Honours on earth cannot make a man happy.

Frederick.

No 4., from H.R.H. Prince Frederick Duke of York to the Queen
Dated New 29th of Sept 1778

Dear Madam

I hope that you arrived safe at Winchester and that you was not hred with your journey I have no doubt but his Majesty and you were received with unfeigned testimonies of loyalty and attachment by the Different towns through which you passed, as you were in your journey to Portsmouth. though we had no reason to expect being permitted to attend his Majesty to the Camps yet however I can not but say that I should be exceedingly

rejoiced to see Coxheath which is not only the largest Camp in point of numbers, but contains both cavalry and infantry

Be pleased Madam to present my most humble duty to his Majesty and to say, that I would have taken the liberty of writing to him had not I thought that it would have been intruding too much upon him when He was so much employed.

My two Brothers William and Edward desire me also to present their duties both to you and to the King. I would have written a much longer letter had I not been affraid of delaying you, permit me therefore only to add that I am with the greatest respect and attachment, Madam

Kew Sept. 29. 1778

Your most dut. full and obedient Son and Servant

Frederick

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Sir

I could not let General Grey leave Town without acquainting your Majesty myself of our safe Arrival here last night. We had at first intended to have stopped at Canterbury but finding ourselves so early there we resolved to push on here. The Road upon the whole is very disagreable being exceeding hilly and in parts exceedingly heavy. But the post from Dartford to Rochester is remarkably beautifull, on account of the Prospects of the River which was very luckily for me yesterday

filled with Vessels, among the Rest two East Indiamen which were going round to the Downs.

I cannot conclude My Letter, Sir, with desiring your Majesty to give my Duty to the Queen, and my love to Prince of Wales as well as to all my other Brothers and Sisters I have the Honor to be, Sir,

Your Majesty's

most dutifull Son and Subject

Margate December 31. 1780

Frederick

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Dear Brother

We arrived here safe yesterday after a Voyage of fifty hours, owing to the Haziness of the Weather The Ship Pitched and rolled so horribly that every Body was sick even some of the Sailors who had been all their lives at Sea I shared the common fate, but yet was less so than any Body else, for after the first four and twenty Hours I recovered. On Monday Evening We heard a good many Cannon fired, and have since found it was the Bellona Captain Onslow who was Engaging a Dutch Ship of fifty Eight Guns, which He took

There is a very strong report here which I hopes true that there has been a very great riot at Amsterdam, that the Stadt House and one Quarter of the City has been burnt, and two or three of the Magistrates murdered and that the report here alleged to abroad, is that, that every thing is in the greatest confusion there. I have been employed all the morning in walking about the town, which is very inconsiderable, We visited the three Convents, which never have seen any thing of the kind before, I was very desirous of seeing, one of them, is of Capuchines, We went into the Convent and found them all at Dinner, they appeared very contented they wear no shirts ~~[illegible]~~ they are dressed exactly as they are represented in the Duenna except that ~~the~~ Monks are is brown and the others is black. The other two Convents are of Nuns, the one of Beguines who are allowed to quit the Convent whenever they please, this Convent is very ugly and not worth speaking of, the other is of ~~[illegible]~~ Conceptionistes they were a white dress, We desired to see the Saint Jacobe, who speaks

English, He is a Woman about forty and has the most benevolent face I have seen. I have just this moment seen a very famous man Major Pyles, who was concerned with Lawrence. Monsieur de Walderen arrived here last night and lets us know tomorrow for sure that he did so this last respect thro: our Consul and said he would have been very happy to see us but thought it might not be proper for him in his present situation to do so. I have had a visit this morning from the Commandant Mons: Dreux. who told me that they expected the Emperour soon in this part of the World from whence he thought he might be certain that he would pass into England.

