payment on my account at home, to retain them for the present, that you will by return of post apprise Mr Pedraglia that the Bill of £828, 11, 6 would be paid immediately on the receipt of my Quarter's annuity at the Exchequer in April, and I will, on my part, take care that the only two Bills I foresee I shall have occasion to give him during the current Quarter viz the first, about the 15th of this Month and the second, about the same date in March, for the remainder of the Quarter ^{expence} and which together will probably not much exceed that sum, are made out for payment two Months after date, so that you may have the moidul in hand, to discharge them when they become due. The personal regard and attention for Mr Coats, and the many marks of friendship I have received from him, prevent me from adding a word further to express, how much I am hurt at the circumstance, that has occurred, but which it will be impossible for me to forget.

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London Feb^{ry} 14th 1819

Sir

I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your Royal Highness's ~~very~~ obliging letter which was put into my hands a few days ago by Captain Conway.

I am happy to have an opportunity of congratulating your R. Highness on the prospect of your becoming a father, a circumstance which cannot

fact to prove highly qualifying to
the public feelings as well as to
your own. No person can lament more
sincerely than I do that any diffi-
culties should exist to prevent the
Dutchess being confined in England, as
you are most naturally desirous that
she should, but those difficulties
originate in circumstances so honorable
to your Majesty, that they
cannot feel when known not only to
diviate any ~~unpleasant~~ ^{unpleasant} ~~unpleasant~~ ^{unpleasant}, but to

place your R. Highnesses conduct &
principles in that point of view
in which it is most desirable that
they should be seen.

I am not aware when it is
probable that any thing may be
said in either house of Parliament
on the Royal Dutchesses being confined
out of this country, but I have
taken care to mention the substance
of your R. Highnesses letter to those
Members of the House of Commons to
whom it is most essential that the

circumstances to which it refers should
be made known.

With the most sincere wishes for
your R. Highness health & prosperity,
& most particularly for the event which
you must now be anxiously expecting

I have the honor to remain

your R. Highness

most devoted

& very faithful servant

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London 15th Febr^y 1819-

Sir

I have the Honor to receive
from General Wetherall your Royal
Highness's Letter of the 24th Jan^y,
I trust I need not say that nothing
would complete my Joy, so much as to see
your Royal Highness and the Duchess
of Kent in England, and to have it
in my Power to be instrumental in
such an Event, would make me
completely happy;

Lord Fitzwilliam is in the Country,
at Milton, about eighty miles from hence,
I shall dispatch your Royal Highness's
Letter to him tomorrow, and also the one
you have done me the Honor to write
to me;

I must observe to your Royal
Highness, that the present is an
unlucky

moment to have money at command,
immediately after a general Election;
as for myself I have nothing, ^{like} the whole
at my disposal, would to God I had,
this letter should convey a very different
answer to your Royal Highness, but
it is impossible ~~for~~ to send a decisive
answer until I hear from D. Setzwdham,
I do not feel authorized to apply to
any other Person to assist me, without
your Royal Highness's permission.—
I have the Honor to be
Your Royal Highness's
Most obedient and
Most devoted Humble Servant
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Lord Dundas
and Fitz

I am, and have been for some time, confined
to a sick Room, otherwise I would have gone
to meet you myself;

Sir

38 York Place 16 Feb 1813

I am very sorry to hear that you are not well, and I hope you will be able to attend to the business of the Duke & Duchess of Devonshire.

I had the honor to address your Royal Highness in the 1st & 2^d instant fully on the affairs & present situation of your Royal Highness and, after mature reflection, do not think that I should have been acting with candour & sincerity if I had written less than these letters contained - Important as the matters were I took the opportunity of informing your Royal Highness that I have found but one statement journal respecting them, and therefore, hope you may be induced to give them that serious consideration which you are accustomed to give to affairs of that consequence respecting others.

If you have any correspondents in London your Royal Highness will I feel confident find that every one of your friends are to His Royal Highness & most

most anxious that nothing should intervene,
however urgent, to prevent your completing
the noble work, the liquidation of your debts,
which you have so well begun, & which has
conduced as much to enhance your character in
the Nation as any act of your Royal Highness.

2. That you have no dependance on the Dutch
Regent for any assistance & should not trust
to him -

3. That to borrow money, if practicable,
from any other persons would only continue
your incumbrances & prolong your being in
a state of restriction & limited expense -

4. That you would have more real comfort
of mind by reducing your establishments to
meet your income, than you can have by obtain-
ing a loan from any persons -

5. That it will eventually afford you more
satisfaction & more honor to reside in England
on any limited income, whilst the Dutchess
shall

shall be confined, and leave your young daughter
on Engelshoven house, than by your remaining
abroad, however comfortable you may be at
Amersbach -

6. That the public, in consequence of a paragraph
which appeared lately in the Morning Chronicle
expressing your absence to pecuniary difficulties,
are growning at such an expense being
given when your allowances from the public
amount to £3000 a year & that it is also
known to the public, thro' your Creditors,
that you are only paying £17,000 a year
towards the liquidation of your debts - they
expect that with £13,000 a year & an reduced
Establishment, which it is known you have, you
should be in England if you chose to come.
The £2000 to Madam, or, on such an event,
the £3000 to the Dutchess's private account
to be paid by word not, if made public,
before the world - The bulk of the public
will believe that is the wish of the Dutchess
to remain abroad during her ac-
commodations, instead of coming to England -

Mr Hume recd Feb 27

The immense income of the Prince Leopold, & the importance that his Sister should give an English Prince or Princess, has already impressed on the public the Opinion that his not coming over to England is owing to your own unwillingness to come, & not to your want of means.

In my humble Opinion it will affect your popularity & Character, from the Noble to the peasant, to ascribe Want of means as the reason for not coming; and, altho' your friends know that you can only spend £1000 & the Dutchess £2000 a year, it will not answer to make it public how the rest is disposed of.

