Adm.l Sir Hyde Parker.

Admiralty 5th April 1801.

My Dear Admiral,



Many thanks for your Letter of the 23d, by which I have the satisfaction of knowing, that you are placed in the most happy, & enviable situation – No Negociations to retard your Operations, and a Scene of Glory, immortal, before you – We are pushing forward six Ships of the Line, the Hospital Ship, ten Gun Brigs, and a Fire Vessel, which will proceed the first favorable Wind, and others will follow, as fast as they can be got ready.

I have no doubt you Consult Vice Adm.l Lord Nelson, and

5th April 1801

Draft of a Letter from the Earl of St. Vincent to Admiral Sir Hyde Parker.

and Rear Adm^l Graves, in the most confidential manner, they are strait forward men without any views, except facing the Enemy in every direction.

As several Ships of your Squadron are mounted with 24 pounders, the temporary loss of those in the Invincible is of little moment, and will be repaired immediately.

I never was so sanguine as to suppose the destruction of the Ships in the Haven of Copenhagen could be achieved without loss on our part, but I see no difficulty, which may not be readily surmounted with such Men, and means as are placed under your Command. Yours most truly

(signed) St. Vincent

(Copy)

London, Copenhagen Road
April 6th 1801.

Private

My Lord,

I trust I shall not be thought inconsistent by my Letter of the 22d of last Month, in the idea of going through the passage of the Belt, both Lord Nelson and myself were forcibly struck by the Formidable description Mr Vansittart gave us of the force here, joined to the idea of that Force being reinforced by twelve Sail of Russians from Revel, which we for the moment certainly conceived it might be possible to intercept, or prevent the Junction, without sufficiently weighing I confess all the obstacles which we were likely to encounter by the intricate Navigation of that passage, which upon more cool reflection presented themselves

The attack upon the Enemies formidable

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Earl St Vincent. &c &c &c

Line has certainly been crown'd with all the success we could possibly expect, as one Vessel only, of the whole escaped, and I do not think with more loss than we calculated upon, considering the very strong position the Ships & Floats occupied, joined to the confined and almost unknown navigation they were placed in, as hardly two Pilots agreed, which variety of Opinion determined me not to risk either of the three Deck'd Ships, and the event justifies my Caution, for my anxiety is not to be expressed when I discovered the Bellona & Rupel, on shore in going on to the Attack, and I can assure your Lordship that had it not been for the judicious Moment Lord Nelson chose to send his Flag of Truce away, the Bellona, Rupel, Elephant, & Defiance must have been sacrificed, as they were so perfectly under the Fire of the Enemy from the Shore Batteries, and the two latter also aground, with the Batteries making free use of Red Hot Shot; Lord Nelson's threaths of burning all the Ships and Vessels which had surrendered with their Crews saved those Ships, and by procrastinating the

the Truce gave us an opportunity of getting them off.

I cannot well express to your Lordship my anxiety of mind under all the circumstances which has occurred since our entering the Sound, the Formidable defence the Danes had adopted, the probability of the Russians & Swedes being soon in a state to be active & the certainty of a number of Ships being disabled in the Attack, without an alternative on my part were matters that almost bore me down, as I am sure the strength of the Enemy was by no means known by Government upon my leaving England, and that they had been greatly deceived by the reports which had been lay'd before them, particularly as to the Batteries of the Crowns, which were reported to be so insignificant, were on the contrary, extremely strong, and Formidable, having at least as many Guns as mentioned in my Public Letter with regular Forges for Red Hot Shot.

I am by no means my Lord inclined

to

to complain, but conceive had your Lordship been apprized of the Enemies Effective force, you would not have allowed me to come here without the six Ships with the heavy Guns, and a different class of Fire Ships, for the two Brigs with us are little better than the Launch of the London, and from want of weight might be easily kept off with a trifling Spar, the Gun Vessels that of Complement, and unmanageable, from which they were of no use.

We have now cleared away this formidable line of Defence, but whether we are nae advanced as to the object of destroying the Arsenal with the Ships therein, is, and must be very doubtful, by the operation of Bombs, If by the present suspension of Hostilities we can bring the Danes to be Neuter, I cannot but consider it as a great point gained, for I do not see that the Fleet can move from hence leaving the Danes in a hostile state in our Rear, as it cannot be doubted they have it in their power to block up the passage over the Grounds & also some passes of the Belt, they will also

Under

render it very difficult for supply's and re-
-inforcements to come to us, and as yet we have
no resource as to water; situated as we are at
this moment fifty Leagues from the Scaw, through
a Navigation easily intercepted by the numerous
Gun Boats the Swedes have in their Harbours from
Gottenburgh to the Sound, and it cannot but
be expected they will become extremely active
as the Summer advances, therefore of course
nothing but strong Convoys will secure our
communication.

