Potsdam May 16 1791

Sir

I take the earliest opportunity to acquaint Your Majesty with my safe arrival here yesterday evening, I did not receive the King of Prussia's answer to the Letter which I wrote to him for Leave to serve with the Troops, till Last Tuesday at Hannover, there were one or two expressions in it which I could not well comprehend, I therefore thought it better to push on here, in order to obtain an explanation, before I troubled Your Majesty upon that subject, I am happy to express to Your Lord Sip, that every one of my apprehensions have been cleared up in the most satisfactory manner to me, ~~which~~ and that the expressions I allude to were totally owing to the very delicate situation in which the King of Prussia found himself at that moment, and which is now quite altered He received me in the most gracious manner possible, and expressed himself in the handsomest manner towards Your Majesty, the manœuvres begin tomorrow here, and only last two days, after wards at Berlin begin, and last three days, I shall then accompany his Majesty to the Manœuvres at Magdeburg, and shall then return

to Berlin and wait with patience for the result of Peace or War.

I stopped two days in my journey at Hanover in order to see my two Brothers, I can not but give Your Majesty the best accounts possible of both of them, they are both grown very Handsome Lads, Ernest is above two inches taller than his and Adolphus is nearly my size. I went out one day to see Ernest exercise a Squadron of the Queen's Regiment, which he did most exceedingly well and General Fraytag has assured me, that there is not an Officer in the whole Regiment, who knows more about his Exercise or knows how what he is about than he does, Adolphus is a prodigious fine Lad perfectly natural, seems to have a great deal of sense, and a great desire to learn. I found the Duchess of Brunswick not at all altered and in her usual high Spirits and good Humour. The Duke returned to Brunswick the second day I was there with a very violent Ague which the had thought the had been cured of but which had returned with redoubled violence owing to the badness of the Weather, I saw likewise at Brunswick the Hereditary Princess, she is very far from handsome but seems extremely well brought up, and has a very good Manner.

As I have to do myself the Honor of writing to Your Majesty soon again, I will not trespass longer upon

Your Majesty's Leave I shall therefore only entreat You to believe my Duty to the Queen, and Your Majesty's, Sir

Your Majesty's

Most dutiful Son
and Subject

Frederick

New York

16 May 1791

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Berlin May 24 1891

Dear Bertie

I can not let the Courier leave without writing a few lines to you to tell you how much I was alarmed at the news of your illness, Warwick Castle however has informed me that it is over, and that you at present require nothing but care and rest. I am not like this kind of Mack and beg you for God's sake to take more care of yourself.

Our reviews are all over at Potsdam and I can say they were wonderfully fine though there was not so many troops this year as usual as they the Guards and 18 Battalions of foot are already marched towards the army in Prussia. Tomorrow I rather thought I go to Magdeburg to see the reviews there and then shall there I, and want the event of Politics; Metternich last did not answer to me, I am sorry for it as I can

Since the Wurtz have been beat, I am very impatient to hear some news of Newmarket, and how the fresh spring breaking out off. We have had last night the Devil to pay among the young Elliot headed by Brown of the first Regiment, they got drunk and tried to beat the Guard, as they could behave better or more civilly than the Prussians did upon the same occasion, but Everett has from himself obliged to desire the few of them who were in it not to leave the Country directly. Having nothing more in the Political World to inform You of I shall add here at present except My Love to Wilhelm and hoping to hear of Your Health and believe me

Ever

Yours most affectionately

Frederick

The Duke of York
to
The Prince of Wales
May 24th 1791

Berlin June 4 1891

Sir

Though I know how much Your Majesty dislikes a general Compliments upon Your Birthday, yet I trust that You will ask regard in that Light my Congratulations upon this Day, that Heaven may shower down its choicest Blessings upon Your Majesty's Head, and that Your Majesty may enjoy every Health and Happiness for a Long long Series of Years, are my constant and most ardent prayers.

I am returned about three days from the review at Magdeburg, which was wonderfully fine, I think there is no comparison between that inspection and the one here, the troops are infinitely finer in point of size

and most were exact in their evolutions, The Duke of Brunswick's Regiment surpasses all the others, There was likewise at Magdeburg four Bataillons of Jaeger, as they are called here, or rather of Light Infantry, which are really wonderfully good, and remarkably well exercised, they are very small men, know perfectly the Light Infantry exercise, and at the same time can act in line as well as any other Bataillon, The Cavalry likewise at Magdeburg are very good, and I think are very much improved in their Horses, This was the first year that the Duke of Weymar appeared as Inspector and he really seemed to have given himself a great deal of trouble. The Duke of Brunswick was not sufficiently recovered to be at the Camp, and therefore General Krobeladorf as the Senior officer commanded

