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27 Feb 1781

Dear Brother

I am affraid you will think me very troublesome in giving you so many commissions but however You must expect a good many particularly in this letter which will be in a manner composed of nothing else, in Primis I have to beg You will order me a Vandyke dress of white Sattin and Breeches Waistcoat with a Pink cloak the Hat must be white Sattin with a fine plume of Feathers, and trimmed in the Dernier

after Gent. I forgot to say that there must be the
Shoes and every thing for. I did ~~many things~~ all in my
power but it was impossible to get it made here.
Secondly You must get just such a Sword made as
~~[illegible]~~ Grey made for us, Thirdly You must send me
over by the next Quarterly Messenger another Cotton
of Gloves of both Sorts, ~~And~~ As for Shoes and Boots
Rhymer has already got his orders about ~~them~~ only
I forgot to add a dozen pair of the Accoutrement Leather
Soled Shoes. I pass my time very well here, to be sure
it is not England however taking every thing together
I do very well, I am luckily not very difficult I am four
Hours at my Studies like a Good Boy. I think having
nothing better to do I will give You a little Specimen
of the Way of passing my time, first of all I get up
soon to have breakfasted at Eight, I then go to ~~the~~ Page
here and learn ~~[illegible]~~ Geometry, and to draw
military plans till Ten, I then have a drawing master

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till Eleven I then either walk or ride till one, at one
I dress and we dine at Half an Hour after one, at four
I have my German Master till five, and then I amuse myself
pretty well the rest of the day. But I am afraid I shall
tire you with this stuff I shall therefore only beg my
Compliments to Miss Hamilton and the rest of my friends
at Home and Believe me

Dear Brother

Most affectionately Yours

Hanover Feb 27 1781 Frederick

P.S. I forgot to desire you would send the
Collars of the Garter and Bath over for I understand
that it is the Custom to wear them here on the King's
Birthday New Years day and Fast days for the people
being given much to prayers ~~and~~ fasting in this Country than
to feasting. By the rules of all orders we must put them on or wear

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The Duke of York

to

The Prince of Wales

Feby 27. 1781.

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Sir

I have many thanks to return
Your Majesty for your Gracious Letter which I received
by the Courier. I have enquired about the best means of
bringing over My Horses. And Every body to whom I have applied
have advised their being sent in a Neutral Ship to Bremerlee
Because if their Passage is good it will only last four days
And they will have a very short ~~passage~~ Journey by land, but if
they were to be landed at Ostend, their Journey would take them
above three weeks and the Roads are so excessively bad in Flandrs

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as well as all through Westphalia that they would probably be quite spoilt before they arrived here. Your Majesty orders me at the same time to acquaint you what kind of town Hanovre is, In general it is not well built, and I must confess the Palace is the worst House in the whole town, But however there are some Houses which are certainly very fine, particularly Prince Charles's ~~[illegible]~~ it belongs to little Busch, and as He as Ecuyer lives at the Stables, He lets it to Prince Charles. Our Post is so excessively early here that I am afraid I must put an end to my letter but I cans not conclude, without desiring Your Majesty to give my duty to the Queen and my Love to Prince of Wales and all my other Brothers and Sisters, and to believe me most sincerely

Your Majesty's

Most dutifull son and Subject

Frederick

March 9 1781

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P.S. I shall answer your next Post as well as you & give you an account of all yr. Commission etc. I hope I shall have performed to yr. approbation. once more adieu dearest Frederick would to Heaven I was with you —

Dearest Brother,

Thank Heaven I am just recovered of a most dangerous illness. I have no other remains of it but a few red spots such as those people have who have lately had ye. Small Pox, but I can assure my illness was not owing to ye. great one whatever Grenville may think, I flatter myself you attribute my silence to nothing but Illhealth, for I think you are too thoroughly convinced of my unalterable affection to attribute it to any thing else. I say nothing more concerning myself or England in general, as I receive

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every thing concerning as all here till a very long Letter next Post — The true reason of my writing to you is to recommend to you in ye. strongest manner poor Busche as a friend of mine, so far from being the Gentleman that took poetical Licence as we supposed he is a very honest agreable chearful Man, in short more like an English-man than any man of Ger — ma — ny than ever I yet saw, he has been infamously ill treated by yt. old Rascal Alvensleben, ye. whole of wh. you will hear from him, "Bar-denberg witnesses ye. truth of every thing he says, & ye. old Field Marshale is acquainted with it, they are both I understand from Busche very honorable respectable Men. Every thing