I venture again to repeat to your Royal Highness that there is but one Opinion in the Country (the Prince Regent & Ministers perhaps excepted) that you & the Dutchess ought to be in England: & that, instead of placing your self in a Situation to be refused ^{money} by any person, you should trust to your own friends alone: & with a determination they will be found to be ample. I have felt it an act of duty to your Royal Highness to make these facts known to, & entreat your pardon, to remain Your Royal Highness's most Obedt & respectful Servant
Joseph Hume

Amorbach 18th Feb 1819

My Dear Wetherall

I write you a few lines, just
to tell you that by the Mail
of the 9th, which arrived here this
day, no letter has been received
from you, which is a sad dis-
appointment, at a moment when
my mind is naturally so agitated
from the state of suspense, in
which I am kept and the anxiety
to learn what further steps you
may have been taking, until the
period of receiving my instructions
to wait upon my friend, Lord
Lieut. General Wetherall Dundee,
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Dundas, the result of your visit to
 whom, as I see by the papers he is
 in London, I shall hope to learn
 by this day's evening. Every post
 that arrives, I receive the strongest
 appeals from my friends, as to
 the importance of bringing the
 Dutchess over to lay in at home,
 and no nothing is wanting to induce
 me to take that step, but the med-
ical, I am I am most solicitous
 to know, what you have been
 able to accomplish, not only with
 reference to this point, but also
 to what of my relief from present
 pressing difficulties, here, which

are a subject of great anxiety
 to me. However as I am doomed
 to practise the virtue of patience
 at the present time, I shall en-
 deavour to console myself with
 the idea, that I may hear from you
 by Friday. The Dutchess is
 certainly fretting from the conflict
 between her wish, to do what is
 clearly her duty, by her Child, and
 the fear, that she may be prevented
 from it, through the failure of
 your negotiation, and for the last
 two or three days she has been
 less well, though not in any way
 so indisposed, as to give me uneasiness,
 and

and I have no doubt, that if you
are enabled to inform us, that
the means are at our disposal,
it will be a real cordial to her,
and give her fresh spirits to under-
take the journey. She desires to
be kindly remembered to you, though
she says, you deserve a good scot-
-ting for being so lazy about writing
at such a moment, and I need in-
quire with regard and esteem.

My Dear Mr. Ansell:

Yours faithfully
Edward

Henry's Palace Palace February 19 1876

My Dear Edward

For some time I have been
 dictating to write you a long letter, and as constantly
 have I been frustrated in my intentions from one
 cause or another, all of which believe me originate
 in a fervent desire of being useful to you and of
 affording you the most exact information I could
 obtain. As unless the statements are correct it is
 impossible to come to any fair or proper conclu-
 sion. Indeed at this time I do not feel myself
 sufficiently provided with intelligence, but still
 at times proper, and that I know you are
 anxious to hear from me I will at these
 times try and endeavour to give you as much
 news as I can pick up, and as on Sunday I
 go to see Lord Lansdowne who dines with me I
 may soon write again. In the paper I never
 copy with him I feel. In the last eight days
 I have written you a letter, but the rapid secret
 nature of the committee, which he attends the whole
 morning has rendered every attempt of mine to see
 him ~~in the morning~~ totally nugatory, and there-
 fore I must write what I feel, and what I hear,
 and if we differ at all in opinion attributes
 my letter to my sincere devotion to you and your
 interests, & be satisfied it will

make no difference in my attachment toward
you, and with my exertions to be sure should be
Dear not completely agree. I wish likewise that
the amiable Duchess should ~~have~~ ^{peruse} my
letter, for who can have your interest more at
heart than her, or who can wish her better
than yourself, consequently I can have no sentiment
with her on this or any subject in which you
are both so immediately interested, and that I
do so if you feel it your happiness and interest
to deposit your sentiments in her heart. I wish
she should have had I feel toward you in
particular, and toward my whole family
I then by heart that since I should like
since feel that the adviser and Defender of
your Dear Charlotte was an honest and dis-
interested man. Indeed I think the welfare of my
own family is concerned, and the happiness
and tranquillity of my Country may be
affected there is but one course for me to follow
which is the direct Road. Providence may dictate
precaution in pursuing me. I think but in
a familiar and serene Intention we ought to
unknown ourselves and this I will certainly do
on the present Occasion of your leaving it
your own discretion how to act, if backward and
fully satisfied, although I am rather indifferent
about the subject, that you will not commit me

wards by it were absolutely necessary. I have read with
Down considerable attention your kind letter of the 27th
that attained and must confess it did not produce on
my side the effect which I believe was intended. I
mean the impossibility of your coming to England
with the Dutchess. In my opinion when there is
such a must no excuse can exist nor ought it to
be. I want the Dutchess to feel this as strongly as
I do. I am sorry you mean to say that the house
of your home was unkind. I will grant it
may I will say more but all this would not
prevent you from going to the right and establish
that liberality which you have with so much
difficulty earned and which if you were to
you may not so easily acquire again. But let
you in not a free agent in this matter. You
to your wife, to your country, to your
future that who may me of their duty to the
foreign of their relations to the necessity of the
Dutchess, coming to be confined in London
may differ but as to the policy there can be no
doubt. John Bull is a very odd animal and
he must be cajoled. You will find it very diffi-
cult to dig into her head that his sovereignty
is on a foreign country is not a foreigner
this at any price you must prevent. That you
and the Dutchess may be obliged to make her
house, I will admit but depend upon it the result
will upon you for all the momentary
inconvenience.

to which you and the Dear Deekes may be part,
in which I feel truly distressed, but it is a sacrifice
for a good purpose. What can be the 1st reason I do
not know, but he seems anxious to keep you all out
of England and therefore as the Duke of Clarence sub
mits, and the Duke of Cambridge, I do not think
I am, and that the Duke of Devonshire, I am
to be confined at Medin. I would make an exception
to the rule, and come I would: should it be human
be evinced on the occasion of the Duke's frequent
will over to them the latter, and the culpable
inattention of the Duke to the general wishes of
the Country could place you in a higher ground than
you now even stand. With their respect for
With great respect and application I would have some
opinion, I was well aware you would have some
and by the means in which the answer was con
veyed the letters of the scheme which they have
put him for the night in an answer to a mi
serable copy of the published of the Duke and deduce
to me the morning the Duke says, that as I have
in the letter you have not coming, the Duke says
considering and graciously entered into your
as by allowing you to work to would give you
to alter your system and therefore to be kindly
informed you that there was no need for you
carrying over, but as to the policy of the Duke
is steadily, and therefore kept out of

Indeed I must again repeat I wish you had not
 written that letter to him for my opinion is, come
 you might, and come you must after the much
 consequence, for an effect not to be made, and with
 you and the Duke's should consider the step is
 even a sin in convenience which I believe it to
 be a mutual proof of a great affection for each
 other which after the time will certainly be
 your mutual esteem. and I may say I will
 have been tried, you will have seen, and the
 fruits you will reap, such as I am sure you
 will feel their value. A certain great courage
 unfortunately known that he has so little
 popularity that any one who is fostered at
 enough to acquire a greater share in these
 he is his work looks. Then you must expect
 his then if determined, as with your good sense
 you certainly would be, that nothing he can
 say or do would put you into a passion I am
 certain you would ultimately triumph, although
 it would be unfair not to say and warn you that
 having me formed your determination to go
 through with the business it will require courage
 and energy. The death of your excellent mother
 on this matter then remains in a confusion
 and in all these matters quiet and con-
 sidered as far as they are in her power to soften
 differences. I fear now that she is left to herself
 nothing but Voluntas sua est lex will you do me a
 favor that can not be. I repeat