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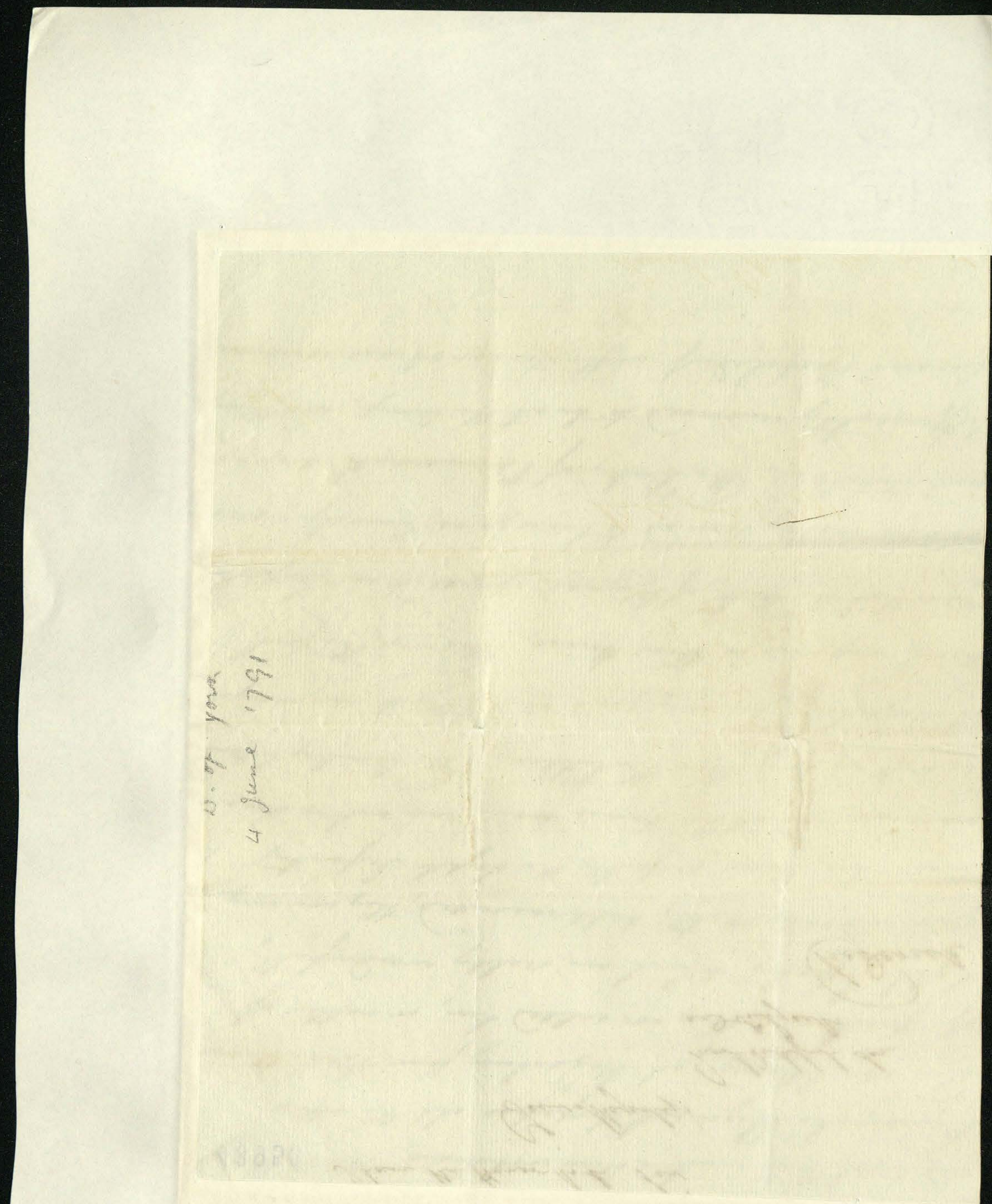

D. of York
4 June 1791

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Berlin June 14 1791

Dear Brother

It is now above six weeks since I left England and I have wrote three times to You, without receiving a single line from You which I really think a little extraordinary as You may easily imagine how anxious I must be to hear from You, particularly as You have been ill, and as there are so many subjects upon which You had promised to write to me.

We have still no absolute decisive answer from Russia about peace or war, but I am very much afraid from every thing that

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I see and hear that we are hitching the Bruces
in England which after the lengths we has gone
in France, when we beat again which unless
something very extraordinary happens, will certainly
be in September, I will lay the whole of this before
Jem and Jem shall then judge himself of it.

It is the most unlucky thing for me
the world that the war does not go on, for I am
begun to give up all hopes of it at least for this season,
as I never should have had so fine an opportunity
of learning my profession, as I should have served
under the King of Prussia, who has shewn every degree
of attention and friendship towards me, assisted by
the Duke of Brunswick and General Möllendorf
who are certainly the two greatest officers of this
age, and with the finest army that ever entered
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I shall still wait for the Prince's answer which is now my only hope left, and which cannot arrive in two or three days, when I shall put on and to every thing, I shall then start from Laeken about the middle or latter end of next week and then to pass three weeks at Ostende in order to recover my stomach which thanks to the Mercury of last year is in very bad order, and then go to Spa, and return to England in the course of the month of September then are my present projects, subject however to be changed. Direct to me therefore of course for now, to Vienna as the most central place from whence my letters will always be forwarded to me. Our way of life continues just the same as when I wrote to you last, then an balls at least three times a week at which I am obliged to dance continually, and as

You know that I am not very fond of that amusement
You will easily conceive that it is not very agreeable
Adieu remember me to all friends

Ever Your most affectionate
(Frederick)

P.S. Having had no letter
from Warwick Lake about Newmarket I don't
know whether he has won or lost but I suppose that he
must have won something upon St. David. By the account
that Ralph Wolf has of Sheakers' running I think
Mark Barnet has still a good chance for the Oaks
mention Adair.