The Swedes did not fire on our passing
Cronenburgh Castle, how far they may be
inclined to be inactive I know not, not having
had at present any intercourse with them,
but mean agreable to my Instructions to try
their Feelings as soon as the determination of
the Danes is known.

Under all these difficulties Your Lordship
cannot be surprized at my anxiety for new
Instructions, as our situation and prospects
are not very flattering, The Monarch, Ardent,
and Isis, are so disabled, as to leave no doubt
but that they must be sent to England, The

great

great number wounded, has obliged me to assign one of the Danish Line of Battle Ships as a Hospital Ship for the accomodation of them, to convey them to England, we have also a great number of Prisoners, as many as possible of which I shall send to England in the Ships I am obliged to send from their Defects, but in the mean time they occasion an additional — Expense of Water.

I have sent Capt. Otway with these Dispatches, who by being sent to Lord Nelson in the latter part of the Action, has it in his power to answer many questions your Lordship may wish to put to him.

I have the honor to be &c

H. Parker

P.S. The Danes I conceive have about eight Ships of the Line in the Arsenal, two in the other Road, and two without Masts upon the flats on the Starboard side going into the Arsenal, a great number of Gun Boats, I understand from those that have been on —

shore

shore, laying behind the two Town Islands.

Many conferences has been held my Lord between myself and a Major Genl. Watterstoff, and the Adjutant General of their marine, which have all tended to an Armistice to give time for the two Courts to adjust the differences, but not finding myself authorized to enter into any engagements of that nature, I have just to say that the only two points I can conclude a peace upon is their signing a Convention or Disarming, neither of which I have any hope of their coming into, and therefore think it needless to detain the dispatches any longer.

H. P.

6th April 1801.

Sir Hyde Parker.

Respecting the attack on the Line of Defence before Copenhagen &c.

Recd. 15th.

Henry Addington Low

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Downing Street -
April 4th 9th - 1801 -
½ P. 8. P. M. -

Sire,

I am really unable to describe the Relief, and Consolation afforded to my Mind by the Note, with which Your Majesty has been pleased to honor me. That, which I received on Tuesday last, accompanied by a most affecting Communication to Your Majesty from The Queen, gave me, I venture to acknowledge, great Uneasiness, and confirmed what I could not but feel, when I paid my Duty to Your Majesty at The Queen's House.

It was certainly on Tuesday ye. 31st. of March, as stated in your Majesty's Note of this Morning, and not on Saturday ye. 28th., as mentioned in that of Monday last, that I waited on your Majesty. — My Anxiety on Account of your Majesty's Indisposition has now given Way to the Conviction, that, in a few Days, all Traces of it will be removed, without the Danger of a Relapse, which is so much to be guarded against; and that your Majesty will be thus restored to every domestic Comfort, and to the full Exercise of every Function, which the

Henry Addington

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Public Interests may require. To that Period, I need not assure your Majesty, that I look forward with a Degree of Impatience, which is only restrained by an extreme Solicitude, that it may not be so accelerated, as to interfere with the Completion of your Majesty's Recovery, or endanger the Continuance of that State of Health, which is so important to your Majesty's Family, to your Subjects, and to Europe.

With the utmost Humility, Veneration, and Attachment, I shall ever remain, Sire, Your Majesty's faithful Subject, and devoted Servant,

Henry Addington

Mt Addington
April 9th 1807.

Enc. to 10210-1

Copy. Adm Parker - ? to Sr Vincent

10125-6.

London, Copenhagen Road April 10th 1801

My Lord,

Contrary to my expectations a Medium has been found to guard against our coming to Blows a second time with the Danes, and I trust advantageous to us, having as far as writing can go tied them up from doing any harm, or impeding our future operations, which they would have done had we begun the Bombardment, and in the event of not succeeding in the Execution, I did not see a possibility of our proceeding up the Baltic leaving this power Hostile in our Rear, I therefore as I had the honor of telling your Lordship in my last Letter thought it a great point gained having the Danes Neuter.

The Isis & Monarch are so very much beat & disabled as not to be fit for any further Service. I shall therefore send those

Earl St Vincent &c &c &c

those two Ships to England with the Holstein, This latter Ship will have all the men badly wounded on board.