that the two Ladies whom you mention should
 have written as you state, but I am not in the
 least suspicious, my only emotion is that our
 dear little friend the third of them, who is all
 heart and has the best head of them all did
 not do it. Now the way they have been constantly
 brought up and tutor'd never to have a will of their
 own, they become stupidly and inconsiderately
 the innocent instruments of misleading people, and
 their Subversive expected words. In the case therefore
 I never talk. With them or such matters I
 consequently we are very good friends, but as to
 asking their opinions upon any point which may
 concern higher questions I am perfectly satisfied
 that it would be imprudent, and dangerous, and
 as I hate to quarrel with any one, I steer clear
 of any point the result of which may
 in that way. On the demand of my dear brother
 I had a fair opportunity of showing this, and
 which I will mention as it will prove to you
 how easy and ready they are to talk exparte
impudens. Without ever putting the statement
 into question for a little while. The moment
 I heard of our dear brother's death I started up to
 see them, and was kept for some time waiting
 at New White their two Ladies and the
 were started examining the will, upon which
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but that untill the will had been signed and which
 could not be done untill the property was signed
 to they had agreed with the executors not to open
 their mouths upon the subject. They mentioned
 to me likewise that the W. had charged Taylor
 to inform the executors to copy in
 his name her thanks and satisfaction of their
 conduct, and that he would provide further
 at this I confess I was highly gratified and
 the next morning I wrote Mr. Conway King in
 for Dunlaidy Wells I addressed a letter to the
 W. expressing of my feelings as to the death of
 my mother, and likewise informing her that
 I should come up again to see her with some
 friends, so that I had no anxiety
 days afterwards I had occasion to write to
 Henry, and that that I had not heard from
 Castle Anner, and that I determined to attend
 her burial I wanted to know what to do, I
 afterwards expressed a concern that the public
 newspapers contained a part of the L. Will which
 had not been communicated to me. Three days after
 I received from her per a letter of the
 following purport. That she was not surprised
 at my having received no answer from the W.
 as any letter contained nothing but thanks to
 the W. for his kind respects to my mother

servant she must write upon it as insulting and
offensive. ^{in my part} It would appear to contain a doubt
of the Prince's affection for his mother to whom
he had been devoted from the first hour of his
birth and which he had most strongly proved
by his constant fidelity during her illness; the
as to my not having heard of the present
she conceived it to be owing to the Earl's want
being aware of the misunderstanding between
the P. and me, and then for most probably to
doubt whether I should attend that therefore
ought to write to him, and that with respect
to my mother Will, I had known as much
as any of those who were in England that part
had been entrusted for the information of the
who were abroad except the Duke of Gloucester,
but that if I wanted to know more that the
Will was at Doctor Compton, when I might
either go and read it, or have a copy. When I
received this answer I was thunderstruck but
scarcely guessed that I had been present at the
so when I went to Windsor on the day of the
funeral I called upon our little friend who was
scandalous as much shocked as myself. In the middle
of our conversation the D. G. came in and we
talked it over. He saw the thing at once and
said he would let it rest which he did.

all has remained quiet ever since but this
 was a confirmation to me of my opinion, but
 every thing which came from a certain qua-
 ter would help you forward without a moment's
 consideration. Henry and I on the following
 day had an explanation at Rey when he
 kept and made it up, but it has made a
 deep impression on my mind, that when
 I wanted it can not be far
 from me. I wanted all this makes me hope you
 in that quarter. all this makes me hope you
 the more to come over for in any execution than
 nothing is to be expected. William does not seem
 should anything happen to her as the child
 your is next in succession and this atten-
 tion to the wish of the father, to your un-
 father's sentiments, who in his first speech
 gloried in being her and had a great like-
 ness to your name and interests in the
 country more than any thing in the world
 this will depend wholly upon your offer
 if you do not take it you will feel
 in the better estimation which you will find
 most difficult to require. I am writing
 in strong language that I have your interest at
 heart, I know it is the opinion of all your
 sincere friends that you are on the borders of a precipice
 for God sake do not fall into it. I remain
 when by some your friends

is at stake let not a few Friends frighten you.
 Could you only keep me I want. My advice
 even to the Duke's would be submit to it
 but for a few weeks the odium would fall
 upon them, and you would both derive the
 advantage from such a heavy step. Again
 I repeat I want my presence may make
 me want to stay, but my attachment
 to you and interest in your future pros-
 pects in life dictate my own at the risk
 of spending which God knows is fasted
 from ~~the heart~~. I have heard that it is
 willing Comyns has been appointed
 to attend all the cases who are to
 be confined nothing can be more foolish
 an opinion. I would turn such a treat-
 ment. There is a question of character
 and propriety all Comyns's Decisions,
 I have taught myself to think, and act,
 and although I do not heretofore in the
 that know of Castleton House, or of the
 know him but Brighton, was told by some
 some of those passages still I am a happier
 man, I do not read much higher and
 enjoy my last part. I know I am liked
 by some, hated by others, but respected by all.
 What, after all, is the most important point

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I must now conclude, as my letter
 is called for, respecting the kind by
 which I had to the Duke, who, I
 will not be angry at my freedom,
 and with returning, both to you and
 her my most heartfelt thanks
 for your sincere wishes, and
 pray, believe me ever and doubtless
 as devotedly as I am by and doubtless
 attached your affect Mother
 an sincere friend

[Handwritten signature]
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London Feb. 20. 1817.

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I have had the honor to
receive your Royal Highness's
most interesting letter on the
subject of the Duchess of Kent's
Confinement in Germany, written
to His Royal Highness
the Duke of Kent &c.

now in England, when it was
your natural wish that Her
Royal Highness should come
previous to that point, and
I cannot but deeply lament
that your Royal Highness's
Letter should have been
protracted in a manner so inter-
-ting not only to your Royal
Highness and the Duchess, but
to the English Nation -

Be assured Sir, that your
Royal Highness's most correct
and just notions for withdrawing
to the Continent are duly appreci-
-ated by every liberal mind,
and I shall not fail to make
known to all my friends, with
the delicacy so properly prescribed
by your Royal Highness, the cause
of your not returning to England
for the anxious wish of the Royal