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wh. concerns his Department he wishes should happ
between you & ye. King, & indeed it is much better
it should be so, for the King attends to nothing
they say & says he will not concerning ye. Army but
will wait till he hears from you, he now begins
to be convinced of ye. truth of many things
Bupshe says, & wh. Alvensleben had assured
him to be false, in short I shall be personally
obliged to you Dear Brother if you will take these two worthy
people as much by ye. Hand as possible, you
will find her especially every thing wh. is amiable
& I am convinced you will be pleased with
her society, & for Heaven's sake beware of ye.
two little nasty Tongues of Uncles I mean particularly
Ernest & George, they have made stories & talk

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all sorts of nonsense, wh. is come round to us here
ever since you have been at Hanover, they are
be ye. first to take part in any little folly
with you, & ye. first to repeat it, & to accuse
you of it, they will live & hang upon you, un
=less you cut them, pardon me my dearest Brother
what I write to you you know I promised to
write every thing yt. came round to me concerning
you, you know how much I love you, & then
hope you will look upon this in ye right light
yt. I wish you to be very civil to them,
but no intimacy. Adieu dearest Frederick
I had promised you a short Letter, but when
I once have my Pen in hand writing to you, I know
not when to stop. May every happiness Heaven
can afford center upon you, is ye. constant Prayer
of yr. ever affectionate. George P.

Lo. H. March 27th
1781

The Duke of York
to
The Prince of Wales

March 24. 1701.

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Dear Brother

I can not Describe how much
I have been alarm'd with the Account of Your illness
which however luckily I did not hear without being
told at the same time that You were now in a manner
well, which I pray God heartily may be true. I write
You this little Scrawl just to Desire you to put Your
Wademen in mind That the Quarterly Messenger Will
Soon come and That therefore They must Begin to make

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my things, You must tell Sitch to make me ~~some~~ two pair of Huzzy Breeches quite down to the Ancles with a strap under the foot of white Ram's Skin but not to count them in the Half a dozen pair which I ordered him to send every Quarter And also order Rhymer a dozen pair of Accoutreman leather Sealed dancing Pumps and two pair of half Boots of the thinny Leather All this is besides the usual Compliment which I order to be sent quarterly before I quitted England and Also some Hats. Every thing else I shall leave to Your taste Wisdom And care, And therefore shall only Add my Compliments to Miss Hamilton and all other friends in England, And repeat My most Hearty prayers for Your ~~[illegible]~~ thorough recovery And Sign myself most Sincerely

Your most affectionate Brother

Hanover March 24 1781

Frederick

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Sir

I have a Thousand Thanks
to return your Majesty for the Gracious Letter which
the Courier brought me. I can not describe, how much
I feel my self flattered by the affectionate manner, in which
You express Yourself pleased with my Conduct. Your
Majesty may be thoroughly convinced that nothing shall
ever be wanting on my part to fulfill your expectations

of me. I shall certainly in the first Letter which
I write to my brother express as forcibly as I can what
Your Majesty wishes. As for my Studies I am so far ad-
vanced with Hograve that I this morning made my
first Survey. I find the German grow every day more
and more easy, so that I now dare begin to talk it a little.
I went on Sunday last to see Hornhausen, which to be
sure is not in a very good State at present however they
are repairing it, there is a great deal of Room in the
House. I can not conclude my Letter without
most sincerely congratulating Your Majesty on the
good News from Sir George Rodney, I hope that in
a short time You will receive as good from Admiral
Darby. Permit me Sir to trouble Your Majesty with
my Love to my Brothers and Sisters, and to subscribe
myself most Sincerely

Your Majesty's

most Dutifull Son and Subject

Frederick

Hanover March 29 1781

P. S.

to the

answer

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P.S. May I trouble your Majesty to give my Humble Duty to the Queen and acquaint Her that I intend myself the Honor of answering her letter next post.