The Edgar, Ardent, Glatton, & Defiance have suffered very much both in Hull and Masts, and was it not upon the pressing occasion of making as respectable an appearance as possible, are by no means Ships in a State to keep the Sea; Your Lordship will therefore see I am about to proceed into the Baltic with a Fleet reduced to thirteen Efficient Ships of the Line only — Should we be able to succeed at Revel, which I much doubt, as the Season has been so very mild as is now so far advanced, joind to our being retarded by the difficulty of getting the large Ships over the ground. It will be a great point gained, on the contrary should the Revel Squadron have gone up to Cronstad, I do not conceive I shall be justified by remaining in the Baltic, and indeed our wants of Water and Stores will

become

become so urgent as to make it necessary for us to seek some Friendly port, as many of the Ships were so hurry'd as not to be compleat to five months Provisions — The Stores we found on board the Danish Ships and Vessels have been of infinite use in refitting the Ships that were in Action &c.

I have the honor to be &c.

H. Parker

10 April 1801. } Sir Hyde Parker

Recd. by Colr. Stewart 20th.

Mr Addington
April 11th 1801.

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Downing Street
April 9th: 11th: 1801
3/4 P. 12. P. M.

Mr. Addington humbly acknowledges the Return of the two Treasury Warrants with Your Majesty's Signature to each of them.

Mr. Addington hopes to be allowed to pay his Duty to Your Majesty to-morrow. He is now going to the Committee of Secrecy at the House of Commons, where He expects to be unavoidably detained till late in the Day.

Admiralty.
April 15th 1801.

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Lord St. Vincent humbly presumes to transmit to His Majesty, the substance of a dispatch, he has just received by Capt. Otway of the London, from Admiral Sir Hyde Parker, containing an account of his operations against Copenhagen; and begs leave to offer to His Majesty, his congratulations, on the Success, which has hitherto attended His Majesty's Fleet.

Admiralty a Quarter
after one o' Clock P.M.
15 April 1801

Enclosure

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Admiralty Office 15 April 1801.

Mr Windham

A Dispatch has been received from Admiral Sir Hyde Parker dated the 6. instant, giving an account of an attack having been made on the 2d. under the command of Lord Nelson, on the Enemy's Ships composing the Line of Defence at Copenhagen, consisting of two decked Ships, Frigates and floating Batteries, and that after a severe conflict which lasted several hours, the principal part of the Line was silenced, and of the 23 Ships and Vessels which composed it, Eighteen were

taken

taken or destroyed; including in that number Seven Ships of the Line.

Our loss has been 234 killed and 641 wounded, among the former are Captains Moss and Olsen and among the latter Captain Sir Tho. Thompson.

Sir Hyde was at Anchor with his Fleet off Copenhagen when the Officer left him on the 6th preparing to renew the attack on the Ships remaining in the Arsenal (having placed his Bomb Vessels in a proper position for that purpose) in case the propositions made to the Danish Government should not be accepted. No Ship has been lost or dismasted on our side.

Admiralty 17th April 1801

My dear Admiral,

I congratulate you most heartily, on the complete success, of the bold design, and daring execution, of the attack on the line of Defence before Copenhagen, which has received the most marked approbation of His Majesty, of both Houses of Parliament, and of the whole Kingdom.

What a happiness it was, that the impression, made by the relation of Mr Vansittart, did not long operate upon your mind, for besides the Hazard you would have run, of losing some of your Ships in the Belt, the delay might have

17th April 1801.
Draft of a letter from the Earl of St. Vincent to Admiral Sir Hyde Parker

have been attended with the most disastrous consequences. The Ships of the Line, and Frigates, which composed your Squadron, were so well commanded and appointed, that I did not feel much concern, about the Gun, & Fire Vessels, knowing that any deficiency in them would be readily supplied from the Ships above mentioned, and in truth, I had no better to give you; and the sailing of the Squadron must have been delayed to this hour, and even longer, had the Board judged it expedient, that you should have waited for the new Gun Brigs, some of which are only just launched, and I do assure you, upon a deliberate review, of the important objects of

your

your Mission, taking in the preparations made by the Danish Government, to resist an attack, I am decidedly of opinion, that every thing depended, on the early departure of the Squadron from Yarmouth. I certainly did lay my account to a vigorous defence, and that, in the assault, we should lose one or more Ships; in that, I am, happily, disappointed; I have, however, greatly to lament, the heavy loss in killed & wounded, yet, under all the circumstances, it is not greater, than might have been expected.

