

Ld. Cholmondeley to H. R. H.

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Sir.

Readily April 4th 1799

I am very sorry to inform your Royal Highness that by letters received from the Continent, & particularly one from Mr Grenville dated Berlin 27th. It appears that all the late accounts of advantages gained over the French Armies are destitute of any Foundation -

The last Letter from Sulzard dated the 20th states that Gen^l. Vandamme who had his Head Quarters at Ebnizen had changed them the preceding Day to Hechmengen. Gen^l Jourdan was on the 18th at Phulendorf after this movement of the French Armies, their advanced Posts were immediately opposite to those of the Austrians & News may be expected in a few Days of an action. Hitherto

There has not been, nor could there have been any
action from the armies having been so distant
from each other on the 14 & 15. when it was
reported Gourdan had received a check.

after the above account, it appears very
singular, that Jacobi should have sent the
account from Madras to Berlin, that
Mr Greenille forwarded by Express to London.

Lord Auckland told Lady Chesterfield
last night at the Duke's of Gordon's, that
he did not himself believe, that Napier
had been worsted in the Gironde.

I am going to the Drawing Room & if
the other mail arrives in Time for the Post,
I will have the Honor of making the news

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known to your Royal Highness.

I sent this morning to Admiral Payne,
and I am happy to say he has sent a good
account of himself.

I have the Honor to be

Sir

with great respect

your Royal Highness

much obliged &

Devoted Humble Servant

Cholmondeley

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The Earl of
Chesham

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