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Queens House April 28th 1795.

My Dear Son, I have purposely avoided answering your letters of the 9th of last month delivered to Me by the Earl of Jersey, as well as that brought to Me by the Duke of York of the 24th till the Arrival of the Princess Caroline whose Amiable qualities will I flatter my self so fully engage your attention, that they will divert it from objects certainly not so pleasing to the Nation.

There cannot be a doubt that the English do view with a jealous Eye any decided predilection in these on or naturally to mount the Throne to Military pursuits, and I certainly feel the force of that opinion as strongly as any one, this for a long time made me decline granting you the Commission of Colonel Commandant of the 10th Reg^t of Dragoons, and at last ordered it to be prepared on the solemn Assurance of those you had employed to name this Request, that no higher Rank was meant hereafter to be claimed from it and that the application arose alone from your desire of being employed in forming that Regiment and in going with it to Camp which you could not do without some

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Military Rank. I then declined from real affection for You, knowing that the approbation of the Public ought to be your first Object, that this Commission should not be the forerunner of a Military career, and that I should certainly never grant any further Military Rank. When You therefore two years ago through Lord Amherst applied to be made a Major General, I declined it and mentioned to him what I had expressed on giving You the Commission of Colonel.

I own I am sorry You have again applied, but I cannot depart from what I have uniformly thought right. My younger Sons can have no other Situations in the State or Occupation but what arise from the Military line they have been plac'd in. You are born to a more difficult one, and which I shall be most happy if I find You seriously turn Your thoughts to, the Happiness of Millions depend on it as well as Your own.

May the Princess Caroline's Character prove so pleasing to You, that Your mind may be engross'd with Domestic Felicity, which may establish in You that composure of mind perhaps the most essential qualification in the Station You are born to fill, and that a numerous progeny may

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be the result of this Union, which will be a comfort to me
in the decline of years from thinking that both these
Kingdoms any any German Dominions may for Ages
continue governed by my lineal Successors and on the
same liberal Sentiments of their Ancestors, the intention
of rendering their Subjects Prosperous and happy
Believe ever

My Dear Son
Your most Affectionate Father

George I.

*This Majesty's Power
We think to the Prince
of Wales
April 8th 1795*