The Board is extremely well disposed, to pay every consistent attention, to the appointments you may have made; and to give

give every proof of the high sense entertained by it, of the eminent services performed by the Squadron under your Command, but I find it impossible, without detaining Capt. Otway, who is charged with important Dispatches to you, to furnish you with the arrangement by the present opportunity.

Rear Adm. Totty will proceed to join you, the moment the Ships of the line from Portsmouth, and the Nore, arrive at Yarmouth, with all the Gun Brigs, and Fire Vessels that can be got ready.

Believe me to be
My Dear Admiral
Yours Most Truly
St Vincent

The Duke of Portland
April 17. 1801.

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The Duke of Portland humbly begs leave to lay at Your Majesty's Feet the list of the Lords who were present this day & the order of the Speakers on the Bill for suspending the Habeas Corpus Act

Buckingham House
Friday 17th April 1801
20 p. 11. p. m.

Mr Gen. Ld. Hope to Duke of Portland

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Office of Ordnance
18th April 1801

My Lord

I have the Honor of transmitting herewith a List of Promotions occasioned by the Incorporation of the Irish into the British Corps of Artillery, which I request Your Grace will be pleased to lay before The King, as soon as it may be convenient, and to obtain His Majesty's Permission to notify in Orders to the Corps the Promotions as stated in the Enclosure, the Presence of several of the Officers being immediately required to replace those in Ireland who have retired, and to take Charge of the Troops there for the better Preservation of Order and Discipline—

I have the Honor to be
My Lord,
Your Grace's
most obedient Servant
H. Hope L. Gen.
of H. Majesty's
Ordnance

His Grace
The Duke of Portland
&c. &c. &c

Office of Ordnance 18 Sept 1801

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Office of Ordnance
18th April 1801.

Succession to Vacancies in the Royal Regiment of Artillery occasioned by the Incorporation of the Irish Battalions of Artillery.

Lieutenant Colonel Orlando Manley to be Colonel en Second.

Brevet Lieutenant Colonel John Cockburn to be Lieutenant Colonel, vice Manley.

Brevet Lieutenant Colonel Henry Thomson, to be Major, vice Cockburn.

Captain Lieutenant Ralph W. Adye, to be Captain, vice Thomson.

First Lieutenant Samuel Reynell, to be Captain Lieutenant, vice Adye.

Second Lieutenant Saumarez Dubourdieu, to be First Lieutenant, vice Reynell.

Brevet Lieutenant Colonel Thomas R. Charleton, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

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Brevet Lieutenant Colonel Abraham Du Vernett, to be Major, vice Charlton.

Captain Lieutenant George B. Fisher to be Captain, vice Du Vernett.

First Lieutenant William Payne to be Captain Lieutenant vice Fisher.

Second Lieutenant John P. Fisher to be First Lieutenant vice Payne.

Brevet Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Howorth, to be Lieutenant Colonel.

Brevet Lieutenant Colonel James Butler, to be Major, vice Howorth.

Captain Lieutenant Pawlet W. Colebrooke, to be Captain, vice Butler.

First Lieutenant George Forster to be Captain Lieutenant vice Colebrooke.

Second Lieutenant Arthur Hunt, to be First Lieutenant, vice Forster.

Brevet Lieutenant Colonel James Boag to be Major.

Captain

Captain Lieutenant Edward W. Pritchard to be Captain vice Boag.

First Lieutenant John Caddy, to be Captain Lieutenant, vice Pritchard

Second Lieutenant John Briscoe, to be First Lieutenant, vice Caddy.

Captain Lieutenant Lucius O'Brien to be Captain.

First Lieutenant Alexander Campbell, to be Captain Lieutenant, vice O'Brien.

Second Lieutenant John Taylor, to be First Lieutenant, to be First Lieuten.t vice Campbell

Captain Lieutenant James Gilbert, to be Captain.

First Lieutenant Hon.ble Roger Rollo, to be Captain Lieutenant, vice Gilbert.

Second Lieutenant Edward W. Cowley to be First Lieutenant vice Rollo.

Captain Lieutenant Thomas Dodd, to be Captain.

First —

First Lieutenant Henry M. Farrington, to be Captain Lieutenant, vice Dodd.

Second Lieutenant Edward Cullin, to be First Lieutenant, vice Farrington.

Captain Lieutenant, Thomas R. + + Francklin, to be Captain.

First Lieutenant George Skyring, to be Captain Lieutenant, vice Franklin.

Second Lieutenant John Winder, to be First Lieutenant, vice Skyring.

Captain Lieutenant James Viney, to be Captain.