Duke of Bedford
recd Mar A

Highness's Compliments
Answered 15 March

With the most sincere wishes

For a prosperous issue to your

Royal Highness's Issues, I

am to remain
Sir,

Your Royal Highness's

Most devoted and

affectionate servant the Secretary

Bedford

Copy

Amersbach 21st Feb 1849

Gentlemen

Mr Charles Pedraglia of Mittenberg,
having yesterday informed me, that
one of those Bills which he had
deposited upon you, in consequence of
the order I gave him for £828, 11^s 6,
had been returned protested, by
the Mail which arrived from England
in the Morning, I have and more,
to express my wish that, that sum
should be the first paid out of my
next Parliamentary allowance, which
you will receive from the Exchequer
Messrs Thomas Coutts & Co in
Bankers
Strand

in April, and that, another Bill for
£115, 5s., which I was necessitated
to draw upon you, on the 18th Instant,
should be the second which is paid,
suspending all payments, whatever,
to Trademmen at home, until further
orders. - I cannot close this letter,
without repeating to you, how deeply
I feel the affront, which I have expe-
rienced from your House, in the Bill
alluded to being dishonoured; for although
I am perfectly ready to admit, that
in the regular course of official business,
your conduct is justifiable as Bankers,
it certainly is not so, as Gentlemen,
towards

towards a Customer of twenty eight
years standing, who, has in no instance
whatever, failed in his engagements
to you, and whom you would not but
be sensible, that in a very few weeks,
you would possess sufficient effects
of his, to cover the unprofitable sum,
that would have been risht in the interim.
I must be obliged to use these
expressions, but I cannot dissemble
my feelings. -

I remain Gentlemen's

Yours &c
Signed / Edward

Letter to Prof. G. ...
of the ...
subject of ...
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Private

Anno Domini 21st Febr. 1819

My Dear Methuall

Your letter of the 12th Instant, reached me by the Mail of Yesterday, in which you acknowledge mine of the 29th Octob^r, and I have no doubt, but that, a few hours after, you wrote it, at latest the next Morning, you will have been in possession of mine, with its enclosures for Lords Dundas & Fitzwilliam, as these were sent to Conway, whom I judged it necessary to make acquainted with the whole of the present proceedings, knowing him not only to be a safe person, and well attached to me, but also considering him as the only one, who from zeal, activity and talent, could be of real use to you, to assist and forward those measures, which

Lt. General Methuall

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which, at the present moment, are so important
 to be followed up, for my relief from the
 painful situation, in which unfortunately I
 stand at this period, through the insufficiency
 of the advance of the Committee, to cover
 the enormous expenses I have been put to,
 during the last Eleven Months. - I conclude
 therefore, that on the 13th, you were enabled
 to write to my old friend Lord Dundas
 the purport of that communication, which
 I charged you to make to him, though I
 should have preferred ^{it} being verbal, had
 his health admitted of his receiving you,
 and as such, I think it probable, if Lord
 Fitzwilliam is in London, that I may
 receive a final answer to my application
 by the Mail of the 16th, which we expect
 here on the 25th, but, if the latter should be
 in the Country, of course I must wait
 with patience, until his day out, when

I may look for the Mail of the 19th. In the
 mean while, of course, I shall feel all anxiety
 both on my own account, and on that
 of the Duchess, as our present state of suspense
 is extremely unpleasant, particularly as
 by every Mail, I am receiving letters from
 friends of different political opinions, who
 all press it upon me, as my first duty to
 bring the Duchess home, for her confinement.
 I own, till the matter was decided, whether
 I should have the means of coming home
 or not, I cannot help regretting the insertion
 of the paragraph, which I read in the Chronicle
 of the 12th, is on the one hand, it may expose
 me to some unpleasant observations from
 the head of my family, if I am enabled
 to go over, and if I am not, I consider
 what has been stated, as much too lukewarm.
 Having written to you, very fully, my sen-
 timents on Mr. Hussey's letter to me, it

is needless to refer further, to a composition
of such, from its grossness and irrelevancy
I can hardly bring myself to think with
honour! - I shall therefore only say, that
I have no wish for the Committee to be
called on, to decide on the subject of making
me a further advance from their funds,
unless you can ensure before hand, a very
decided Majority over Mr. Hume, and those,
who will be led by him: - Indeed, I can
see no use in any Meeting, except it be one
of the nature I pointed out to you, with
Sir Alexander. Mr. Ker at the head
of it, to break up the Committee, and pay off
the advances of Mr. Hume and his friends,
as I never can with pleasure again do any
business with a Man, who has so forgot
himself in his conduct to me, as has Mr.
Hume, although I shall ever gratefully

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recollect his original exertions, at the time
when the Regent and his Government,
behaved with so little feeling towards me.
I am sure you will have seen with regret, the
want of feeling evinced towards the three
poor Married Brothers of the family, upon
the revocation of the poor Duke's annuity
to the Civil list, at the same moment,
when he already enormous Income, enjoyed
by the Duke of York of £65,000 per Annum,
another £10,000 has been so gloriously
added, to remunerate him for the trouble
of extending his weekly visit to Windsor,
from my father's Apartment, to
the floor Kings, on the other side the way;
for I will be answerable for it, so that
existent, he will limit his Duties: As to
his retaining the Command of the Army
with that situation, I never myself saw

an objection to it, or conceived that one could
be made, and therefore I experienced no
disappointment what ever on that account,
but the appointment of the Duke of Wellington
to the Admiralty, though fully expected by
me, was a direct violation of the Request
promised, originally, spontaneously made
to me in 1802, and as spontaneously repeated,
in 1804. You will bear, I believe with
concern Librarian, that Mrs. Coote refusing
to make for acceptance, the Bill I gave
Pedraglia for £828, Mr. C. has ^{been} the occasion
of a very unpleasant visit to me, from the
managing part Mr. Ranino, but I hope
Mrs. Coote will shortly consent to the
House, the assurance that it will be paid
in April, and that thus the evil will
be got over, as also, that they will not
refuse a Bill, I was obliged to give him

a day or two ago, payable also in April,
after the receipt of my quarterly income
at the Exchequer, and which is the only
mode I can adopt, to keep going, until you
can make some arrangement for my efficient
relief at home. Pray tell Mr. Rivington
the Bookseller, that the Duchess and myself
have no objection to his styling himself
our Bookseller, and that when an opportu-
nity offers we shall be happy to receive
one of his Catalogues. Your acquaintance
Mr. Dawe, is still at Brussels, where he
has been painting the Pine and Pineapp
of Orange, and from whom I apprehend
he will be going to Petersburg, as it is
impossible for the Duchess now to visit to
him, in her present state. He complains
bitterly of neglect in the Post Office at Brussels,
at letters that were addressed to him there,
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from Coburg and this place, though repeatedly
enquired for by him ^{only}
turned up on the 10th Inst. and which he
assigns as the reason for his protracted stay
at that place, and his not coming on here,
as was expected. - Every thing is going on
here smoothly and quietly with the sole
exception of my secondary difficulties, which
have been aggravated by the disagreeable
conduct of Coote's House, and a copy of my
letter to whom, of this day by the post, I
think it best to enclose to you for perusal,
so that you may have the opportunity of
hinting to the partners, when an occasion
offers, that you are not unacquainted with
the subject, & that nothing but my personal
attachment to Mr. Coote, and his own
friendly advances, have induced me to
continue my account at the House, and
that I felt the affront they had thrown
upon

