

Cec. Gerard Lake to H.R.H.

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My dear Sir

I have been made most  
extremely happy by your very kind &  
flattering letter dated April 10<sup>th</sup>. It  
gave me great satisfaction to hear from  
yourself that your Royal Highness  
had greatly recovered your health, although  
you say you feel that between thirty five  
& forty you are not so young as at thirty,  
but I have no doubt if you take a little  
care of yourself & live tolerably regular  
that you may enjoy many years of health  
support & comfort. I sincerely hope much  
from the letter that I fear you have  
for sometime just experienced, for as well  
as myself

I am convinced your Royal Highness must  
have suffered very many uses & miseries  
but I trust the worst is past & sincerely  
hope the remainder of your days may  
be past in perpetual sun shine without  
one cloud to prove your future prospects  
in life terminating in the most perfect  
harmony & tranquillity -

I perfectly agree with your  
Royal Highness in thinking I must remain  
some years in the country before I can  
accomplish the first wish of my heart  
to get the side of my own house &  
making provision for my numerous family  
- by which if God will I shall be great  
in the world I now enjoy I have very  
little doubt of doing. You greatly re-  
spect extremely indeed more so than I  
can express) by saying that you think I shall

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After this very desirable object in a highly  
creditable manner to myself, be assured  
My dear Sir you shall have no reason  
to alter your kind opinion of me or having  
any reason to complain of my conduct in  
the country from whence I hope to return  
with that character that may entitle me  
to your future favour & protection. Believe  
to me can view my former follies in a more  
just & wise than myself, the judges of the  
- must they have caused me are beyond all  
competition, all the Judges I see have said  
- though I never can forgive myself or  
that I may be excused if I say that I have  
made an honest exit - To me can tell  
that I have suffered, at the same time I can  
- not avoid thinking I have been used un-  
- kindly by some people from whom I did  
not deserve such treatment. In all my

cannot describe, & it is called thus by a <sup>sher</sup>  
name. Where on my attachment to  
your Royal Highness, remaind pure  
& unalterable, & still continues to the late,  
I am still your friend.

I repeat it in my power to say  
that I still retain the confidence & esteem  
of Lord Bute, by the fullest extent, his  
behaviour to me has been in every instance  
uniformly proper, kind & most flattering.  
I therefore feel the more griev'd that his  
Lordship should have respected to pay  
attention to the recommendation of your  
Royal Highness respecting Mr. Foxes  
& my just curiosity, so as I feel not I am  
interested in his welfare, you do him  
but justice in supposing his abilities & talents  
of the first rate, & that he is equal to any  
situation in India. I can only say that I do

most desirable vizt that he could have gained  
 any situation that I could have been pleasing  
 to your Royal Highness & yourself - The  
 present President at Lucre has been offering  
 to send to that place some of the better young men  
 - number ten or twelve, & that I do not know  
 if it is not I fear the Lords will not be  
 well here as Joseph is here & he is esteemed  
 a most excellent gentleman servant, & man  
 of high honor & integrity; & to be leaving a  
 great amount. I hardly know of late what has  
 been the offering to that situation, & it has  
 appeared lately that the Court of Directors intend  
 - I am very much more than they will do  
 with assistance of the country. I surely  
 mention the circumstances, & they may in some  
 degree tend to make you feel less desirous  
 of the opportunity of Mr. Jones, & in some measure

make you feel up lost at the suppo-  
sition of a letter in Lord Dally's, tho I  
can assure your Royal Highness how ever  
restored you soon with the help of the  
- just at the same time. I may express  
his wish to you every attention & my recom-  
- mendation of your Royal Highness -  
I am at present as you will perceive at a  
vast distance from Calcutta, consequently  
can have no communication with his Lord-  
- ship but by letter. I wrote to him at long  
since & listed your wish upon the subject  
at the same time in some degree express'd  
your feelings at being disappointed at the  
recommenda-tion of the other, you inserted  
yourself in the notice. All the year was too  
late as Mr. Jones is at Calcutta in the day  
some of which I am the more of delivering this

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With your Royal Highness, however my letter  
may produce a conversation with Mr Jones  
which I will of course communicate  
to your Royal Highness. I have had a  
conversation lately with Mr Jones relating  
to your letter of 21st, which I will be  
acquainted you - I flatter myself I will  
eventually be in a way I would not do  
to serve him or it will be ever my first  
- just to obey your commands, exclusive  
of what my own inclination would lead  
me to exert myself in behalf of my  
long acquaintance with his father with  
whom I have spent so many pleasant days,  
of which the lights of friendship  
with, added to all which I really feel  
most warmly interested for Mr Jones some  
hundred of letters to me in my way of the  
executed a great deal in the different way

aparture in my power, since I shall have I am  
happy to say by having had some little time, I am  
willing in my disposition to work here, by being  
not extremely pleased with his manner,  
of society, & being much gratified by the  
assurances he has given me, & which  
near I have given much of very useful  
information respecting the disposition of the  
States as well as the regulation of the internal  
management so necessary to preserve peace  
& tranquillity in this vast Territory of which I have  
it is so perfectly well acquainted with that  
it would be very presuming in me to mention  
any thing upon the subject than to do it  
so near you. I can only say that I feel  
quite sorry that he is leaving India at home  
in private that a full and just view  
I have been very explicit respecting my self  
& contentment upon all occasions, & that you



Royal Highness might say I question him  
 about me, should you be so kind to be  
 perfectly well & give you an account of all  
 my proceedings, which may I hope prove satis-  
 -factory to you. I am confident you will  
 like him much, & please with his society &  
 derive much real & useful knowledge  
 from him respecting the country —

I fear as you do that peace  
 will not last long, & the event of which I pre-  
 -sume our Joseph will in the country will be  
 an object of so little consequence to our  
 mortal enemy. All I have to hope our army  
 may not be too much reduced by the  
 us from being prepared for his reception, & that  
 if he does come you may depend upon every  
 exertion on our part —

I am at present upon a Tour through

all the posts in the Ceded Districts, I shall  
endeavour to strengthen the frontier near  
as possible. As I have you completely  
over then I proceed to Carnage where  
I have spent the winter past of Carnage  
under the command of Major G. Legu  
for the purpose of instructing & visiting  
- the description among them -

My family with me are truly gratified  
- put in your recollection of them & request  
you will accept their humble duty. They  
feel truly sensible of your kindness to  
them upon all occasions - My son George  
I feel proud to say is going on most  
extranorally <sup>well</sup> in every thing I can do I have  
he is of the greatest use to me, speaks  
the language fluently is diligent of  
attention in his respect at all the life of  
I must, ever that is ever, after that again



Myself - I must fear you will think me  
very troublesome for the long retention of  
= it but still hope for your usual order  
= given & believe me, My dear Sir -

With every sentiment of gratitude  
& esteem

Your Most devoted  
& faithful servant

G. Lake

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Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> 1802.