First Lieutenant Charles H. Fitzmayer, to be Captain Lieutenant, vice Viney.

Second Lieutenant Arthur Macartney, to be First Lieutenant vice Fitzmayer.

Captain Lieutenant Richard W. Unitt, to be Captain.

First Lieutenant Joseph Browne, to be Captain Lieutenant, vice Unitt.

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Second Lieutenant Morgan Traherne to be First Lieutenant vice Browne.

First Lieutenant William Hall to be Captain Lieutenant.

Second Lieutenant William Adye to be First Lieutenant vice Hall.

First Lieutenant Charles Younghusband to be Captain Lieutenant.

Second Lieutenant Harry Meggs to be First Lieutenant vice Younghusband.

First Lieutenant George Crawford to be Captain Lieutenant.

Second Lieutenant Henry Light to be First Lieutenant vice Crawford.

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| First Lieuten=ants | George Holmes<br>Robert Truscott.<br>Thomas Tisdall | to be Captain Lieutenants |

The Commissions to be dated 18th April 1801.

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Mr Gen. Lord Hardinge to Duke of Portland

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Office of Ordnance
18th April 1801.

My Lord,

I have the Honor to enclose to Your Grace a Plan for the Establishment of the Corps of Royal Engineers, in consequence of the Incorporation of the Engineers of Ireland with those of Great Britain.

As it is of Importance to the Public Service at this particular Time, to receive the King's early Commands on this Measure, I request Your Grace will be pleased to lay the same, as soon as convenient, before His Majesty

I have the Honor to be,
My Lord,
Your Grace's
most obedient Servant.

Hardinge
Master General
of His Majesty's
Ordnance

His Grace
The Duke of Portland
&c. &c. &c.

Office of Ordnance 18 Apl 1861

Lord Howe

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# Plan for the Establishment of the Acting Corps of Royal Engineers in consequence of the Incorporation of the Engineers of Ireland with those of Great Britain.

Humbly submitted to His Majesty.

| | Present Establishment | Proposed Augment. | Proposed Establishm. |
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| Chief Engineer | 1 | " | 1 |
| Colonels | 5 | 1 | 6 |
| Lieut. Colonels | 6 | " | 6 |
| Captains | 18 | 2 | 20 |
| Capt. Lieutenants | 18 | 2 | 20 |
| First Lieutenants | 30 | 10 | 40 |
| Second Lieutenants | 15 | 5 | 20 |
| Total | 93 | 20 | 113 |

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By the foregoing Plan the Number of Officers are arranged, after the Chief Engineer, on the Supposition of their being attached to two Battalions of Ten Companies each—

A Battalion to consist of—

3 Colonels
3 Lieut. Colonels
10 Captains
10 Capt. Lieutenants
20 First Lieutenants
10 Second Lieutenants

This Establishment will form a Principle on which to found any future Increase, whenever the Services of the Country may require a further Augmentation—

Howe Lieut. General
of His Majesty's Ordnance

Ld. Chancellor (Eldon)

Ap. 18 1801

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The Lord Chancellor, submitting his most humble Duty to Your Majesty, has presumed to transmit to Your Majesty the Titles, containing, in effect, the Substance, of some Bills, which have passed both Houses of Your Majesty's Parliament, and to which Your Majesty's Royal Assent is humbly prayed. One of them is a Bill for reviving certain Acts, passed for suspending the Habeas Corpus Act, in part, in Cases of Treason or Treasonable Practices, and which has been thought

So necessary to the Public Safety, that each House of your Majesty's Parliament has read the Bill three Times in as short a Space of Time, as their Modes of proceeding would admit. If Your Majesty should be graciously pleased to give your Royal Assent to this Bill, it is thought that the public Interest requires, if Your Majesty shall so think fit, that such Assent should be given to day by Commission: and the Lord Chancellor humbly proposes, with Your Majesty's gracious Leave, to wait upon your Majesty to day, somewhat

Ld. Chancellor (Eldon)

Ap. 18 1801

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before three o' Clock, to learn your Majesty's Pleasure upon the Subject. The Nature of the other Bills does not seem to call for particular Observation.

April 18: 1801.