The Duke of York
to
The Prince of Wales
June 14. 1789.

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My dearest Frederick,

Perhaps it may appear extraordinary to You the not having heard from me as yet, but the truth of the matter is this, I can not bear to write about trifles & always defered writing upon subjects of consequence till I cd. find a safe conveyance, in short I have so much to say, yt. I hardly know where to begin. However as there is no time to be lost I will begin with Yastrow's commission wh. I think is more pressing than any thing else. He will deliver this to You & bring Papers with him for Yr. Inspection & for You to sign wh. both William & myself have already signed, it is his authority to treat with the Landgrave for a Sum of money, wh. Weltheim whom William & myself saw & conversed with at some length

assures us of the Landgrave's readiness to let us have
upon terms wh. I think very reasonable, Jastrow
also carries with him a Letter from me to the Landgrave
wh. I shall send under a flying Seal, in order that
Jm may read it, & when Jm are satisfied with the
contents Jm will be so good as to close it & let
Jastrow go on on his mission; as far as I can understand
the Landgrave will let us have 100, or 150,000 £
directly, & perhaps more wh. is the reason I dare not
mention the precise Sum in my Letter to him as
we think it best to leave it open to extend the loan
if we can. Besides this negotiation there is a person
& a person well recommended who comes from Vienna
& is acquainted with many money'd People in
Germany whose sole business is to transact or
negociate a Loan for us with certain views of advantage
naturally to themselves however I do not believe

they are unreasonable at first sight, Stammerfly has
examined him & seems to think so, tho. this really be
the state of the case we will not be ~~[illegible]~~ the fool
again as we have been of late in all the negociation
we have had respecting money, ~~of late~~ & Poyntz has
promised to go over himself with this Mem, & to see
whether there really is, or not the smallest probability
or not of effecting any thing advantageous to us all,
if there ~~[illegible]~~ not, to put a conclusion to the transaction
& if there did. to push it so as to terminate it
expeditiously. So far so good, I have said little
about Jarrow to Jm as he will better be able to
tell his own story respecting himself & what he
does not explain the Papers he carries with him
will, but there is another subject wh. will astonish
Jm much when I mention it to him & as he was in
some measure the ~~[illegible]~~ set directly the cause of my
coming to the knowledge of it, I think it right to

dwell much upon it in order yt. you may thoroughly
comprehend me. Well then, the week in wh. my
Mother's Birthday fell on in May I had occasion to
go to the Duc de St— c & left with my Mother where
our eldest Sister was also, whom I liked much
with in a good humoured way about herself in
presence of my Mother, soon afterwards I took my
leave & went up stairs to sit with my other Sister
when the eldest followed me & beg'd to speak two
minutes in private with me to wh. I immediately
assented, she then told me how much obliged to me
she shd. be if I never wd. joke with her upon
yt. smallest trifle in presence of her Mother, as
I did not know how she taxed it afterwards
her she was treated &c. &c. &c. I gave her
my word I certainly wd. do as she desired & had
I known yt. former she never shd have taxed

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a single moment's uneasiness by my means or it ever was the principal object of my life to do everything in my power to render every Individual of my family as happy as possible, & far from wishing to make myself the means or cause of unnecessary unhappiness to yrs. Here the subject dropt for yt. moment, however going two days afterwards to dine with my little Sister Miss Ly— yt. told me yt. she had seen my eldest Sister, who had expressed herself in the terms of the warmest gratitude towards me for the kind manner in wh. I had conversed with her, & yt. she believed she meant to seize the earliest opportunity of conversing with me still further. I said yt. whenever she wished it I shd. feel my self bound by every tie in the World to attend with pleasure to whatever she had to say, to give her the best advice

I wd. if it was necessary, & at all events to keep most sacredly her secrets had she any to entrust me with. Some days after this I saw her in my Mother's Room & she begg'd I wd. call upon her some morning wh. I did, & she then began by talking to me in the very strain I am going to relate to you wh. she told me she had in part mention'd to you & desired me to write the rest wh. I take this opportunity of doing. She said yt. the evident partiality yt. was shewn on every occasion & in every trifle by both her Parents, to all her other Sisters in preference to her, the manner in wh. she was treated on all occasions particularly by her Mother, the constant restraint she was kept under, first like an infant, the perpetual tuition & confined life she was obliged to lead, no attempt being made at getting her abroad, or of giving her

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a species of establishment at home, but what was worse than all, the violence & the caprice of her Mother's temper wh. hourly grows worse. to wh. she is not only obliged to submit, but to be absolutely a Slave, in short all these circumstances combined were such, as had led her to speak her mind freely to me & to consult me, as she said she had done for nothing and. make her undergo another Year like that she had for some Years past, yt. her entertainment, yt. at home or abroad she wd. seek for some part of a Lot, as any thing was preferable to the misery she was a Slave to at present. I endeavoured to argue with her, to temporize with her feelings, but nothing wd. do, she said she was very ready to act in any manner we might think best for her provided we wd. take her situation into our consideration & endeavour to form some outlet