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have
hon me, so deeply, as to ^{have} cause the inter-
mination of withdrawing my account
tally from the House, the moment had
all have ceased to exist. -

The Dutchess has been ailing for three
four days past, but has been vastly
better since yesterday, and ^{is} ready to encounter
the execution of the journey to England, pro-
vided we are enabled to move by this day
morning. She desires to be kindly recom-
mended to you, Mr. Wetherall and the Children,
and I remain ever with the most friendly
regards

My Dear Wetherall! -
Yours faithfully
Edward

H^oR. H^o The Duke of Kent
Letter of 10/21 Feb 1819 on
the subject of assuring to
England: His Grace
Letter of the 6th March
of His Grace

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London 23rd Feb 1819

Sir

I have had the Honour of
Receiving your letter with the Commands
of the Royal Highness the Duke and
Duchess of Kent, I am very sorry I
could not give the Royal Highness
a satisfactory answer before this
time. I am highly sensible of the
Importance of such a delicate
Commission to Recommend a
Person fit for the Station, and
Qualities so justly required,
I came to town for the sole purpose

To make all the Inquiries in my
Power, I have seen many, but,
among all I found but one, with
the Qualities demanded, by the Royal
Highness, and can be so Satisfactory
Recommended by all the Families ~~the~~
the Person lived with, she lives now
with Lady Ashbrooke, and has lived with
her, four years, Lady Ashbrooke gives
her a most Excellent Character, In every
respect, and such her Ladyship received
with her, by Lady ~~the~~ Curzon, with
whom she lived for some years, and
brought up her Children, from their
Birth, The person in question is
a Widow woman, and has one son
which is already provided for in the India
house, by the Interest of Lord Ashbrooke

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... said person is 37 years old, and is
... pleasing agreeable person, with
... handsome, she is ~~not~~ ^{very} well out
... being a fine Lady, she received a very
... good plain Education and understands
... a little French, I believe nothing but
... the very High Character of the Royal
... Highness in this Country, would have
... tempted the woman to go to
... Germany, in ~~regard~~ ^{regard} to her Salary.
... I inquired how much His Royal Highness
... the Duke of Cambridge give to a
... similar person, to superintend H. R. H.
... Nursery, I hear it is £50 a year in
... Germany, but should H. R. H. return
... to this Country £80 a year, I must
... leave this to the Royal Highness's own

Consideration. I have taken the Liberty
to write to you Sir, to explain to His Royal
Highness the Duke of Kent, in State of Madam
de Smet, in mentioning His Royal Highness
might know some of the Families with
whom the Person lived, she is the very
person I should have recommended to my
even beloved Prince, Charlotte and was
by far more fit than the one that
had been recommended, I will hear some
more, and will enquire Madam de Smet
next Post.

I have the Honour to remain
Sir your very Humble
Ob. Serv^t

L. Louis

W. James West.
20th February 1839.

My Lady

I have great satisfaction in being able to bear witness to the capacity of Mrs. Broome, as a very proper Nurse for children from their birth, and I perfectly recollect her great attention, assiduity and fitness, in the care of your Ladyship's Daughter the Hon^{ble} Miss Flower, who was seriously ill for several weeks, about two years since, during which period Mrs. Broome appeared to be quite invaluable, as a most intelligent and useful person for the care of young Children.

I have the honor to remain,
your Ladyship's, obliged, and
very obt^l & ple serv^t.

Richard Walker

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Mr Walker
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the Qualities demanded, for the Royal being a
Highness, and can be so satisfactory good pla

Private & Confidential

Amorbach 28th Feb. 1819

My Dear Sir

I had the pleasure of receiving yesterday your favor of the 19th Instant, and I now hasten to return you my kindest thanks for your obliging congratulations, upon the present interesting state of the Dutch Republic, and your own obliging words, and which it cannot be necessary for me to say are perfectly in unison with my own feelings. It is a great satisfaction to me to find you confirm that opinion, which I had before received, from various quarters, that my Countrymen in general view the expected result of her confinement as an object of joy. I am, Dear Sir, with
Yours truly
L. L. L.

with the most grateful sentiments in
 return for this mark of attachment from
 the English Nation, it is no less the
 Dutchess's most anxious wish, than my
 own, that her confinement should take
 place at Kewington, in preference to
 any other part of the world, and, under
 the expectation that this would have
 been equally acceptable to the head of
 my family, who heretofore has very limited
 our means of existence are at present,
and will be for the next five or six
years, owing to the sacrifices I had sponta-
neously made to discharge incum-
brances, not arising from extravagance,
but from loss and privations, which
I experienced during the fourteen years
I was serving abroad in the line of my
profession. I applied to that quarter
 for the necessary pecuniary assistance to

to enable me to take the Dutchess home,
 for the purpose of her accouchement,
 and to remain the necessary time
 in England after it, that she might
 recover thoroughly from the effects of
 her confinement. But, strange to
relate, I was not only refused all assistance,
 but received a communication ^{purporting} that my coming
 over for the purpose was deemed wholly
 unnecessary, and that, if after that decla-
 ration, I persisted in so doing, I should
 be considered an unwelcome visitor.

Under these circumstances, I had almost
 made up my mind, bitter as the dis-
 appointment was both to the Dutchess
 and myself, for we were both bent
 from the first, with the child being born
 in England, to submit to the will
 of our superior, resolving to ourselves
 to let the world know, that our absence

was

was not the effect of any fault of our
own, but of the fist of the head of the
family; but the moment my friends
heard of this, I received letter on letter,
to entreat me not to give up my inter-
tion, and to submit to any sacrifice,
rather than suffer my Infants to be
deprived of the benefit of being born a
Briton. In consequence, we have
determined, if we can any how raise
the means, to perform the journey
with the comforts so essential to
the Dutchess's health and safety, not
withstanding the risk we run of
meeting the process of the Court, to
follow the original impulse of our
hearts, and we yet hope to be able
to set out / if not deceived in our
expectations

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expectations of receiving assistance from
friends, in about three weeks or a
month or two, when the Dutchess will
have completed the seventh month
of her pregnancy, and be entering into
the eighth. Having said this, in
confidence, it now becomes necessary
that I should candidly explain to
you, the positions, in which I am
placed, with regard to Medical attendance
upon the Dutchess. In the year 1846
when I went to the Continent, for
the purpose of living upon the very
contracted income, I had secured for
myself, an old Medical friend of
mine Doctor Isaac Wilson, second
Physician of the Royal Hospital at
Dorchester, who had long been an
Honorary

6. Honorary Physician of my Establishment proposed to follow me to Brussels, being then reduced on half pay, without pay or reward, and by taking up his residence, in the same town with me to be at my call, whenever I myself or any of my Establishment might require Medical aid. This I readily accepted of upon a full understanding on his part, that it was as acceptable to him to spend his half pay on the Continent, as at home. In the course of conversation, I found that the Doctor, for many years both when at the Cape of Good Hope, when he was the Senior Medical Naval Officer, as well as at Plymouth, had practised Midwifery with great success. I therefore felt no scruple

when

when the Dutchesse was taken ill at Brussels on our return from England, in September last, in calling Doctor Wilson in, and she was so pleased with his attention, and care of her at that time, that she expressed a strong wish he should follow us here. This he most readily consented to, and consequently has been in the habit of seeing her daily for the last six Months, and has so gained her confidence, by his simple unaffected manners, and his good management of her, that I am sure at present, it would only be an annoyance to her, were any other Medical Gentleman to be proposed. In addition to this, by the particular wish of her Mother, the Dutchesse Dowager of Lorraine Cobourg.

