

Ld. Mavor to H.R.H.

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July 29th 1815.

Sir

Your Royal Highness's most kind & gracious letter by Cap^t Pitt-Claunce has reached me safely. Inadvertently, I have in a small degree deviated from the commands expressed in it. It was, as I now learn, your Royal Highness's wish that he should undergo a certain term of Probation before he were brought into my family. This I have thro' accident contravened. A ship bound to Calcutta spoke with the Cornwallis off Ceylon. Cap^t Pitt-

- Clarence imagined that a letter sent by her might
 reach me sooner than one that might be ex-
 - pected after his arrival at Madras, whether
 the Admiral was bound. He, therefore, apprized
 me of his being aboard the Cornwallis &
 his being entrusted by your Royal Highness
 with a letter for me. As letters from this Place
 go direct across the Country to Madras, I wished
 to save Cap^t Litz Clarence the trouble of getting
 to Calcutta before I myself should arrive
 there: and, to justify his not joining his Re-
 - giment at Cawnpore, I caused him to be given

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ent in general orders as on extra side &
Camp, transcribing to him leave of absence
in that capacity. All that is now in my
power is to assure your Royal Highness
that my conduct to him shall be only
strict & that he will never have any
particular countenance from me should I
find him insensible (which I yet persuade
myself can never be the case) to the infi-
nite obligations he owes to you. He omitted
to address before my letter addressed to him re-
garding that Place; and I fear that he may also

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have left Calcutta / where he learned his Officers
- sent on by Staff / to join me before a letter
of mine desiring him to wait there could ar-
-rive. I shall grieve at his making so long
a journey in the boiling weather which
now reigns.

This letter is entrusted to Major
Stewart / son of General Stewart / who has under-
-taken the Journey home over Land. Should he
have no interruptions, it is possible he may
bring the first intelligence of a successful
termination to a very arduous Campaign against
the Gorkhas. They are now soliciting Peace, but
as they avow their inability to cope with us.

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the treaty hangs off merely from an investigation
 of what it may be really necessary for us to
 exact. This being end most advantageous,
 even in a pecuniary view, for the Company after
 occurrences which exhibited the possibility of
 its becoming very embarrassing. As a security against
 any possible exigency, I wrote to Governor Douglas
 & Sir Alexander Campbell for such aid in troops
 as they could spare: had the preparations they
 were making to assist me have been so ample
 & so ready that I am sure it will gra-
 -tify Your Royal Highness to let Colonel
 M'Kenzie signify your gracious approbation
 of their alacrity. It will really be a merit:

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reward, & it will be felt by them in the highest
degree. Major Stewart is a young man of very
considerable talents. He was an Extra Aide de
Camp of mine; but he served the Campaign with
one of those Eastern Divisions which was so be-
-numbered by apprehension of the Gorkhas so
never even to attempt the fulfilment of
its instructions. He can inform Col^o Mackenzie
perhaps your Royal Highness should have a co-
-sistency to examine him yourself, of every
particular respecting recent transactions
as well as of the present State & Politics of
this Country. I beg leave humbly to recommend.

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line to your Royal Highness's protection.

I venture to believe that the Directors will find themselves very satisfactorily paid for impudences which considerable gains have been used to make upon them. Your Royal Highness desired to desire that I should apprise you of any person counteracted by measures. I therefore take the liberty of confidentially stating that I have direct ground of complaint against one & such cause for suspicion against another. The first is Sir G. Nugent whose hostile practices I have duly exposed. The other is Mr Edmonstone, at present Vice President during your absence. In consequence

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-cial letters sent home by him with extravagant
calculations of impending expenses & kind words
about the measures in process may have been their
error: yet they are so much in the true that would
have been adopted had it been intended to injure us
with the Directors, that taking his intimacy with
Sir G. Bageant into the scale / I cannot but question
his object. No military operations have ever before
been conducted in India with any thing like the ex-
-pense which has marked this Campaign, tho' by necessary
precautions against the Mahrattas yet as actually
to the charge of a South War. Let me implore that
I may not draw down your Disfavor on either of the
Individuals above-mentioned. I am only solicitous
that in the event of any representations reach-
-ing Your Royal Highness for which they may be

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quoted as authority Your Royal Highness may be
aware how far a degree of doubt may be shak-
-edly exercised upon it.

My health stands unshaken either by
the Climate or the incessant labor of my situ-
-ation. Lady Londons was much oppressed by
the Season of the Hot winds which has just
past. This Place is remarkable for the severity
with they blow: But its central Position made
it a great object for me to fix myself here
while affairs were still in a most uncertain
state. Since the rainy season has commenced
Lady Londons has found herself extraordinary

letter. The Children have been invariably well.

I enter into these details Sir, because I know
that nothing of the sort is uninteresting to the
kindness of your heart.

With love & unalterable affection,
I remain, Sir,

Your Royal Highness's
Most grateful, devoted, &
respectful Servant

Thoria

The Prince Regent.