I can not close my letter dear Brother without desiring you to give my duty to the King and Queen and my love to my Brothers and Sisters, as well as my best compliments to all our friends at home. Adieu Dear Brother

Your most affectionate

Frederick

Aspern Jan 3. 1781

The Prince of Wales

Jany 3. 1781

Sir

I take the first opportunity of obeying your Majesty's commands in writing you which I have seen most worthy of Notice I saw nothing remarkable except the between flatness of the Country which I think is ~~not very~~ unlike Braxfield, till We arrived at Ghent, there We saw among other things the Commission, as this called or where all the Cloathing for the Imperial Troops in Flanders, which consist of about thirteen thousand men, is made, this a very fine and noble foundation. They have, there, compleat Cloathing for six

Years. But they have orders to augment it for nine. It is a very remarkable thing that the Troops in Flanders are worse kept than the Troops in any other part of the Imperial Dominions for they are compleatly clothed only every three Years, when the others are been two the Cloak or Wather Great Coat which they wear appears to be lardingly usefull. The Oeconomy of their Troops is immense and such as hardly to be credited. They say that their Regements of eight and twenty Hundred Men are kept for the same price as ours of five Hundred. We also saw the Maison de Force for the Province which is upon the plan of the Justice Hall.

The Nobility who are confined there, are never there, but the Rest are to be seen. however all are equally dressed alike, indeed obliged to work. The Country from Ghent to Brussels is hilly and therefore prettier than what I have as yet seen in this Country As I have not yet seen the whole of the Country I can not say any thing about it.

I can not close my Letter without desiring your Majesty to give my Duty to the Queen and my love to Prince of Wales and my other Brothers and Sisters.

Brussels

I have the Honor to be

Your Majesty's

Most Dutiful Son and Subject

Brussels: 9 January 1781.

Frederick

Sir

I have many thanks to return Your Majesty for your two gracious letters which I have this moment received. You may be assured Sir, that nothing shall be wanting on my part, to fulfill Your wishes.

We received very great civilities from every Body at Brussels particularly from Prince

Maremberg and Lord and Lady Cornington I was greatly
astonished to find Antwerp quite in a flourishing Condition
tho not indeed how what it was but yet considering
the Decay of its Commerce it is surprisingly well. We
spent three hours in viewing the Citadel which is regularly
fortified, we had the pleasure of seeing Sir Joseph Yorke Ian
appears to be a very agreeable man. Nothing particular
happened to us till we arrived at Osnaburgh except
that the Bishop of Liege was exceedingly polite and insisted
upon our supping with him, which we were at last
obliged to do. At Osnaburgh we were exceedingly well received
the Burghers were under Arms something exceedingly like the
Train Bands. The Town was light up the three nights we
were there. We arrived here yesterday Evening
after a very long days Journey, Monsieur de Mahrenholtz
has been so good as to send us your Majesty's Horses
to Neenburg, for we were obliged to go round by that Bridge

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as the Weser was impassable at Hollenow. We went, we
these Horses at the Post office Nelson Hour, which passes
any person near Winter in this Country.

There not time to add any more I must
therefore sign myself

Your Majesty's

Most Dutiful Son and Subject

Hanover Jan 27 1781

Frederick

Ld Fredericks
Hanover
Jan. 27. 1784.

AA.

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Dear Brother

I have received your letter which I will enclose to the post as I am obliged to write to Hastings and if possible to the Queen to night. I have only time to desire you will send us over regularly the Morning Herald the Morning Chronicle and Almond's paper, but to be sure that I am dear Brother

Yours most affectionately

Ernest

Kensington Jan 29 1861.

Turn over

Joan desires to be remembered to you and says she will have the profound and kind honor of writing to you next post

A.A.

HRH to Prince Frederick

My dearest Brother,

I have been waiting with anxious expectation for a Letter from you, one of our Packet Boats was obliged to throw the Mail overboard, & I fear there were some Letters in that to yr. Friends. Alas my dearest Frederick I have been obliged to part, with my best friend & he is set off for America, the Ships as soon as the Wind is favorable are to sail to Cork, he is still at Portsmouth expecting every Hour to be summoned on board, our parting as you may suppose was a very severe trial to us both, especially as we had received so great a shock

in our late separation from you, you know how much
I love him, & therefore will easily conceive what a
Loss he is to me at the present Moment more especially
as I have not you my dear Brother with me, from
whom I could always meet with disinterested advice.
Among other things I have to mention to you in confi-
-dence I was at the Masquerade at the Pantheon
a few Days ago, & there I met among the rest
of the Crowd poor Letty Smith, I beckoned to her
the Lunes who I was followed me & we went up into
the Gallery & sat down together our Conversation was
totally upon you. she then told me it was your first
time she had appeared any where in Public
since yr. Departure, yt. she had been exceedingly
ill, ever since, (indeed she is grown so thin yt. she