Knowing she has engaged the attendance
of Madame de Schbald of Darmstadt,
a Lady who attended her Daughter in
Law, the King's Dutchess, to her entire
satisfaction at her last Laying in, and
who is very celebrated in Germany,
from having studied at Göttingen
under Doctor Richter, whom she at-
tended the whole Medical, and anatomi-
cal course, the same as any Male
Student, and passed her examination
^{which she now holds from that University}
for the Diploma of Physicians Accolade,
with great credit, so that she will bear
these two individuals, with her, in whom
both herself and her family place great
confidence. - Under these circumstances
I put it to your own feelings, as a Pro-
fessional Man, whether although nominally
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By me as Physician to the Duchess, at
the Date of Supra^r recommendations, could
without indelicacy, accept of your offer
of service, in the present stage of her
Pregnancy, but, if, when the critical
moment arrives, there should be the shadow
of doubt or the appearance of danger
you are of course the Gentleman, whom
I should call in immediately, as in your
long experience, I place the fullest confidence.
I am sure from the liberality of your
character, and the openness with which
I have explained myself upon this
delicate point, I may be satisfied, that
this will be received by you, as it is meant,
and that, if I do not avail myself of
your offer of ^{you will believe me to be} meeting us at Calais, equally
grateful for the kindness of it. Of
course, after our arrival in England

¹⁰ I will take an early opportunity, of pre-
 -senting you to the Dutchess, and will
 then explain to her, for, to do it sooner,
 would only create alarm, that you are
 the person, to whom I look for assistance,
 in case, contrary to our hopes her labor
 should take that turn, as to render it
 necessary to call in a Physician of
 your superior professional talents.
 In the interim, as there probably will
 just be time for a letter to reach me,
 before I set out, in the event of our expec-
 tation for assistance being realized, I
 would beg of you, by return of post to
 answer this, and to favor me at the
 same time with your ideas, ^{upon the suggestion you have this point} as to the pos-
 sibility of preventing sea sickness altogether.
 I have now only to repeat the sen-
 timents of high regard and esteem,
 with

with which I ever am,

My Dear Doctor!

Yours faithfully

Pray have the goodness to place your
 answer to this, in the hands of Mr. Brougham,
 of the Foreign Office, Downing Street.
 I calculate on this reaching you, on or
 before the 14th, and if you write on the
 16th, and have your letter delivered in
 Downing Street, before two in the afternoon,
 it will be pretty sure of reaching me,
 on the 24th.

Sir

London 2^d March 1819

I had the honor (on the 25th Ult^o) to receive
 your Royal Highness's letter of the 12th and it was
 with great regret I learned the effect which my
 candid communication of the 5th had produced -
Very far indeed was it from my intention, in the
slightest degree, to wound your Royal Highness's
feelings; & you will but do me justice in believing
that every sentence in it was dictated by the
purest zeal for what I considered, however mis-
taken I may be, your Royal Highness's real
interests - permit me to offer some explanation
upon those points which I apprehend
I thereby give offence to your Royal Highness.

With respects to your application to the
 Prince Regent to pay your expenses & keep your
 table in England, permit me to observe that
 it does not appear to be a similar case with
 what in 1815 I advised your Royal Highness
 addressing yourself to the Government -

The first was for a just claim upon the
 to Mrs Royal Highness
 the Countess of Kent

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Public which should have been brought forward by
the Ministers, supported by the Prince Regent, ascer-
-ding to his former promises the point he had
taken with Mr Pitt in your favor - the last
was a private favor, which, after the experience
you had had of His Royal Highness's disposition
towards you, you could scarcely have expected he
would grant. With respect to making any public
observations respecting your absence from England, to its
real cause, I have taken every opportunity of
making that known amongst my circle of public &
private friends. But the Communication respecting
the promise which you desired me with considerable
confidential trust to be repeated - Besides I
have been adverse to enter the public papers
with any disclosures of the kind, as the simple
answer to be given by the Prince's friends if
such had been publicly advanced, was that you
had all your allowances from the public, without
the pleasure of the Prince & that you were not
more obliged to leave England, because he wanted
it than I might if he were displeas'd with
me & wish'd me to leave the Country - The
Plan that either yourself or any of your brothers

were oblig'd to leave England, would require
to be supported, at least as regards yourself with
the income you apparently have, by something more
powerful than that the Prince drove you out.
I may be mistaken, but my opinion is, that
your most zealous friends, by bringing you before
the public as they have done, have been injurious
instead of beneficial to your interests and
character. I again repeat that my intention
and meaning has been misunderstood if your
Royal Highness can for a moment have
allowed your indignation to be caused at my
sincere and candid statement, (to which I
again refer) that no one item of your offen-
-diture as sent in your former letter can be
consider'd extravagant or inconsistent with
your high birth and situation in life, but
as not being suitable to the Scale of
expense laid down by yourself, by which you
pledged yourself to abide. Conscious of
the sincerity & purity of my intentions in the
advice I have given to your Royal Highness
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Mr Home March 2nd 18

I shall as you leave it to me, submit the three
last letters from your Royal Highness & my
answers to them, to the Committee of your
friends on Friday next; and, as I can fear the
indignation of our Man, I shall willingly submit
myself to their determinations on the whole of
the Correspondence. I do assure your Royal
Highness, that, whatever my own Opinions may be, I
shall bow with deference to the Majority of
the Committee and shall agree to what they
may determine, even if their resolutions should
be contrary to my own judgment in the business.

For Mr Longman & Mr Ogilby have just
been with me; and, as they are of Opinion, the contrary
to mine, that your Royal Highness's claim to
public and to the present Parliament may be brought
forward, every thing shall be done to ascertain
that point & if possible to effect it.

The public distresses are however too great
to admit of the Subject being inconsiderately brought
forward. In all that I have communicated
or may be allowed to communicate, to your Royal
Highness I doubtless trust that the frankness with
which I address you, will be ascribed to that zeal
I have endeavored to manifest in your Royal Highness's
cause, that length may reach your ear & be manifest.
I have the honor to remain your Royal Highness's sincere friend
& obedt servant J. Joseph Home

Copy.