The Lord Chancellor

19th April 1851

Earl of St. Vincent
Admiralty 21st April 1801.
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Lord St. Vincent thinks it his duty to acquaint your Majesty, that on a consideration of all the circumstances that have occurr'd since Sir Hyde Parker was first entrusted with the command of the Baltic Fleet, and the difficulties which he has raised on every occasion, wherein a prompt and vigorous execution of his duty has been required; he is under great apprehension that your Majesty's Service will derive no advantage from Sir Hyde's continuance in that command. Lord St. Vincent therefore most humbly presumes, to submit to your Majesty's consideration, whether it

may not be advisable, that Sir Hyde should be recalled, and that a Commission should be sent to Lord Nelson, vesting him with the chief Command of the Baltic Fleet. When Lord St Vincent has next the honor of paying his Duty to your Majesty, he will take the liberty of explaining fully to your Majesty, the various circumstances which have occurred, to induce him to offer this opinion.

Lord St Vincent stated fully to your Majesty's Confidential Servants to-day, all that has passed on this unpleasant Subject, and he had the satisfaction of finding an unanimous opinion of the propriety of the measure now proposed —

Admiralty 21st of April 1801
10 o'Clock P.M.

John Haney
Verge Master at Lambeth
22d. April 1801.

A Lease of the Premises occupied by Mr Bye was granted above 30 Yrs. ago by the Archbishops of Canterbury to Lord Cardigan as the Nominee or in trust for the Prince of Wales#.

# Mr. Roberts's Letter 20. Augt. 1808 states Lord Cardigan to have obtained a renewal of the Lease on behalf of His Majesty.
= this probably is the fact, as the premises were originally held by Prince Frederick, from whom they devolved on His Majesty, & never were in the possession of the present Prince of Wales.

John Haney to Robt. Gray

Barges [Royal] v Barge Masters

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22nd Apl. 1808.

Sir

In pursuance of your Letter of the 27th of Feby last desiring me to take possession of the Premises attached to the Office of Mr. Royal Highness's Bargemaster as having been graciously appointed to that Office and to make a Report of the present State thereof — I have applied to Mr Bye to deliver up the same who has declined so to do — and I find that a Lease of the Premises was upwards of 30 Years ago granted by his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury to Lord Cardigan as the Nominee of or in Trust for the Prince of Wales at a small reserved Rent of about £ which Lease expired ofen Years since and has remained ever since out of Lease it being an adjoining Estate that was in the possession of his Majesty and not the Barge House in question — And if it is concerned the Lease might be renewed should it please his Royal Highness — to give directions for an Application for that purpose — I understand Lord Cardigan some Time ago made application to the King to speak to the Archbishop to grant his Lordship a Lease to his own use but did not succeed — And I further find that the Building is in tenantable Repair and contains one twelve oar Barge and an eight oar Rabbet the Property of his Royal Highness. — I am Sir your most obed. humble Servt

Robt. Gray Esqre.

John Haney

Duke of Portland

Ap. 23 1801

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In laying before Your Majesty the enclosed Dispatches from the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland the Duke of Portland conceives it to be his duty to represent with all humility to Your Majesty that the Recommendations which they contain, & which had previously received Your Majesty's sanction, have been unexpectedly withheld until the Act to empower Your Majesty to make the Office of

Master

Master of the Rolls in Ireland an efficient office had received
Your Majestys Royal Assent, for which it was not ready until
last Saturday — the Duke of Portland also humbly submits herewith
a warrant for Your Majestys Royal Signature for the appointment
of the Earl of Hardwicke to the Lieutenancy of Ireland.
The Duke of Portland further hopes that Your Majestys great goodness
& condescension will not dispose Your Majesty to blame him for going
so far to the solicitations of the Parties interested as most humbly
to

Duke of Portland

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upon which Your Majesty that a large Box containing Military Letters & Lists of Suscepions from the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland & two Boxes containing Commissions for the Royal Regiment of Artillery were some days since submitted to Your Majesty's consideration —

Berkeley House

Thursday, 23d April 1801

½ 10 p. 11. p. m.

D. of Portland
Burlington House 23. April 18[illegible]
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Ld Hawkesbury
London 23d. April 1801

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Lord Hawkesbury has the Honour to send to your Majesty, the Credentials & Full Powers intended for Lord St Helens as Ambassador to the Court of St Petersburgh which he requests your Majesty will sign, if they meet with your approbation — Lord Hawkesbury has conversed with Count Woronzow & Lord Whitworth respecting the Person who would be most likely to be acceptable to the Russian Government at the Present Moment, and they both recommend Lord St Helens as well acquainted with that Court, and peculiarly qualified to accomodate the Differences which have unfortunately subsisted between the two Countries Lord Hawkesbury is highly gratified that the appointment of his Lordship meets with your Majesty's Approbation

London
April 23 1801

Ld. Hawkesbury April 24th 1801.

