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To His Royal Highness  
 Prince William Henry

The Humble Address of His Majesty's Dutiful and  
 Loyal Subjects, the Refugees stationed on Bergen  
 Beck.

May it please Your Royal Highness;

We His Majesty's Dutiful Subjects, sta-  
 tioned on Bergen Beck, beg leave to Address Your Rog-  
 -al Highness, & congratulate You thro' the channel  
 of our Commanding Officers) on Your safe arrival in  
 America.

We want words to express the joy  
 that is visible in the face of every individual belong-  
 -ing to our small party, at so distinguished an Honor  
 pay'd to the Loyal Inhabitants of this Continent by  
 the arrival of so amiable & distinguished a charac-  
 -ter, as the Son of our Royal Sovereign.

The measures pursued by a designing, base  
 set of Men early oblig'd us to leave our habitations  
 & seek our safety by joining His Majesty's Troops:  
 Since which time, we have had the pleasure of defeating  
 those Men who meant our destruction, which gave them

a convincing proof that we contended for that, which  
every honest Man ought to hold sacred & protect at the  
risk of His life.

Therefore flatter ourselves that Your Royal Highness  
is convinced of the sincerity of our attachment to their  
Majesty's Persons, & Royal prerogative, & which we are  
always ready to give fresh proofs of; praying for that  
day, when Rebellion may be crushed, & Peace restored  
throughout His Majesty's Colonies in America.

May His Standard be displayed triumphant  
by Land & Sea! May Heaven protect Your Royal  
Highness in time of Danger, & permit You to return  
crowned with the Laurels of Victory to Your Royal  
Parents

(Signed)  
Robert De Lancy  
on Bergen Neck  
28<sup>th</sup> September 1781.

Copy of the Address  
of the  
Loyal Refugees  
stationed on Bergen Neck