an alliance for her abroad, or in case yt. did not prove to prove some sort of an establishment being found for her here, but yt. if we had not Both met of entering into these views cordially, & engage to do the most we cd. for her, she gave me to understand she was determined to pursue her own Plans & plans & with great determination to follow her own line of conduct, without listening to any of us. She then entered into an argument with me where the impropriety wd. be, supposing no emergency cd. take place abroad for her, were an alliance to be thought of for her with our Friend the Duke of Bedford, & to tell you the truth my dearest Frederick I think she seems more anxious for them than for any foreign match in the world, perhaps she is grown to a time of life yt. will not admit of any scheme of this sort being once proposed

to tell you the truth I wd. hardly have been surprised when she said this, I told her I thought yt. if I knew my Father wh. I thought I did pretty well yt. he never wd. think of giving his consent to any thing of the kind, however yt. she must take a little patience yt. I wd. in compliance with her wishes write to you & consult with you upon what was best for her interests, & endeavour as far as in us lay to alleviate those distresses wh. seem to press so much upon her mind. See for Jackson, a day or two previous to this conversation, Jackson told me yt. he was written yt. the R. of B— wd. be ready & willing to assist us wd. be effected betwn our Sister & this Sir, provided he wd. not be averse to it, I made him no answer at yt. time to him, but in the course of this conversation between

my Sister & me the Subject recurred to my mind &
I asked her if supposing such a thing cd. be effected
whether she wd. have any objection to it, she
instantly jumped at it & entreated of me to write
immediately the whole of our conversation & to
desire Jn. to say whether Jn. cd. not throw out
such hints if not speak out directly, as might
lead to some offer being made from Stockmar
yet this must be left entirely to yr. judgment
& the wishes of Jn. I'll write as expeditiously
as possible yr. ideas, to me, were before you take
any steps towards this affair, when I mentioned
so far my Sisters having no objection to such
an union provided it cd. be effected to Jn. to
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my dearest Frederick, I am exceedingly obliged to
you for your two very kind letters I have received from
you, I was never thought so much of. there cd. be
a Wear of still continue of my way of thinking, it
can only pay off. I shall most cordially rejoice when
you return home. As to our stables you will see
how unlucky we have been, there has been some
damned shameful transactions going forward
there, my present intention is to dismiss Neale,
perhaps Price, & to retain Charles Spindley
as our Trainer, she is incapacitated from riding
anymore owing to a Fistula he has had, I seem
to fell a great many of our Stores, & retain a
complete stock of Good Stores besides the Jumpers
we have also at present, I shall also
sell between twenty & thirty hood mares & put
back enough for present exigencies, & the Cream

of the best of stock I have in order to keep the spare,
to remove my training stables from Newmarket to
the Winchester Downs, as Egremont has done in
Sussex, for every trial has been known this
year in every stable except Egremont's as he only
trains his stakes in Sussex, & merely sends up
to Newmarket to run. ab. is the Plan I mean
to pursue, as the Blacklegs have it in their power
by means of money & watching to know the state of
all the stables at Newmarket, ab. has been the
case in every instance that there late meetings
so much so yt. jrnrl Gentlemen have
threatened to leave the Turf entirely, or at
Winchester I am certain yt. if they do get
into our secrets it will be with more difficulty
& trouble than upon the Spot itself ab. infinitely

170 miles distant apart. I will not pester you any longer after having written thirteen sides of paper to you, except first to say that I will of yourself see the necessity of observing the strictest secrecy respecting our letter as she wd. suffer immensely in yr. World were her ideas to get wind before some plan is adopted for her, pray write yr. ideas fully to me as you know they are safe in my hands & judge whether I wd. act otherwise than I have done. God bless you my ever dearest Frederick, believe me that life

Brighton Thy most affectionate Mother

June 18.

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P.S. I was obliged to make Fortescue write as I cannot bear to go over it the same time twice, wh. was yt. you had left him some minutes to transact, for wh. he must go over to Germany before he wd. conclude here wh. yt. got him his leave. I have just written without hand

of since yr. last news from Cornwallis & Abercromby there is fresh bad news arrived from India, & comes with it yr. most serious expect ~~that~~ that it is so one is yet distinctly knows. Pray thank Jack St. Leger for his two kind letters one of yesterday. I received this morning & tell him I will answer him in a Post or two, before yr return will you be so good as to make Everest send me over the complete uniforms accoutrements saddle bridle &c. of one of Zietten's Hussars that were, as well as one of the Officers complete uniforms, clothing sword, cap, saddle Bridle & holster pistols in short every thing complete, as well as of an Officer & private of the Cuirassiers or Life Guards, as they were. & as they now are. Pray forgive my giving you so much trouble but you know I have long intended to have them as

18 June 1791

as one day or other they may give us some little
ideas for our entertr. Shd. you also meet
with any fine bleder, Stripper, Turkish opera
or old Solomon, pray secure yr. Horse, & if
you shd. meet with such a thing as a good fine
black or Grey Stropping or polish Horse of
good size & bone I beg you will buy him for
me. You will think I oppress you with commissions
but I do not know any one who can execute
yrs as well as yourself. By the by Maytte
St. Leger I have not as yet received his book
of Uniforms, & yr. I beg he will enquire about
it. One thing more before I conclude ab. Sam
uitam will give you pleasure & yr. is yr. the
D. of B. & I are as good friends if not better than
we have been in our lives, yr. all personal feuds are
over we have been in our lives, yr. all personal feuds are over
the three are at an end, yr. we have shaken hands we come to
perfect understanding & I believe we never shall have another dispute
One more adieu Dearest Brother. affectionately yrs

Berlin July 5 1791

Sir

The Paternal Affection which Your Majesty has shewn upon every occasion towards me, emboldens me to take up my pen, in order to lay open my whole heart to Your Majesty, and to entreat Your approbation, and leave to take a Step, upon which my whole future Happiness depends.