HRH to Prince Frederick

quite astonished me, yet she could not live without you, yet she was resolved to follow you, yet she had therefore got a Foreign Lady to travel with her & yet she intended setting out for Hannover or for wherever you was in less than a Month's time, she begged of me whenever I heard of you before the expiration of the Month to let her know how you was, in short I believe to Women ever loved a Man more passionately than she does You, she cried very much, ~~[illegible]~~ I gave her all the comfort yet was in my power, I offered to send any Letters from her to you, or any that might come from You to her, her gratitude to me on yet little offer wh. I am certain I shall be most exceedingly happy to execute, is an additional proof to me of the violence of her attachment to you

I promised upon leaving her to relate fairly to you the whole of our conversation, & I offer myself, new dearest, as gone to execute any commission, wh you wish to be performed in a confidential manner, & wh. now is in my power to do in the fullest & I flatter myself in the most satisfactory manner possible to yourself. I am to see Warwick Lake Tomorrow about buying the first Horses for you, I am packing up Mr. Wilkins Box with a few dew things wh. I think you will like to have abroad when you see Mrs. I have ~~offered~~ order'd you two Blair Brooks & some black Brushes wh will go by the Messenger. Pass present my best love & affection to dear Joey & tell him he may expect a Letter from me in a Day or two wh you receive yr. next from me, wherein I shall

heat Lion council fault. Adieu my dearest Brother I have left ever other moment to share to write to you. for I must attend our usual Circle of Old Cabbas, my Stewer confound all the Old Bitches & send you & all their scandalous reports to the Devil together. Believe me dear Brother to be what I ever shall remain,

Your sincerely affectionate & devoted

Queen's House.

January 30th. 1781. George R

P.S. I forgot to mention to you yst. I wish you would enquire what will be the best Method for your Phaeton to travel over to you —

Queens House Jan.y 30th 81

The Prince of Wales

Jan 30 1781

Queens House Feb. 16th 81

The Prince of Wales

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Feb 16 1781

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Dearest Frederick,

I received yr. Day before yesterday yr. little short Letter, & wait in anxious expectation for the next Post. The King told me he had written you an account of yr. little dispute yt. has so lately happened between him & our friend yr. Duke of C— ça ne sous fait pas le moindre honneur ni a le maison de la Reine mais tout au contraire. Dear Lhe continues very ill at Portsmouth, I forwarded yr. two Letters to him, yr. Favourite together with yr. Flute expects to sail every day. William goes to join yr. great Fleet on Saturday, when they also

expect to set sail for Gibraltar. I have nothing more to add unless it be yt. I shall send you some books & a few other things by yr. Messenger on Friday. Dear Brother Adieu, believe me

Most sincerely & affectionately
Attached to you

L. H. Feb. 6th 1781. George P.

P.S.
Pray tell Jones I will certainly before next Tuesday write him an account of yr. meeting between the Brothers &c, who appears to me to be low in perfect good health. My best compliments to yt. facetious little Rogue Jones, tell him I wait with great impatience for a letter from him, & yt. he keep good his own Place.

AA

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Dear Brother

I have many thanks to return you for your very kind letter which I received this moment. You are too well acquainted with my affection of my dear Smith for me to say how happy I should be to see her. But I must beg and entreat you in the strongest manner to hinder her from coming here. I already know enough of this town to say that her being here would be not only my ruin but perhaps for every person that comes to the gates of the town is obliged to say from whence they come and why they come which immediately reported to Prince Charles the Field Marechal &c, &c, so that in two hours the whole town would know every thing about her and me. And there are so

