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Sir

I have just received ^{a Letter} from Mr de Salgas
which makes me take the liberty of
addressing to you my very gratefull
and respectfull answer to the King's most
gracious proposal with respect to my
son. I am deeply affected with this mark
of Royal condescension and goodness and
beg, Sir, that you will lay me at his
Majesty's feet with the expression of my
profound respect and dutifull attachment,
and that you will inform his Majesty
of my gratefull acceptance of the place
he has been pleased to offer to my son
in the establishment now forming for the
education of the three young Princes.

The only painfull emotion I
feel, Sir, on this occasion is the anxiety
of my desires that his Majesty's intentions
may be answered by my son's sentiments

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capacity and conduct, and, tho' I fear that
the friendly partiality of M. de Salgas, has
embellished the portion of merit he may have,
yet I would humbly hope, that this will
be, in some measure the case. He is
indeed, very young, has but just entered upon
his Nineteenth year, so that some parts of
his course of study are yet unfinished; but
I may venture to say that he has applied
himself with success to those branches that
will render him, for the present, most useful
to the Royal Pupils, and their tender age
will afford him abundance of time to cultivate
before hand any other branches of Knowledge
which may be required. I am persuaded that
his industry will be exerted, in his vacant
hours, to render himself still more worthy of
the honour conferred upon him and the
trust that may be placed in him. - He is a
very good Latin scholar, has read the principal
Latin Classics, a great part of the Philosophi-
cal works of Cicero and is making a progress
in the Greek, which is considerable. - He is
a compleat master of the French language,
both with respect to speaking and composition,
- but, alas! when he speaks English, his

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accent indicates the place of his birth, where
nothing but french and dutch is spoken: but
a very little time will be sufficient to correct
this. - Not to enter into any farther detail
with respect to his literary attainments, I
shall only observe, that he has gone thro' a
course of Logick, disengaged from the intricacies
and jargon of the schools and has advanced
to some length in the study of the Law of
Nature and Nations. - as to his morals they
are untainted, and for his sentiments of
honour & virtue, I hope they will appear and
speak for themselves.

If the Plan of Study and Education
marked out for their Royal Highnesses, is
already fixed upon, may I be allowed, Sir,
to extend my curiosity so far, as to
desire to know, what part, under the
direction of Mr. Hughes, is allotted to my
son, in the execution of it.

In the mean time I am endeavouring
to get every thing as ready, as my state of extreme
weakness after a long illness will permit,
that his Majesty's orders with respect to
the time of my son's arrival at New may

be obeyed as punctually, as possible.

Allow me, Sir, knowing your intimacy with Mr de Salgas, to lay hold of this opportunity of recommending my son to your good offices, tho' neither he nor I have the honour of being known to you. His inexperience and his entrance upon a new scene, where every thing will bear a different aspect from what he is accustomed to, and where both persons and objects will, in different ways, disconcert him for a time, all this will render encouragement and counsel necessary. — — But it is time Sir, to relieve you - my letter grows long, the heart of a father on such important occasions is naturally a babbler, - excuse its effusions and believe me with the highest respect and esteem

Sir

your most humble and obedient
servant

Hague December 19th
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A Maclaine