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Prince Frederick
March 29. 1781

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HRH to Prince Frederich

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March 30 1781 D Queens House
The Prince of Wales

Dearest Brother,

I last night receiv'd yr. Buckles & yr. Letter; I will take care you shall have yr. Buckles immediately, & now I will set down to write a Volume to you. In primis to make use of yr. own expression, I must tell you as I already have done in a Letter I have sent to you by Busche yt. ye. only reason of my not writing to you, was, yt. I have been upwards of a Month under Sir Richard Jebbs hands, so ill, yt. for two Days he was very much alarmed for me, he had me blooded regularly Morning & Evening during those two Days wh-

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did me infinite good, however immediately ye. most
violent inuption similar to the worst Small Pox came
out all over my face & all over my Body in a Confluent
& so very acrid was ye. Humor yt. threw itself out
upon my face yt. it formed a Crust upon it upwards
of Half an Inch thick, during wh. time I was ye.
most shocking & helpless object you ever saw, almost
blind & so feeble & reduced yt. I could scarce stand
or walk across ye. Room; I remained cooped up in
my Bed Chamber an entire Fortnight without
ever tasting any thing but barley Water or some
damned Wishy washy stuff of that sort. I was sen-
sible of my danger for those two Days after
ye. Disorder was at its Crisis, & I can not
say I was much affected with any idea, except a very slight

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HRH to Prince Fredorich

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I never should see either you my dearest Frederick
or my dear Friend Lake again, whilst I was so ill
received three Letters from you, all wh. arrived together
as well as one from Joan Grenville; I can not express to you how happy they made me
in two of yr. Letters you told me what you wished should be done respecting
Mr. Smith; trusting Letters in ye. hands of a Woman
man is ye. cursedest of all things, we have had a proof
of yt. by yt damnation Bitch Robinson, therefore
sent Mr. Smith Word yt. I had received Letters
from you, respecting Her wh. I would have ye. Honr.
one of communicating to her as soon as I was able
to see any body. Accordingly ye. Moment I was
able to stir out, I went & called upon her, carried
yr. Letters with me, Read her ye. Passages out
of them in wh. She was concerned; in short you may

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make yourself perfectly easy about her, for she has now laid aside all thoughts of her journey, but says she should be very happy if you go an ex=cursion to Vienna at any time if you would send her word & yt. then she would set out immediately & come & meet you. I hope intrigues go on well at Hannover, for here ye. Women are delightful & very obliging, I wish to know what sort of a piece you have got, & what Duck legged quaking German Bitch Grenville has ye. satisfaction of visiting. I am become a tolerable good Whip & have given those orders concerning yr. Phaeton wh. you desired me to give in one of yr. preceeding Letters, you will now have it very soon, would to Heaven I could come over in it, for you can not

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form to yourself an idea how happy I should be to
see you soon again, it is my principal & constant
wish, but no matter I hope our separation will not
last long. Whenever I meet Mrs. Smith she always
plagues me after you, is there any thing particular
you would with me to say to her, for I think, was
you to send her another kind Message byme it
would afford her infinite satisfaction. A propos to
Smith, we heard very bad accounts of poor Winchelsea
who was arrived at Lisbon, Lady Charlotte Finch,
her two Daughters, & John Somers, set out directly
to see him, but since they are gone, we have heard
much better tidings of him, wh. promise a speedy
recovery. I hope he will soon recover, for a more
truly worthy, honorable Man I believe does not

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exist. I flatter myself you will be pleased with ye.
manner in wh. yr. commissions are executed, as I have
taken infinite pains with ym. all; I hope you like
ye. frocks I sent you over, & by ye. next Messenger
I will send you, two new Uniforms at least, with
ye. Dress & undress of my Hunting Uniform,
it is called so, & is universally admired, Vicount
London, tout ce qui s'appelle Ton, has made it
up by way of handsome Banelagh Frocks,
if there are any other Cloaths of any sort or
these &
kind besides Yr. Vandyke Dress, wh. you wish to
be sent over I will take care of it. I shall also
send you some new Buckles together with
ye. sword you ordered, Grey humbly begged to
make some alterations, & improvements in it

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to wh. I most graciously assented, he has sent it home, 'tis excessively pretty, a mixture of Gold & Steel Beads, however tho' it is so pretty, I made him take it back immediately as it was not near so pretty or so elegant as yr. Sword nor was it any thing in yt. taste, ~~[illegible]~~ you will therefore have another, time enough to go by ye. Messenger, as elegant, & as handsome, as hands can make it. No news passing here in particular not even in ye. Circle of Galantry, unless it be yt. yr. dear Letty Smith has promised me on condition yt. it should not be known not even to a single Soul, to bring me acquainted at her House with Mrs. Franco, this she desired might not be known, not on her account, but on Mrs. Franco's

who is not known by any body but Frances & Mrs Smith to be arrived from abroad in London —

Smith told me she intended writing to you, what she has to say I can not imagine ; however at all events let me know in yr. next what you would have me say to her. I am now going to write a Line to Joan, & therefore will conclude dear Brother with a sparing how truly & affectionately I am

Yours

George Bd

Queen's House
March 30th. 1781

P.S. I have begun my Letter to Joan, but since I begun it I have cut my finger so deep yt. I cld. only add these few Lines to plead my excuse. But he shall have yt. & you shall have another Letter from me by Tuesd. Post. Adieu My dearest Brother.