So many officious persons who will write Letters to the King
whose authority is so great that there is no insult the
may not receive. What I feel at defying Her not to come
is more easily conceived than expressed, but yet at the same Reason
which makes me wish Her there also obliges me to entreat Her
not to come. I already see the disposition of the People so that
that I might have all the Women here and nobody would
say any thing, but if I was to have South Here there would be
such a Noise made about it as is scarcely to be conceived. I
must, therefore beg and entreat you again if possible to make
Her lay aside Her Journey. As for my advice, you know dear
Brother that upon whatever subject you want it it shall
always be at your service to the full of my power. I was
a shooting last Tuesday, but never fired my Gun off once
for, for owing to too much caution all our game got away.
I have practised five or six times with a rifled barrelled Carabine
at a Butt of which I succeeded better than could have been
conceived, it is very difficult here Grenville and all say that I
have the steadiest hand they ever saw. Last Night we had
our Masquerade again I danced every dance but one
When I return to England I must teach you two different
kind of Dances from what the have at least Idea of the

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Quadrilles, and the Valtzes, The first is a kind of Allemand but with English steps, The other is a kind of Allemand but much prettier. they generally introduce the Valtzes into the Quadrilles ~~[illegible]~~ I beg You will send me over by Bush some Hats, for it is a thing We can not get here. Least How give my complements to all friends at Home, particularly to Mrs Hamilton, and the Duke of Cumberland tell His Highness of Glouceser that I wish him dead and damned By the By whoever he chuses to kick, what I hope God will be here. I beg you will send me over an dress with a new Black Coat upon the occasion. ~~[illegible]~~ but post goes out so early that I must finish my Letter. I shall therefore only say myself

Your most affectionate
Brother

Hanover Feby 1781

Frederick

I forgot to tell you that My Phaeton must be taken over in a Neutral Bottom to Hamburg or some other sea port but here I believe my Horses must come the same way for the Roads are so bad we had all the way from Offende

that they will be all spoilt before they arrive here. Tell William
of Reis Hill at home that I would have wrote to him
this post but really have not had time. If there is any thing
new in London in the bachelor way, I shall be very glad
to have it, then must take care some more whips will be
packed. Adieu

The Duke of Edinburgh
to
The Prince of Wales
Feb. 17. 1901.

AA

Queen Square Feb 9th 1781

Prince of Wales

Feb 9 1781

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Dearest Brother,

I send you enclosed with this yr Ree Sp. writing Box wh. is gone by ye. Messenger, as well as some Papers wh. I have sent in ye. Box, I hope you will approve of my having acted ym. for in speaking yt. case to get it some Money for you, I saw one Paper lying upon ye. cart wh. began My dear Lord or something to yt. effect, I do not justly recollect that, upon wh. I took ym. direct. & acted ym directly to you for fear if ever yt. case should by chance be turned in yt. absence, some one more anxious than me, should chose to fumble ym. over. Every one here

desires to be remembered to you. You shall have a longer Letter from me next week, as will Jocoa, to whom I beg you will present my most respectful & dutiful compliments. give yr. little Mulattoe kick on the backside for me pah Lord when shall I receive yr. next Letter, I believe ye Winds are determined I never shall; in my next to yr. I will entertain with a most ridiculous adventure that has lately happened to yr. little Pug, Rascal Nelly much to his dismay. — Adieu My dearest Frederick

believe me,

Most sincerely & truly

Yr. affectionate Brother

George B—

P.S.

Feb: 9th. 1781—

Yr. News Papers I hope come regularly —

AA

[Feb. 12 1781]

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Dear Brother

As We are now so uncertain about the Arrival of Our Letters, I can not help writing to you again to desire you if possible to hinder My Dear Smythe from coming here Give Her my Love and tell Her how happy I should be if it were in my power to have her here but it is impossible I could not have believe it if I had not known it my self, how instantaneously every thing is known in this Town, ~~and~~ the Gates Every Body

is obliged to Answer, whence He comes and why He comes so much. So that Saturday last as I returned from my morning ride I was stopped, tho' I had one of the Kings Livery behind me, and obliged to answer. And then such is the disposition of the people here that I can not help repeating what I said in my last Letter to you that I may have every Woman of the town of Hanover and no body will mention it, but if any the was to come here the whole town would be in an uproar. Give Her therefore my love and tell Her from me that whatever I feel on this occasion I never can consent to Her doing that which Will be her certain ruin as well as mine.