April 24th 1801

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Lord Hawkesbury humbly submits it to your Majesty, whether it would not be better to defer conferring an English Peerage on Lord St Helens till his Return from Petersburgh. Lord Hawkesbury is led to make this Suggestion to your Majesty, not from any Insensibility to the Merits of Lord St Helens, but from the high value he has always placed on the Honours of the Crown and from an Opinion that the Precedent of conferring them on Individuals, at the time They accept Publick Situations, and before they can have rendered any Services in those Situations, may be attended with considerable Inconvenience

The Earl of Liverpool is considerably better

he is settled in the Country

Lord Hawkesbury knows not how sufficiently to express his Thanks to your Majesty for the Approbation you are graciously pleased to express of his Official Conduct

Lord Hawkesbury has sent the Letter to Prince Adolphus in obedience to your Majesty's Orders

L. of York.
Horse Guards 26. April 1801

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Horse Guards April 26 1801

Sir

I have the Honor to transmit to Your Majesty the Weekly Sales and Monthly Returns, as well as to lay before Your Majesty for Your Approbation the Recommendations for the Vacant Commissions for the last Week.

I had the Honor to mention to Your Majesty some time before the Resignation of Mr Dundas that a proposal had been made to raise two Corps of the Inhabitants of the Island of Ceylon, upon the footing of the Seapoy Battalions in the East India Company's service, This plan however could not from circumstances be brought to maturity till now, and I therefore beg leave to lay it before Your Majesty, and if it meets with Your Majesty's gracious approbation, I beg leave to recommend

Colonels Champagne and Ramsay ~~both~~ Very old and Meritorious Officers, and who are actually upon the Spot, being both in the 88th Regiment, for the Command of Them.

The Secretary at War has deemed he to lay before Your Majesty for Your Signature a Warrant fixing the Bounds for the Commencement of the Cavalry of the Army in Each Year,

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your Majesty's Most dutiful

Son and Subject

Frederick

Duke of Portland

Ap. 27 1801

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The Duke of Portland most humbly begs leave to represent to Your Majesty, that six months have now elapsed since the date of the last accounts of Major General Fox, & that his Family & Friends have renounced all hope of his existence. The Duke of Portland therefore feels himself called upon by a sense of his Duty not to delay any longer to inform Your Majesty of these melancholy

melancholy circumstances, & to submit with all humility to Your
Majesty's superior Wisdom the necessity of giving effect to the
determination Your Majesty had taken to remove the Earl of
Balcarres from the Lieutenant Government of Jamaica. In consequence of which, & after much deliberation with those of Your
Majesty's Servants, the D. of Portland ventures to offer Mr. Genl.
George Nugent to Your Majesty's consideration as the fittest
person who has occurred to them to be appointed to succeed to
Mr. Genl.

Duke of Portland

Ap. 27 1801

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Mr: General Knox in the very important Government & military
Command of Your Majesty's Island of Jamaica at this
momentous Crisis, & an establishment for Your Majesty's regular
is herewith submitted in case the proposal should be so
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Burlington House
Sunday 27th April 1801
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Duke of York

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York House April 28 1801

Sir

I beg leave to return Your Majesty my humble thanks for Your most gracious Letter, and to express to Your Majesty the Happiness I feel in learning, that Your Majesty is so nearly recovered, and I trust in God that by persevering a short time longer, Your Majesty's Health which is of such essential consequence both to us and to Your Dominions will be compleatly restored

I shall not fail to obey Your Majesty's orders concerning Colonel Dyott.

Having made enquiry of General Frederiks Agents they have assured me that no certain information has been yet received of his death, Perhaps however an Account may be hourly expected from Sir Ralph

Abercrombie, Your Majesty would approve of not disposing of the 44th Regiment, if it should become vacant or of the Batallion of the 9th which was poor General Knox's until Your Majesty learns if any of the General Officers upon that expedition have particularly distinguished themselves, as Major General Finch though a most excellent and meritorious officer is the junior Major General upon that service, and there are even two in the Guards senior to him in Egypt.

I shall as expeditiously as possible endeavour to assemble the Regiments which Your Majesty has been pleased to specify, should be encamped at Weymouth during Your Majesty's residence there this Summer but I am afraid that it will require some time, as from the very disturbed state the Country in General has been in for some weeks on

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account of the high price of Provisions, and particularly the West of England the Regiments of Cavalry as well as Infantry have been necessarily so much dispersed and the Magistrates so clamorous at the least idea of their being removed that I will require great care and precaution to assemble any Corps without endangering the general ~~tranquility~~ tranquility of the Country

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your Majesty's

most dutiful Son

and Subject

Frederick

Duke of York
York House 29th. April 1801.