It is about three Years ago, that Your Majesty did me the Honor to express to me Your wish, that one of Your Sons should marry; from that moment, this idea has never been out of my thoughts, and I only waited for an opportunity of coming abroad in order to be able to make a choice, which might be worthy of Your Majesty's approbation. The only delicacy which I felt upon this Subject, was, from not being informed of the Sentiments of My Elder Brother, the Prince of Wales, but having taken an opportunity of speaking to Him very openly, He declared to me repeatedly

the disinclination at present to matrimony and the evil that I think marry, I had therefore intended to have asked Your Majesty's leave to have come to Germany this Autumn, had nothing extraordinary happened. The Appearance of an immediate War which turned me away from England made me for a time lose sight of my object but the instant the probability subsided I began to consider again of my first plan.

I think it my duty to confess to Your Majesty that from the first time that I saw the King of Prussia's Eldest Daughter the Princess Frederique she was not wholly indifferent to me, and though I did not think right at that moment to encourage any hope concerning her not being acquainted with Your Majesty's sentiments, yet the very instant I knew them she was always my object. Having had an opportunity during my stay here to see her and to enquire very particularly after her, I am perfectly convinced, that

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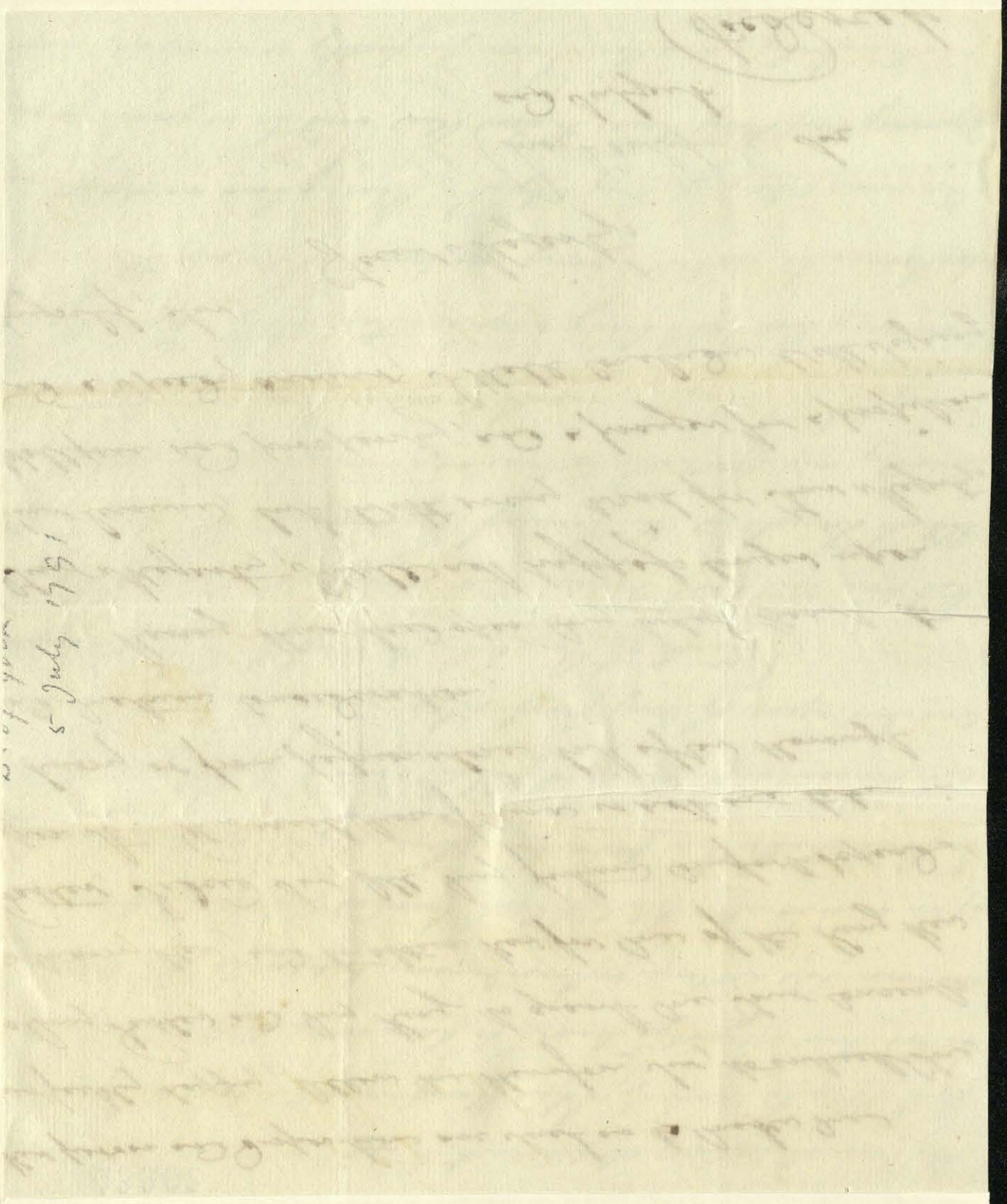
her person and disposition are such as to make me perfectly happy, Allow me therefore, Sir, to entreat You, as my Father and my King to grant me Your consent to marry her, and to obtain her for me of the King her Father, Indeed, Sir, All my future comforts depends upon it. This resolution of mine is not one taken in a hurry or from passion alone but after thought and mature consideration.