Milton. 2nd March 1819.

Sir,

A letter from Your Royal Highness would have been considered by me not only a great honor, but no less a great gratification, had it not conveyed the painful intelligence, that the peace and comfort of your mind were disturbed by circumstances, different indeed in their nature, but alike tending to impede an object justly near to your heart, the approaching confinement of Her Royal Highness to take place in England, so that should eventually the expected Offspring ascend the throne of Great Britain, the Sovereign of Great Britain may be, by birth, British -

Towards removing one part of the obstacles, I certainly can afford no assistance, but if the other, that of a pecuniary nature, can be in
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any degree smothered and diminished
by the mite, which I have at command,
it shall be immediately placed at the
disposal of General Wetherall, to whose
care, I am given to understand, Your
Royal Highness has confided the manage-
ment of this confidential concern.

I have the honor to be, with
most respectfull attachment,

Your Royal Highness's
most faithfull Servant

Wentworth Fitzwilliam

Capt 5th Earl

London 5th March 1819

Sir

I must in the first place Return
your Royal Highness my most sincere
thanks for the kind and strong expressions
in my favour both in your letters to Mr
Ogilvie and that to myself of date the
1st of February, which ^{I got} upon the 24th of
that Month, and by your enlightening
me with a knowledge of your objects
and wishes in the selection you are
now placed.

I only regret that I have
so little in my power to do, to aid you
therein; and I have not spared any trouble
or exertion in my power by recording to
those who could be of essential use

Use to you —

I went to Mr Forster's new Friends House in Finsbury Square upon Wednesday the 22nd February, and I not only called for him, (and had a short note to leave for him expressing my objection in leaving a card for him in that note in case I had not seen him) and most fortunately I met ^{him} as he was going to the House of Commons at his own door, and he read my note, and requested me to call on him on his return from Bristol, which he was going to attend the funeral of a particular Friend —

He did not return until the 2nd March and I saw him then by appointment along with Mr Sylvia who I thought proper to take with me, and I proposed to

show your letter of Introduction which stated correctly the two objects you had in view — and after a good deal of conversation with him as to both of your objects, he considered as I did that the first was a most reasonable and deserving object for consideration, and that the expense of the Duke of Clarence and Duke of Kent coming to Bristol when I proposed to be delivered of them children to make them Masters of Great Britain was most laudable and ought to be given by Parliament — He was aside that objections as to the Duke of Clarence and Duke of Cumberland might occur to some in a different light and he advised ^{us} to speak to Mr Home

who would probably have made upon the
Subject, and he whom he would speak
himself that night in the House of
Commons, and the thought Mr. Home
might consider it as an omission and
not doing so.

We accordingly went to Mr
Thomas's house and found him at home
and he informed us that he understood
Ministers had taken Opinion whether
it was necessary that the Royal Duchesses
who were pregnant should come to England
before their Delivery and that they had been
advised that the Ambassadors at Turin
could be enquired to where they were might
be approved to attend us or to supersede
the necessity of sending abroad Mr. Grey's

Councillors for that purpose — and
 he conceived that the Mandates in question
 should not accede to it and that
 Mandates would not attempt it, nor
 expect it.

Not being that I actually should
 speak to Lord Edmonstone upon that
 Subject and should let them know and
 also Mr Fisher.

I could not get access to Lord
 Edmonstone upon Wednesday last but
 I went on Thursday and went to his
 Private Secretary and by that means got
 admittance to him as soon as he returned
 at his Office.

I mentioned to him how long
 and from what Circumstances my De-
 mand

acquainted with your Royal Highness
Commenced, and being also acquainted with
a Gentleman who knows a good deal of
your Affairs (meaning by it Mr Ogilvie)
I understood it was your wish and that of
the Duchess of Devon that she should
come to England before her Departure
that I perceived that would be a proper
Step for Nelson in this ^{High} Collection.

He at once told me that it was under the
Consideration of the House and of their
Members, and that they certainly had
got sufficient legal Advice that it was
not expedient, that they should be ban
in England, and that their Regiments
should be attended to by persons who would

be appointed, without incurring any expense
and he added as to the Dismissal of
Evidence that the Request of the Medical
Person who attended her at Madeira was,
that it would be dangerous to attempt
Travelling so far. I stated that there was
no Doubt as to the Duchess of Devon's inde-
-pendence and Ability to come and that
Persons who would well to her were desired
and thought it would not be unrea-
sonable thing if it was proposed to do
so by an Independent Member, and who
had some Knowledge of what the Opposition
would do upon that point, whether Ministers
would Object to it. He said that he did
not think Opposition would agree to it
and that it would not be the wish

of Ministers that it should be
made by any person, made especially as
Opposition had treated the same request
in regard to the Royal Dutch in so
limited and particularly incongruous
manner, and the sum ^{they} would in any
case propose would be of little conse-
quence, but that in a little time it
ought to be brought forward when there
were children, and that a small fraction
of their kind if it could be got, would
record upon those who obtained it

— His Lordship spoke most properly
as to your conduct and the Duke of Cam-
bridge and he mentioned to me that
the last official visit he made to the
Leam was to announce to her your intended

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— Marriage ^{and} the Duke of Clarence
both of which she approved of, and he
spoke highly of you and your Duchess and
he also told me when I spoke of Prince
Leopold, that he was coming here, and
meant to remain in England. I said
that your great object in returning to
here in England was, that Prince
Leopold was to remain here; and he
said, if you and the Princess could
arrange it, so as to produce that,
in a little time hereafter, it would
be most beneficial to you and your
family. — He also mentioned that you
had acted very properly, in recalling your
Obliging to Lord Grey —

He requested ^{me} not to mention

all that he had said to me, but as a
friend, he would not advise you, to pursue
it at present. —

You may from Circumstances
that may come to your Royal Highness's
knowledge form a judgment of what you
ought to adopt as your course now, and
when I and Mr. Ogleve see Mr. Father
which I think will be soon done, he
or I will write you what he now thinks
ought to be done. — I consider Mr

Father to be a most respectable
Gentleman and sound good sense, and

I remain your Devoted
and faithful

To His Royal Highness's Servant

Highness's
The Duke of Kent William Montagu
L. S.

London 5th March 1819.

Sir

I had the honor to address your Royal Highness on Tuesday, and now, by this night's post, I think it proper to inform you that at a Meeting this day held with General Betherald & Mr. Kirkland we have determined to summon a full Committee of your friends for Monday at 1^o o'clk, when your letters explanatory of your present situation & my letter to you on that subject shall be submitted to them for their consideration.

