

Capt. Richard Pilkington to H.R.H.

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Brussels 8<sup>th</sup> July 1815.

To His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, of the United Kingdom.

May it Please your Royal Highness,

I crave permission to lay before your Royal Highness, -  
That on the 19<sup>th</sup> June I found on the Road between Brussels & Waterloo  
a Packet of papers loosely enclosed in an Envelope unsealed, which  
appeared to have been the property of the late Lt. Col. Farnier 5<sup>th</sup> Life Gds  
among which I discovered a letter addressed to your Royal Highness  
with a Memorandum requesting it might be forwarded according  
to the direction in the event of his (Lt. Col. Farnier) falling, - Not  
having been able to obtain any information concerning him, till the  
arrival of the English papers. I kept the Packet in safety, but having  
now discovered his name in the list of killed, I have taken the  
liberty of enclosing the letter, and trust the steps I have taken may  
meet your Royal Highness's approbation. - I beg permission to  
subscribe myself with the deepest sense of duty and respect,  
Your Royal Highness's most devoted and faithful servant

Richard Pilkington  
Captain 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment.

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