Having thus laid open my whole heart to Your Majesty, I will not trespass longer upon Your leisure, but with every wish for Your Majesty's Wellfare and prosperity, and a prayer for a propitious and a speedy answer, I shall conclude with signing myself, Sir

Your Majesty's

most dutiful Son
and Subject

Frederick



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Dearest Brother

I must begin my letter by acquainting You that Lastow arrived here on Sunday and delivered to me Your ~~letter~~ very kind and affectionate letter which gave me greater pleasure and satisfaction than I can possibly express, and to which You shall receive a full answer, but I must first begin by writing to You upon another subject, which is of much more consequence to me individually, and upon which my whole future happiness depends, You will remember my Dearest Brother the conversation which You and I had before I left England about my marrying, in which You expressed strongly Your wish that I should, I will now confess to You that Six years ago I was very sincerely attached to the Princess Frederique the King of Prussia's Eldest Daughter and that I think Her have declared it if I had been informed of Her Majesty's sentiments and of Yours upon

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that subject, of my marrying and that when I returned to England
four years ago, I then intended to have asked your consent
the different reasons through which I have passed, also
any that time has
continually hindered me from doing it, and however resolved to
take the first opportunity to come abroad in order to
see Her and if I still remained in the same mind, towards
Her, and found that I was not disagreeable to Her, to
apply for leave to marry Her. The idea of a War turned
the first away from England, and had it gone on I should
certainly have delayed still longer taking any resolution
upon this subject, but as soon as it blew over I returned
to my first object, and I must confess that having had
no opportunity since I have been here of seeing the
Princess very often, I am grown more attached to Her
than I ever possibly dreamt. I have made every enquiry
about Her, and then in but one opinion about Her and
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to England and have applied myself to the King for his
leave to make my proposals to the Princess, but I
really ~~too~~ a great deal too much in love, and a great
deal too anxious to be able to wait so long. I therefore
sent my servant George with a letter to the
King to ask his consent, as I suppose that he would
naturally speak to You upon the subject for God's
sake my dearest brother persuade him to grant
my request, indeed the whole happiness of my life
depends upon it. I know Your affection and that You
You will do every thing in Your power for me
when You know how much I have at stake. I do not
say that she is the handsomest girl that ever was formed
but she is pretty enough & for my own disposition that is

Arpt, for Heaven's sake do not inform any body ~~any~~ about this at least till I see Mr Wilkes, You will Yourself see that Mr of infinitely too great consequence both to the Goal and to me. Your affair will be sufficiently hard with this letter by the time You have read thus far, and indeed my heart is much too full to think upon any other subjects I will therefore delay answering Your Letter till the first Messenger, I need not tell You that I shall not have a moments peace till I receive the Magestys answer and that of the refusal any request I can ever make to Him I need not repeat the request that You tell Mr Pitt of Your love, I know too well acquainted with Your affection towards me, God bless You and believe me ever Dearest Brother

Berlin July 9
1791

Yours most affectionate
Frederick

The Duke of York
to
The Prince of Wales
July 1791.

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Potsdam July 18 1891

Dearest Brother

As My mind was so full of the subject upon which I wrote to You by my Servant, last Week that I was not able to answer any part of the Letter I received from You by Laxton I take the opportunity of a Courier setting off from Berlin for England tomorrow to give You my full sentiments upon it,

And first with regard to the project of getting money from the Landgrave, having talked it fully over with Laxton, I think that it is very feasible and I have therefore signed and sealed, and dispatched the very directly to Capel, from whence I hope in a few days and then be that he will conclude the negotiations, for it is absolutely necessary to get some money directly otherwise by every thing which I hear from England we are pretty sure

I have received two or three very pressing Letters both from Adam & Coutts with different projects upon the arrangement of all our affairs at once, but thought this Majesty ~~approves~~ approve of my intention of marrying, it will actually make a total alteration in my situation, I did not think it was worth while giving them an answer, till every thing is settled.

Secondly concerning Your question about my Sister, I will tell You fairly that though no body pities her situation more than I do, or wishes to see her married sooner, knowing ~~that~~ what a dreadful life she must lead, yet I can not think that she can expect to marry this Prince Royal here, because he is now five and twenty and she is only one and twenty, Besides though I know that it is his great plan to marry one of our Sisters, yet I believe he looks forwards to Mary, she certainly in every respects is more suited to him in age.

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tell the Princess Royal however from me that I will make every enquiry, and when I return to England will give her my opinion very fully how to proceed, and that I only beg that she will have patience till then.