In consequence of the request of Mr. Charles Forbes & Sir M. Sturgeson & Mr. Ogilvie I have spoken to Mr. John Smith & Mr. Birney on the propriety of any proposition being made by any of your friends for an advance from the public to pay your expenses to England; and the answer received is that it would be insanity to make any such proposition at the present time for any grant from the public - From all I know of the temper of the House of Commons & of the public I do not think the whole

whole influence of the Govt. could bring any such proposition.

I lament your being obliged to employ any individual to bring you imprudently before the public at the present moment & altho Sir Wm Sturgeson has not made the promised communication to me as to his success with Lord Sidmouth, I do hope Sir Wm. Agilnes will act with prudence -

I take the liberty once more to impress on your Royal Highness the great importance we all attach to your trusting to your own resources of £10000 a year, including the Dutchess's allowance, and that however unpleasant it may be to reduce your establishment, and however great the sacrifice may be to your feelings, the sacrifice cannot stand in competition for one moment with that high honor & purity of principle for which your friends esteem you & for which the public respect & honor you -

If any disappointments should oblige you to violate this one, there will be little satisfaction without it, nor can the other for one moment stand in competition.

I leave this letter to remain

Your Royal Highness's most Obedt.
Servt. & sworn friend -

Joseph Herne

To His Royal Highness
The Duke of Kent
or to do

Mr Herne
March 5 recd 1A

75 Seymour Place
Portman Square
5th March 1819

Sir

I am this moment returned from Sir
William Hoagman who yesterday had a conference
with Lord Sidmouth, but before I state the result
to you, I must inform your Royal Highness that on
Wednesday we had a second interview with that
excellent man Mr. Jones the member of Parliament
who continued to be of opinion that it should be
moved that the Royal Dukes should be
invited to come over with their wives to give
birth to the Heirs to the Succession in England.
He told us that some members with whom
he had conversed upon the subject were of opinion
that the House of Commons would grant a
sum of money to defray the expenses to be
incurred
to Field Marshal the Duke of Kent K. G.

His Royal Highness

the Duke of Kent K. G.

and the names of those who were of this opinion
 were Mr. Smolley, W^m. Mowbray & W^m. Dowry
 Wellesley. W^m. William Smith, your Royal
 Highness's friend, being of opinion that the
 ought not be moved because he thought
 it could not be carried. I shall now proceed to
 state to your Royal Highness what passed between
 Lord Sidmouth & Sir William Poynter on the
 subject of the intended motion in Parliament
 for an invitation to come to England, and for
 the means of enabling your Royal Highness
 and the Duke of Clarence to do so. It
 being understood that the Duchess of
 Cambridge was so far advanced in her pregnancy
 that she could not come. The motion however
 intended

to have been made, would have embraced all
the Royal Dukes now abroad to avoid any
 divisions distinction.

Si William informed his Lordship
 that from the time the King of a Highland Scottish
 to the Royals had been projected he had the
 honor of knowing your Royal Highness, that
 both himself & some respectable Independent
 Men in Parliament, were extremely desirous of
 assisting your Royal Highness in your natural
 and laudable desire to bring the Dutchess of
 Kent to England ~~to England~~ for her confinement
 that your child might be born on British
 ground & that it was understood the Duke of
 Clarence entertained the same desire, & the motion
 which your Royal Highness's friends intended to
 make would in the result, if it succeeded, in all
 probability bring you both, that is, your Royal
 Highness and the Duke of Clarence to England

to obtain ^{from} Parliament the money necessary to defray
your Royal Highness's expenses.

Sir Sidmouth then stated "That this
was indeed a delicate subject" That he had the
pleasure of knowing both your Royal Highness and
the Duke of Kent & expressed his regard for you
both, adjoining to the fortunate circumstance of your
Royal Highness's marriage & the marriage of
the Duke of Cambridge being so very highly approved
of by the Queen". These are Sir William's words to
me.

He then said that the Prince Regent's
Ministers having in vain attempted to obtain from
Parliament a proper sum of money for all the
Royal Dues, would not countenance or support
such a measure as this, coming even from a third
or independent part of the Commons.

That it was a measure he would not
recommend because he thought it would "recoil" on
your Royal Highness and the Duke of Clarence

There I asked Sir William, why they would not support the motion, & why it would recoil, he replied I imagine they would not support it, lest it should be construed into a compromise of their former effort, or lest it should injure any future measure of a more substantial nature which they may have in view. & Lord Sidmouth did not explain to me why he thought it would recoil.

Sir William previously to this part of our conversation, stated that his Lordship mentioned, that they were taking the necessary measures to have the children born British Subjects, although born abroad.

I apprehend the act of settlement has provided for that. & that intemperance are all that it is necessary to prepare. Lord Sidmouth stated

also, that in consequence of medical opinions it was not considered advisable that the Dutchess of Clarence should come to England. I believe I have now

reported to your Royal Highness as correctly as possible the conversation that took place between Sir William Poyman Lord Sidmouth, and I have only

to add that his Lordship desired Sir William not to
quote him, but to give the substance of his Lordship's
 opinion as his/ Sir William's own, but Lord Somerset
 professing friendship to your Royal Highness did not
 recommend the measure.

It now becomes a question of discretion
 with your Royal Highness and the Duke of Kent
 whether you do come to England or not.

I have dispatched a note to Mr. Forbes
 to inform him that Sir William Poynton has had
 the desired conference, & that the result is, that he
 does not recommend an application to Parliament
 as Ministers will neither support or approve of
 it.

Sir William has caught cold, but
 fixed Monday for a conference with Mr. Forbes on
 this subject & on Tuesday I shall give your Royal
 Highness

my opinion on this subject.

Certainly wish from my heart
that your child should be born in England, but then,
with all the odds be in favour of the Dutchess
of Clarence on her sofa in Hanover; what a weary
Royal Highness's Dutchess will be fatiguing herself
with a long & rugged journey.

The question has been well agitated
both within & without the House of Commons, & if any
determined neutral party brings the subject forward
from national & loyal feelings, good & well.

Your Royal Highness has done all
that a British Prince of the Blood, under similar
circumstances, could do, in discharge of your duty to your
country & to your child, and I have great satisfaction
in feeling that I have exerted all the powers of my
body & mind, in the zealous discharge of my duty
to your Royal Highness in the prosecution of this

truly desirable virtuous object and I shall not fail
loudly to proclaim how ardently both your Royal
Highness and the Dutchesse of Kent desired to
have your Child born an Englishman.

Mr William Boyman is writing to your
Royal Highness this letter will accompany, thus one
being a little agitated from the
effects of disappointment on a subject in which I
felt so deep an interest, I have written this letter
in rather a hurried manner.

I trust the Dutchesse of Kent will
continue to go on well in her pregnancy, and I have
the honor to remain with the most profound Respect
and the sincerest attachment

to

your Royal Highness

most obedient

most faithful

most devoted servant

J. Oglethorpe

P.S. Mr W. Boyman was an
Agent in connection with
Lord Sidmouth JD

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