Ld. Hawkesbury. London 28th April 1801

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London
April 28 1801

I have the Honour to send to your Majesty the Dispatch received this Day from Lord Elgin which gives an Account of the Landing, and of the first Operations of the British Army in Egypt. As French Papers have been received of as late a Date as the 25th Inst. and as they make no Mention of any Events in Egypt of a Date ulterior to the 14th of March, there is strong Reason to presume, that they either know more than they are disposed to tell or that the Success of your Majesty's Arms has prevented their receiving any further Accounts. Lord Minto has been for some Time desirous of resigning his Situation as your Majesty's Minister at Vienna, I humbly suggest to your Majesty the Propriety of appointing Mr Paget to succeed him. I know no Person in the Diplomatic Line, more equal to the Business, & more likely to give Satisfaction to your Majesty, than he is

I saw my Father the Earl of Liverpool on Sunday he is considerably recovered from his

Complaint, and felt gratified to the greatest
Degree, and highly honoured by the enquiries
Your Majesty had the goodness to make
respecting him He requests Your Majesty
would sign Two Duchy Warrants

Hawkesbury

Ld. Chancellor Eldon 29th April 1801. ½ 9 PM.

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29th April 1801
½ past 10 AM.

The Lord Chancellor, submitting his most humble Duty to your Majesty, begs Permission to request that your Majesty would be graciously pleased to signify whether, consistently with your Majesty's Pleasure, he may transmit to morrow for your Majesty's Royal Signature the proper Warrant for giving your Majesty's Royal Assent to the Bills, which shall heretofore have passed in both your Majesty's Houses of Parliament. The Lord Chancellor is chiefly induced to request, most dutifully, your

Majesty's Indulgence in this respect on account of its being necessary that he should, for the Convenience of the Suitors, if possible, attend in the Court of Chancery.

One of the Bills, that for revising the Act against Seditious Meetings, is undoubtedly an important Bill. The former Act Your Majesty was pleased to give Your Royal Assent to: and Meetings of a dangerous Tendency having taken place since the Act expired, Your Majesty's Houses of Parliament

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have thought it proper and necessary to renew the Act.

The Lord Chancellor is not aware that the other Bills, proposed to your Majesty's for your Royal Assent, call for particular observation.

Lt. Chancellor Elliot
29th April 1801
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Wednesday 29th April
9 P.M.

The Lord Chancellor, offering Your Majesty his most humble Duty, and his most grateful Thanks for the very gracious Communication, which he has received of Your Majesty's Pleasure upon the Subject, takes Leave to transmit the Commission for passing the Bills, which are humbly offered for Your Majesty's Royal Assent, together with their several Titles.

Lord Hawkesbury,

St James's Square. 30. April

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St James's Square
April 30 12 p.m.

Lord Hawkesbury considers it to be his Duty to inform Your Majesty, that he has not only received no Information of the Arrival of Genl Lauriston but that it does not appear from the Couriers & other Persons who have passed, between Paris & London that he was ever on the Road. It is probable therefore that Lord Whitworth has adopted this Report without the means of obtaining sufficient Information respecting it, or that it has been thrown out for the Purpose of gaining time

Ld. Hawkesbury
Downing Street April 30th 1801.
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Downing Street
April 30 1801
one oclock p m

I have the Honour to inform Your Majesty, that Mr. Charles Loche, Consul at Naples, arrived in Town this Morning he left Paris on Friday. On the Thursday night he saw the Marquis De Lucchesini, who informed him that Intelligence had been that Day received from Egypt, of the Defeat of the French Army, & that Menou was taken Prisoner. The fate of Egypt was considered by those accounts as decided. – As this Intelligence is not Official It is thought more prudent not to represent it as certain. At the same time I can not entertain any Doubt of its being substantially true. I most sincerely congratulate Your Majesty on this Important Event, which will reflect the highest Honour on Your Majesty's Arms & must lead to Consequences which can not be too greatly appreciated.

Hawkesbury

Ld. Eldon.
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Lord Eldon most humbly tenders to Your Majesty his duty, and his determination earnestly to express his Gratitude by the Fidelity and Integrity of his Conduct.

In Obedience to your Majesty's Commands he returns, without delay, the inclosed Papers, for the Communication of which he offers to your Majesty's Countenance his most humble and most dutiful Thanks.