Having answered Your two great questions You will allow me now to mention the subject which is next dear to me, You can have no idea of the impatience with which I wait for the Kings answer to the application I have made to him to marry, I think that in every point of view it is a project he ought to approve of, as he has expressed his wish that one of us should marry, and that certainly in a political light, it must strengthen the alliance which he most justly anxious to cultivate, I am not at all ashamed to confess that I am most sincerely attached to the girl, and I really am convinced that she is fond of me, It was new attachment for I have liked her for these six years

As for the Elevated Dukes give myself a great deal of trouble to enquire of different persons concerning her, and there is but one opinion about her, She has had the most difficult cards to play on account of the situation of the different Courts here, and I am convinced from what I have seen of the people here and of their free way of talking of every Body, that if any thing could have been said against her, I should have heard it. In that I am thoroughly persuaded that I shall be perfectly happy with her and that I never can be happy without her. I came here yesterday upon a visit with the King and his two Daughters and a great deal of a company for three days. We are all lodged together at the new palace of Laeken somewhat as certainly the finest palace I ever saw.

I have not time to add even my kindest remembrances to Dresden, Adieu You shall hear from me as soon as possible. Pray Heaven it may be to acquaint You that I may have received a gracious answer to my request. remember me to all friends and believe me ever

Yours most affectionately

Frederick

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P.S. I forgot in my letter to mention the subject of the Racehorses. I am highly of Your opinion that it will be impossible to get rid of almost all the Badness, and of so many of the Broad Mares and Colts as are at capital, which will have a very good effect in the Bulloch, without at the same time in the least diminishing the amusement. As for warning away from Newmarket, I am convinced it is the best way, but I do not think that Hampshire is a good County for it. I think it would very strongly tainting Your time about it in not pitching upon any Spot, till You have had Them examine thoroughly different Places, as it is very expensive afterwards to make a second change. I think likewise that it is a very serious thing disclosing Neale, and requires a great deal of consideration, should You find it absolutely necessary, I think Charles Bentley by far the best man to take. Ever Your's P. Rice

The Duke of York
to
The Prince of Wales
July 10. 1791

My Dearest Frederick,

I sit down to take the pleasanter of all Tasks upon me, which is that of communicating good news, especially to those we love.

I was more happy than I can express at the communication which your letter contain'd, as well as the terms and manner in which you made me acquainted with your wishes and intentions. whether I have used my best endeavours feeble as they are to second the

warmest wishes of your Heart
I must leave to the success of
your schemes and the Pens of others
better able to write and more used
to description to paint to you which I confess
for every reason I feel myself wholly
unequal to. You will not suspect
me I am sure of wishing to tell you
any falsehood and much less of any
meanness to ingratiate myself on
any occasion either with you or
any other living Person. Consequently
I will, Dear Brother, relate a plain
Statement of facts which no one
but my Father & Mother, besides

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myself can know, unless it is from the account they may have received from either one or other of us three.

I received your Letter on sunday sennight last about two in the morning as I returned from Windsor where I had been spending the Day with the King & Queen. George arrived about eleven at Night but would not proceed on to Windsor as he understood I was expected in London. Immediately on the Receipt of your Letter I determined to go the ensuing Day to see the King & Queen at Windsor and to

communicate the contents of your Dispatches, tho' engaged to a large Party at Rumphot when I left to shift for themselves till I had transacted your Affairs with as little Delay as possible. I first sent for Bude and ask'd him if he had received any Letters for the King & Queen from you and if he knew the contents of them. He told me that he had and that he well knew that I was also acquainted with them. We then thought it best for him to go a few hours before me

in order that the Kings mind might be prepared upon the subject previous to my going to discuss it with him. I arrived between three & four o'clock and put your letter into the Kings hands, His Majesty at the same time putting your letter to him into mine. He then was pleased to express himself as astonish'd that you should press so very strongly for an immediate answer saying that you always thought that a thing could no sooner be thought of than put

into execution. He said also - that before he had received your letter He had received a Dispatch from Lord Granville containing a letter from Ewart, mentioning the State of your Heart & mind and that it had been supposed to be the State of the case for these six Years last past - that this had been the very first word He had ever heard on the subject, and that He had written Lord Granville word so. He then ask'd me if I had ever understood anything upon

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the subject of your marriage from you directly and hoped that you had mentioned it to me previous to having taken any resolution on that head, and even before you ever thought of having communicated it to him in the most distant way. In this his Majesty's consideration flatter'd me I cannot help confessing very much. I then requested of him to listen patiently to me without interruption as I wish'd much in the Presence of the Queen & Him to express my sentiments fully and

without reserve on the occasion in order to prevent every species of misunderstanding which might possibly arise if I did not take that opportunity of humbly laying my poor sentiments fully & unequivocally before them

I then began with stating to their Majesties or rather recalling to their recollection the manner in which we had been educated and brought up together – that we had never known but one wish, one mind & one affection from the moments of our birth towards each other to

The present period – that consequently at this moment, which I considered perfectly in the light in which you stated it, as the moment in which you felt you had every thing at stake, and in which every thing that was nearest your Heart was entirely wrapt up, it was a Duty which I felt incumbent upon me, possessing still in the fullest force the sentiments which I have mentioned in the upper Part of this Page, to strain every Nerve to promote the Happiness of your future Days

by accomplishing the only object which
could in my opinion, grounded on
your own letter, trace the subsequent
years of your life with scenes of
undisturbed felicity & Quiet. That
I look'd upon this as the most
essential Crisis of your life.
that it was only at moments like
these that a man could know whom
He had to depend upon, and that on
being call'd upon by you both as
a Brother & a Friend I felt myself
doubly bound to stand forth and to