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Best compliments to dear Joan, he will excuse my not writing to him as yet. as I want to make up for lost time to you. Ten thousand thanks for ye. heu... you say you send me by ye. Messenger.

Dearest Brother,

I receiv'd yr. most affectionate Letter the Day before Yesterday, & I can not express to you what delight, & satisfaction it gave me, yr. Sermon as you call it, is merely ye advice of one friend to another, & a proof of that excellent heart I have always known you to possess. believe me dearest Frederick, if we always preach so to one another we must be ye. best of Friends thro' out life, & God grant we may ever continue so, nothing on my part shall be wanting to encrease this if possible

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this happy union. You mentioned in yr. Letter as if you
apprehended yt. ye. D— of L— had in some measure
been ye. cause of my Disorder, by raking & rioting
& other things of ye. same sort, you are really much
mistaken I never have seen ye. D— ever since
you have been gone when any thing of that sort
has been going forwards, quite ye. contrary, he has
acted as my firmest, staunchest & best friend would
have done, as you or Lake would have done, had you
been present, in an affair, in wh. I wanted yr. advice
of such a friend, wh. has lately happened, & wh. I
hope now will be speedily put an end to, it originated
from ye. old infernal cause Robinson that damned

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Bitch. you shall hear every thing concerning it, the moment it is settled but it is too long to be mentioned how; you will therefore perceive how much you are mistaken concerning, when so far from riding & raking with me, he is always advising me to take care of my Health. Who is yr. favorite Sultana at present, tell me in yr. next & let me a little into yr. whole scene of every thing yt. passes at Hannover, as I will do you in my next, concerning every thing yt. passes Here. Yr. commissions I have executed, I have got both yr. Swords tho' different from each other, I think them both handsome. Buckles I send you as usual, as well as a Watch & Chain wh. I hope you will like & wear for my sake

ye. Hair in ye. Chain is mine. Yr. Vandyke Dress
is compleat & beautiful, ye. Hat for it I have ordered
of Cater, it was made by ye. Taylor to Covent Garden
Theatre, ye ruff belonging to it is seperate from
ye whole & ties with two little white strings & tassels
I do not mean it is a Ruff but Lace it is an imitation
only, but very beautiful in ye shape of our shirt
Collars only deeper, remember yr. Shirt Collar or
stock must not appear in this dress, you had
therefore best not wear any stock at all & tuck
yt. Coller down or under. & flatter myself you
will find all these things executed with yt. demi
gout, wisdom & propriety, you attribute to me
in propriâ personâ, & yt. being ye case, I remain
dearest Brother Yours most affectionately
Queen's House. April 10th 1781 Jorge

The Duke of York
to
the Prince of Wales
April 24. 1791.

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Dear Brother

I have no time to write to you now but I can not help thanking you for your kind Letter; which I shall answer as fully as I can the first opportunity You shall have the full account of every thing that is done here. Many thanks for your having executed all the Commissions, Yours most

Affectionate

Frederick

Hanover April 24 1781

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Dear Brother

I am Waiting With impatience for the letter which you promised me, We have now two English Posts due, and You may easily conceive how eager We are for any news that comes from dear England. Bussche who arrived here the beginning of last Week brought me Your Letter, as Well as the things You Was so good as to send me. By What He Says I find many things are altered since I quitted England.

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~~[illegible]~~ I shall certainly do what You desire me about Busche, and had very luckily before I read Your Letter already told Him, that if there was any thing that He wished should be done, and ~~[illegible]~~ thought that I could be of any use to Him by writing to the King, I should certainly be very happy to do it, I ~~am~~ can write You, when I have more leisure many more instances of that Rascal Alvensleben, but I wish You would not mention them, I only tell You one now that General Wallmoden whom You must remember and who is an exceeding ~~[illegible]~~ ~~and~~ clever man, ~~and~~ having been fourteen Years Minister from Hanover at Vienna which is always regarded as a step towards being ~~Minister~~ in the Cabinet, wished to quit the Army and Enter as Minister. He is without a doubt the fittest man of this Country for that office and besides it was his due. but however Alvensleben as had weight to get Him refused And it is supposed that He intends ~~to push [illegible]~~ appoint his own Nephew Hacke (a Minister) whom You remember in England, ~~[illegible]~~ He used to talk so oddly. He is of all the stupid and tiresome fellows the stupidest. Wallmoden feels this so much, that He says He will go back to Vienna for a Year and if in the course of that Year The King does not chuse to appoint Him Minister, He shall resign and return to Hanover. Walmoden did not indeed