I forgot to mention to you in my last Letter that I wanted some more Gloves of both sorts. Do not send me less than half a dozen Hats three of each sort. I Wish also You would desire Warwick Lake to buy for me ten couple of small Fox hounds, for our pack here which is considering all things better than I could have expected. I have subscribed to it. As for the carriage of these Hounds over I shall leave that totally to Our Messenger as going. I must therefore close my Letter

[Feb. 12 1781]

by desiring my best Compliments to the Duke of Cumberland Miss Hamilton &c &c. and believe me to be

Dear Brother

Yours most Affectionately

Hanover Feb. 12

Frederick

P.S. Since I wrote this, I have received a Letter from the King by which He appears to me to be much pleased with your Conduct in His dispute with the Duke of Cumberland. Remember dear Brother that I shall always be happy to be of the least use to you, either by giving you my advice or by any other means whatsoever. Adieu ——

The Duke of York
to
The Prince of Wales

Feby 12th 1781

Mr. Gen. Du Plat

[Enclosure]

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Cours d'Etude Militaire en Mathematique & Artillerie
soumis
aux Intentions de Son Altesse Royale Monseigneur
le Prince Frederic

l'Arithmetique & la Geometrie pratique sera enseignée par le Capitaine Ingenieur Hogreve. Chaque entretien instructif sera couché sur le papier avec les figures pour rester entre les mains de S. A. Ro^le & d'etre relié dans la suite.

Cet entretien commencera des demain à 8 heures du matin, selon l'heure ordonnée de S. A. R^le jusqu'a ce qui lui plaira par l'accroissement du jour d'anticiper cette heure.

Des que les beaux jours du Printems arrivent S. A. R^le daignera assister aux operations geometriques que le Capt. Hogreve avec quelques Ingenieurs d'ici feront à la Campagne, tant pour lever du terrain à la militaire, que pour le niveller,

M. Gen. Du Plat

[Enclosure]

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afin que S. A. R^le voye l'application de la Teorie à la Pratique dans ce genre, come la base de toutes les operations militaires. Apres cet essai le Capt. Hogreve démontera la teorie de la fortification de Campagne sur le papier.

Le Major de Trew commencera en même tems par la theorie de l'Artillerie.

Ces deux Officiers continueront alternativement leur entretien jusqu'au point de combiner encore la pratique sur le terrain l'avec la theorie sur le papier.

En fait de Fortification pour tracer & construire toutes sortes d'ouvrages de Campagne, sur des endroits convenables, & par rapport à l'artillerie de se convaincre avec satisfaction par l'exercice & les preuves de celle la, des effets des differentes bouches à feu, & qu'elle est la parfaite relation, qui doit regner entre la Fortification & l'Artillerie, pour se preter la main soit dans l'offensive, soit dans la defensive.

De cette Science derive la Tactique des Trouppes, au sujet de quoi l'on demandera dans la suite du tems les ordres ulterieurs de Son Altesse Royale

Hannover le 9me Fev: 1781.

The Duke of York
to
The Prince of Wales
Feby 13th 1781.

AA

Dear Brother

Every Body here says that I am have been ill but as Nobody has wrote me word of it I hope in God at least that it is nothing of consequence. I have nothing particularly new to tell You except that I pass my time pretty well, Our Carnaval ended last Saturday and have no more publick Balls or Masquerades till after Easter. I send You my paste Buckles which a handy little Jewriot Bibet at the last Masquerade tolme

was so good as to break for me by treading upon them in the dance. Let I pray mend them and send them back if possible with the same Messenger. Pray for God sake why have not Ger wrote to me for so many posts I had a great mind not to have wrote to Ger. this time but however my great good nature made me condescend to send you these few lines ~~not~~ I have nothing more to add except my best compliments to the Duke of Cumberland to whom Ger will please to say that I have received his Letter to which I will if possible answer this post, if not certainly the next, Amelia to Miss Hamilton, and all other friends in England. And so Deer Brother I am hopeful sincerely

Yours

Hanover. Feb 13 1781

Frederick