

Colonel Grenville
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I have the pleasure to acquaint Your Majesty, that the Prince has almost entirely got the better of the sprain in his wrist, which has very near recovered its former strength. His Royal Highness is just returned ^{home} paying a visit of a couple of days to Prince Ernest at Zelle, & proposes setting out tomorrow upon his expedition to the Harz, Göttingen, & Hildesheim - According to Your Majesty's desire His Royal Highness has wrote to the Duchess of Brunswick to inform her, that he was ready to receive her orders in regard to the time which would be most convenient to Her Royal Highness & the Duke to receive him at Brunswick at the same time His Royal Highness intimated, that as he proposed setting out upon an expedition to the Harz, & sh^d not return till towards the latter end of the month, when he was engaged to go to Pyrmont. (If he sh^d have Your Majesty's approbation) he sh^d rather wish to defer having the honour to wait upon her & the Duke until his return from that place: I advised His Royal Highness to write to this effect, as I understand Prince Henry of Prussia, & some other Princes are expected at Brunswick.

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towards the latter end of the month, & I imagined Your Majesty
would not approve of His Royal Highness taking that
particular time to pay his respects to the Dutchess at Brunswick.
His Serene Highness is at present absent from Brunswick
attending the reviews of the Prussian troops. —

Your Majesty does me the honour in your letter of the 18th of
last month, to demand my opinion concerning the Prince's
character, & how he is likely to turn out; as I am convinced
Your Majesty will be pleased, that I give you my sentiments
with freedom & sincerity, I shall without fear communicate
to Your Majesty the opinion I have been able to form of
His Royal Highness from the observation I have made
during the short time I have had the honour to be about
his person. — I think I may venture to affirm with
great truth & justice, that His Royal Highness possesses a
thorough good heart, & an excellent disposition, that he
is endow'd with very fine natural parts, which only require
to be exercised, & call'd forth, & which will, I am
convinced whenever an opportunity offers for him to exert
them, do him credit, & answer every body's expectation.

I must however in confidence assure to Your Majesty,
that it is much to be wish'd, that His Royal Highness
could bring himself to dedicate more of his leisure hours
to reading, & to the improvement, & cultivation of his mind;

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I know how difficult it is at His Royal Highness's time of life to persuade oneself to profit of the many hours, which are trifled away, & which might be much better employ'd, I am however in great hopes, I shall be able by degrees to convince His Royal Highness of the consequence, & benefit he will derive from applying some part of that time to advantage, & as he is sensible of this defect in himself, he is more likely to listen to advice, & to endeavour to get the better of it, particularly when the first vivacity of Youth is past — In regard to the prejudices which Your Majesty very rightly observed His Royal Highness seem'd to have entertain'd of foreigners in general, before he left England, I can with truth assure Your Majesty, that there appears at present no partialities of any kind whatsoever, & His Royal Highness's behaviour to every one here, but particularly to those, who are appointed by Your Majesty to be about His person, is such, as must give them the greatest content & satisfaction: It is with great pleasure I take this opportunity to acquaint Your Majesty, that their conduct & behaviour justifies the choice Your Majesty has made of them. — Your Majesty is already so well acquainted with the character of M^r Col. Matthei, to make it needless for me to say any thing more, than that ^{Matthei} he answers every expectation Your Majesty may have form'd of him — in regard to Mess^{rs} de Lamoignon & Mess^{rs} de Ritter, they appear to me to be both, men of very honourable principles, &

of a good way of thinking, The Prince seems perfectly satisfied with them all. — Mess^{rs} de Laro is of great service to His Royal Highness in taking upon himself the charge of keeping his accounts, & of paying the bills as they are incurred, this makes a very great saving to His Royal Highness, as it wd be impossible for the Prince to keep any tolerably regular account of the many trifling things which daily occur, & it likewise prevents him from being cheated by the people here His Royal Highness generally sees the account before it is delivered into me. —

Nothing but Your Majesty's orders wd possibly justify me in troubling You with so long a letter; I do not in the least wonder at Your Majesty's being so anxious to be acquainted with every thing which regards His Royal Highness, who I hope will ever prove of great comfort to Your Majesty, & answer every expectation you can form, or wish of him —

Give me leave to return Your Majesty my most humble thanks for the very kind expressions, & flattering marks of confidence Your Majesty has been pleased to shew me, & which I shall endeavour by all that lays in my power to deserve. —

I have the honour, to be,

Your Majesty's most
dutiful Subject, & servant

Rich^d Grenville

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