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tell me this Himself, but He told it to the Person who told it me, but at the same time begged it might never be mentioned again, I beg therefore You will never mention it to any body whatsoever, because it can do Walmoden no good And would certainly do them a great deal of Harm. I beg You will give my duty to their Majesties and tell them that as I had nothing particular to write to them, I should not do it this Post, but that they might each of them depend upon a Letter by the Quarterly Messenger who sets out Thursday Sennight Pray give my Compliments to Miss Hamilton and tell Her how much I am obliged to Her for Her kind remembrance of me. I must beg You will send me by the Courier four Cricket bats, And two dozen of Balls for We have No such things in this Country. I think You will be tired of reading this Scrawl I shall therefore only add that I am and ever shall be Dear Brother

Yours most Affectionate

Frederick

Hanover April

My Compliments to the Duke of Montagu, and to Little Mr. Privy Lyte.

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The Duke of York
to
the Prince of Wales

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The Duke of York
to
The Prince of Wales

May 4th 1781.

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Dear Brother

I am not time this
post to answer your last Letter fully, but shall
certainly very soon. I wish you send some more new
Country dances for people are vastly fond of
our Country dances here. I do not know why but Prince
very luckily I am hardly upon decent terms with Mr Conolly
or with Prince Charles, as for Prince George he is
the Lord be praised gone back to Prague, I have great
many very pretty stones to tell you about these pretty

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Genius, as well as about many other People.
but what will be too long to add here. Give my Compli-
ments to Miss Hamilton, and to all other Friends in
England. If You see Smith Give Her my love. Dear
Brother.

I am most sincerely

Your most Affectionate

Hanover May 4 1781

Frederick

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Sir

I hope your Majesty will pardon my long Silence but not having any thing Material to write to you by last post, I was desirous of delaying my Letter till the departure of the Courier. The Count de la Lippe was so polite as to invite me to go tomorrow

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to Wilhelmstein to see the fortress, which now nobody is allowed to see without a particular permission As we shall be probably out all day, I am obliged to write now. The Field Marechal has been so good as to settle that I should set out either the eighteenth or nineteenth of this month to see the Hartz the Solling Herpsberg Furstenberg &c. We shall probably pass ten days or a fortnight in our tour. I shall within a fortnight or three weeks at farthest begin Gunnery. having already gone through Geometry and the Greatest Part of Trigonometry, there now therefore remains only levelling, and a slight knowledge of Conic Sections, before I am able to begin with Colonel Frey I can not sufficiently express to your Majesty how much I am obliged to Captain Hagrave. for having rendered this study which is otherwise dry as easy and amusing as possible. I am afraid I have already

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trespassed too much upon Your Majesty's patience I shall therefore only Entreat you to present my Humble Duty to the Queen and my love to my brothers and sisters and to believe me, Sir Most Sincerely

Your Majesty's

Most dutifull Son
and Subject

Frederick

Hanover May 7 1781

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make me give her every assistance in my power to preserve her from want; the last Day of our hunting wh. was this Day Senn'ight she came to see us turn out in her Carriage; I went up to her & told her I had just received a Letter from you wh. was the last in wh. yr. mentioned her, saying yt. ye. first opportunity you could find you wd. send for her over to meet you, she repeated very quick, what does he say, what does he say, I then told her that it was over again, ay says she that it is very well but I am afraid it is now too late. I then immediately left her, & have not seen or heard of her since. You will not be surprised

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at her going into keeping with any body when you hear yt. she had spent all her money, & had not a Shilling any where upon earth. Yr. Phaeton is shipped on board of a Hambro' Ship, with particular marks upon it with a direction for some one else for should ye. Ship be taken & were they to see ye. direction for a subject of England they wld. seize it, but it being directed to somebody yt. has nothing at all to do with England they wld. let it proceed on its Voyage. I therefore send you ye. marks & direction by wh. you must send for it, you will see them written in ye. enclosed Paper in Lukin's Hand. Part of yr. Commission only ye. Messenger can bring with him, yr. Cloaths & a few other things I believe ye. Hats to yr. Jaeger & two or three

