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His Royal Highness
The Prince of Wales

Aug. 1801.

His Royal Highness's
Rank in the Army.

Private

Brighton ^{Aug} - ~~Sept~~ 1801

Sir

In the present anxious prepure of Publick Affairs I am extremely unwilling to obtrude the smallest additional weight of business upon you; & more particularly so, to intrude any which could belong personally to myself. But the Station you fill ~~first~~ renders it necessary that all such Communications as I have to ~~write~~ state should be made directly to you, besides that the zeal which I am conscious ~~animates~~ you in the Cause of all the Royal Family, together with the kind & obliging interest I believe you to take in ^{particularly} whatever ~~concerns~~ ^{relates to} myself, induces me to communicate with you in thorough Confidence, & under the impression of high Personal Opinion & esteem.

I wish to make you ^{perfectly} ~~thoroughly~~ Master of the Subject I am about to treat, & therefore enclose you the Copy of a Letter which I wrote the King in April 1798, when the Alarm of Invasion was very ^{then} universal, ^{which} although very wide of that formidable Aspect this measure ~~was~~ ^{is} estimably wears at the present Day. I cannot immediately put my hand on the Answer His Majesty wrote me to this Letter, but it went distinctly to this, that in case of the Enemy ~~making~~ ^{making} a Landing, my Regiment was to be foremost of the Cavalry, & myself (as Colonel) ^{at}

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their head. The feelings I have expressed to the King
in this Letter in proposing me at that day be assured have
lived in my breast ever since. It operates at this moment
with a tenfold encrease; ^{yet,} but dreading even the apper-
:hension of offering any proposition that might ^{tend} however
slightly ~~to~~ to flatter the King, I have determined
not to repeat a similar mode of Application to His
Majesty on the present occasion; But confiding in
your friendly discretion ~~to~~ place those ~~expressed~~
wishes of my Heart in your hands, requesting that
you will take the earliest convenient opportunity of
bringing this Subject before His Majesty as a sugges-
:tion from yourself, founded upon the infinite
anxiety you knew it to excite in my mind. I
again submit as before to be call'd out in whatever
Character His Majesty shall think fit. I own a Command
of Cavalry would be most pleasing to me, because I
think in that Line, I could best serve My King &
Country; but I have no difficulties, I am willing &
ready to serve in any Command a Letter of Service
may assign me, or to serve under the Command
of any Officer ^{whatsoever} it may be His Majesty's Pleasure
to place over me. ^{Independent of} ~~My~~ an ardent Love for
Actual Service, the Consideration of my Fame &
Character with the World engages ^{as you will readily conceive} my every
thought,

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I make no doubt

I flatter myself ensure to me your good Offices &
 cordial cooperation in the attainment of ^{an Object} ~~of which I have~~
 so earnestly at heart, for I can with downright
 sincerity conclude this Letter with assuring you
 of the truth of the Declaration I made in my Letter
 to the King that Death would be preferable to
~~being made~~ as the only Man that was not
 supposed to come forth on such an occasion

Believe me Sir,



