

to Randou to H.R.H.

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London, Oct. 1. 1792

Sir

I fear that your Royal Highness may have been impatient at not hearing from me. But the Duke of York, expecting information respecting what had been done in the management of his own affairs, could not till yesterday evening honor me with so full a communication as was necessary. Nothing could be more warm & affectionate than the professions of the Duke towards your Royal Highness. From whom he declared, no circumstance should ever in appearance discriminate him. He felt your interests

to be inseparable, as much as he did that the
greatest happiness of your lies depended on your
actual attachment. I found his, however, very
averse to your Royal Highness's writing to the
King; Availing from a persuasion that His Ma-
jesty had joined the resolution not to accord an
augmentation of your Income. In consequence then
the Duke argued, of the determination expressed in
your letter, your Royal Highness would be forced
to dissipate your Establishment: And it was a mat-
ter of calculation whether by that measure you
would be able to afford more satisfaction to your
creditors than your Royal Highness might afford

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to them with less ostentatious sacrifice. For the Duke
 you considered it certain that the King would upon
 my the dismission of your Royal Highness; for then
 he immediately stop the 10,000 which he allows
 he annually at present; as His Majesty's con-
 ception of that allowance is, that it stands
 then exclusively appropriated to the support of
 in your Public Establishment. Hence, the Duke
 thought nothing would be gained for the Credit
 of the State by striking off the Public Establishment.
 And he added, that, leaving to your Officers
 the enjoyment of their salaries (which would
 and would be most agreeable to your wishes)

Your Royal Highness might still observe ^{that} that
kind of retirement which would enable you to
give satisfaction to your Creditors. On this last
point His R. Highness agrees, that by the
united security of all three the debts of your
Royal Highness, of the Duke of York, & of the
Duke of Clarence, may be discharged by Notes
payable at a distant period; & bearing in
the mean time interest at four & a half ^{per}
Cent. For the regular payment of this in-
terest, a proportional sum should be made
over to Trustees from the Income of each of
your Royal Highnesses. To this junction,

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However, the Duke of York is not himself sure
that he can accede: nor can he leave whether
or not he is at liberty to do so, until the
arrival of orders from Scotland; which will
not be earlier than the 10.th I have thought it
necessary to state this at full to your Royal
Highness; altho' the whole of the plan turns
on the question whether the joint articles pro-
posed would in fact satisfy all your Coun-
cils. I rather fear something of the kind
has been tried unsuccessfully; but there is
not any person in town conversant with
your Royal Highness's affairs; for whom
I might ascertain the matter. If your

Royal Highness is of opinion that it will be
better without delay to present your letter
to the King, and the result should be unfa-
vourable, the Duke of York will immediately
represent that it is impossible for him to
remain in any situation which can be con-
-trasted with your Royal Highness's, and will en-
-treat His Majesty to point out the line
which he (the Duke of York) must pursue
conformable to that sentiment. Should
your Royal Highness wish to confer with
the Duke of York, he will with pleasure at-
-tend you in town on Thursday. I conceived

to that the King's idea of the 10,000 [£] being solely
granted for the maintenance of your gentlemen
right demand & reward, whether your
Royal Highness should not leave them in
the possession of their salaries & situations, the
from the mode of living which you would
adopt their services would be dispersed with
I have on that account returned to town
instead of proceeding directly to Wolkham,
so that I am in readiness for any concerns
with which your Royal Highness may
honor me. I must add many apologies
for this scrawl; my eyes being so heated.

with travelling that I fear your Royal
Highness may have difficulty in reading
what I write. Your goodness, Sir, I know
will overlook every defect in consideration
of the zeal with which you know me to
be your Royal Highness's most respectfully
I am most devoted servant

J. B. B. B.

Lord Rawdon
Oct. 1792

H. R. H.

The Prince of Wales.

L. Rawdon
to
Mr. Francis Reynolds

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