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round Hats: the swords with some other trifles & with yr. Watch I send you are all packed together in a long wooden box, another box full of Bats & balls & another Box full of Brushes & other things wh. Sam wrote over for to order, a Box of saddles &c General Freytag will take care shall be safely embarked by ye. next Hambro' Ship wh. is to sail a fortnight hence, we ordered yr. Horses should go by ye. same conveyance. I hope I have now executed every thing to yr. satisfaction, so that I shall be for ye. future employed upon ye. like occasions for believe me dear Frederick nothing can afford me more pleasure, than doing any thing yt. can give you satisfaction

I also send you ye. extraordinary Gazette with excellent news from Lord Cornwallis. My best Compliments to Jour & Burke, I will really write to you both by next Friday's Post. Adieu it is very late, believe me, Dear Frederick
ever most affectionately

Yours

George P.

Queen's House.
May 11th. 1781 —

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Prince of Wales

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Sir

As I am afraid that your Majesty should hear from others that I am laid up, I could not let the Messenger go, without acquainting you myself, that on Thursday evening I strained the back part of my knee and, Saturday as I was getting out of the Phaeton, by the fault of one of the footmen, I also strained the same poor Hand, which I had hurt before by my fall last October. I am however almost recovered of both. I can not close my Scrawl without desiring your Majesty to give my Duty to the Queen and my love to my Brothers

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and Sisters and to believe me most Sincerely

Your Majesty's

most Dutifull Son and Subject

Hanover May 31/81

Frederick

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Sir

I hope your Majesty will
excuse my long silence but as I acquainted you about a
week ago I had the misfortune in going down Stairs to
strain the Back of my knee, And two days afterwards
as I was lifting my self out of the Phaeton, the Servant
upon whom I was leaning, thought that I was fainting
and therefore tried to hold me by which He strained my
right Side so violently that I have been under the
Surgeons hands ever since I had before intended to
have asked Your Majesty's permission to go to Tyoments
for my amusement, but I have now the additional

reason that the Surgeon recommends it by going to
Pump my Wrist, with the Water there, which is remarkable
Good to fortify any Weakness because He adds that
Having already strained the same Wrist, Violently twice
if I do not get it cured thoroughly now, then may
remain a Weakness there for Life. Yesterday the Horse
the Horses arrived, & considering the length of the Journey
in very good order, One of them on board the Ship had
the misfortune to get a Blow on the Knee, but nothing
of any Consequence. The Groom has taken immense
care of them on the Road! They agreed perfectly well
with Finckhausen! They were very near taken by
a French Privateer, but & the told them the Horses
belonged to the Empress Queen, and what is very extra
ordinary the Frenchman believed them. With Captain
Hagrave I have only two more lessons in Conic
Sections, and then I shall begin field fortification
I can not help repeating; how very easy and agreable

He has rendered, the Geometry &c, which I have already

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gone through and which would have otherwise been very dry and wearsome. Permit me Sir before I conclude to my Letter, to trouble Your Majesty with my Duty to the Queen and my love to my brothers and Sisters, and believe me Sir

Your Majesty's

Most Dutifull Son and Subject

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Sir

Though I know how much
Your Majesty dislikes Compliments, yett I hope
You will receive my most Sincere Congratulations
upon the Anniversary of your Birthday, and my
most hearty prayers to Heaven to Shower down upon
you, every blessing both in your publick and private
affairs, whilst it is possible to receive. I wish last

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week to make Princess Caroline a visit at Zelle
The Town is extremely ugly but the Chateau
where the Nobility live is very fine, I went in the
Evening to see the Mad House, I was told that I
should be exceedingly Struck by the Appearance of
the Mad People but I must confess that I was not
half so much Struck with them as with the State
Prisoners. They are perfectly well taken care of
And the Man who is at the Head of it, is exceedingly
attentive and kind to them. I saw Hennenberg
He is grown fat, and now wears a Wig, They told
me that He has had only one fit of Madness
since He has been there He is allowed to go about
and Play, but He is always attended by one of
the People belonging to the House. My Hand is
so far recovered, that both Zimmerman and the
Surgeon have given me leave to go to the Play

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I am to set out Tomorrow morning. Permit me Sir before I conclude my Letter to trouble Your Majesty With my Duty to the Queen, and my Love to my brothers and Sisters; And to Sign my self most Sincerely

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