forward at any rate that which alone could with his Majesty's consent form the happiness of your life. — On his Refusal the very Reverse must be the infallible consequence. I then assured the King that you had taken no step in this business without having so far communicated your wishes to me on the subject of matrimony, and having been acquainted with my opinions, so that you were perfectly authorised at any time to take

the Step you had with regard to the Princess in consequence of the conversations I told him we had had previous to your Departure and that altho' I could not speak to your having absolutely told me you were determined upon marrying the Princess Frederique or any other woman befor your return from Berlin yet that I had entertained the strongest ideas that such was your intention and that in all probability it would be her. — That to reduce into the shortest compass

the conversations we had had together I would use as few words as I possibly could. That on your asking me my opinion relative to marrying myself, or as to my objecting to or approving of your marrying should you have any such intention I had answer'd as nearly as I can recollect in the Presence of William that as to marrying myself I had no such immediate intention or inclination, that I had wish'd some years ago to have gone abroad in order to

have seen whether I could have
met with a woman who would
have been likely to have suited
me - that his Majesty having
objected to it, my views and
intentions on that score instantly
stopp'd. That I was come to a
time of life when I thought I
might be allow'd to have tolerably
well weigh'd my own Sentiments
and Prospects, that it was not
everyone who could expect to
be as lucky as his Majesty had
been to meet with a Person whose

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Disposition suited so perfectly with
his own as the Queen's did if
one might presume to judge by
the unanimity that appear'd to
reign between them. – That as to
us Princes particularly the choice
of a wife was indeed a Lottery,
and one ~~in~~ from the wheel of which
I did not at least at present intend
to draw a Ticket. There were
very few Prizes compared to
the number of Blanks. That I
considered your situation as quite

different - it was neither interest
nor family views that had guided
your choice - inclination & Attachment
had been the only motives which
had led you to fix upon the
Princess Frederique - That I accorded
so perfectly to your way of thinking
on that score, and my sentiments
were so entirely the same that
I believed I never should marry
unless at the moment I did I thought
I preferred the woman I was going to
marry to every creature existing in

the world, and seeing enough of the Disposition of my Wife to think it would form the happiness and not the misery of my future Days. - That I had likewise said to you when I gave you my assent, Dear Brother to your marrying, supposing you thought it would be conducive to your happiness that I did not at all mean to bind myself not to marry at any future Period, but that I thought it most likely I should not as the sentiments I had

expressed were Prejudices I could not get the better of, at the same time it was possible that sooner or later I might think of marrying, but at present to speak of myself without considering their Majesties, if you should marry a woman whom I approved of, & whose conduct towards me was such as I liked I felt pleased with, and that you had Children, whom as your Children I naturally must feel attach'd to, the inducement then would certainly

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be left to me to marry, tho' I repeat I did not chuse by any means to bind myself that I should never take such a step. The thing was so good as to assure me that He approved much of my sentiments, and added that even had you wish'd me to give you such an assurance, of which I took the liberty of assuring His Majesty you were quite incapable, He himself would have advised me to have said precisely what you recollect me to have said, and what I took the liberty of stating to him.

I then presumed to urge to the King ~~that~~ as there were my Sentiments the absolute necessity of one of us marrying and that as inclination led you to it and you had found a Person so perfectly calculated to make you happy I considered it as the most fortunate event possible. for even had his Majesty been to point out the Person he could have wish'd one or other of us to marry he could not have selected one more proper or one more accomplish'd or better calculated by

by Birth situation & education for our alliance than the Princess your Heart had led you to fix on. - That therefore I only wish'd his Majesty would be graciously pleased to listen to my entreaties in addition to yours and then I flatter'd myself that being acquainted with my sentiments & ideas and ~~understanding~~ (understanding them) ~~to~~ to approve of ~~yours~~, I hoped his sanction & consent would be given as decidedly & unequivocally as I freely acknowledged mine was.

That all I could add on the subject was that I only hoped the thing would be so good as to point out in what way I should act what I should say, or how conduct myself to forward your views in every respect, and that I could assume him that I was selfish in so saying, for promoting your happiness was the surest way, my Dearest Frederick of promoting my own. and that I could also assure his Majesty that if in any idea of settlement for which the Duke apply to

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Parliament He was to be deterred from that measure by thinking that some Friends of mine thro' a blind zeal might wish on an application being made for you to make use of the opportunity as a handle for endeavouring to increase my income, I could assure his Majesty that neither directly nor indirectly would I countenance such a Proceeding, nor give him the least trouble on an occasion which must give every individual of our Family the truest Pleasure

Being the last man on earth who at any Period of his life had been or ever would be guided by a personal or self-interested view.

Thus my Dear Brother have I related in as short a compass as I could what has passed with my Father & Mother. Since which He has been kind enough to crown your wishes with Consent, tho to be attended with some little Delay - which tho not very accordant with your

temper & Disposition at any time will I fear be still less so at the present moment. However it must be submitted to, tho' there are ways & means which I have been turning over in my mind to obviate perhaps this little temporary mortification if pursued with Propriety & caution. But I will say no more at present, as you must be tired with my manuel, except to express once more How truly I rejoice in the Prospects of Happiness which are now open

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to you, praying that you may long live to enjoy them, and hoping that you will believe me thro' life

Your ever affectionate
Brother

George P.

Carlton House
July 24th
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The Prince of Wales
to
The Duke of York
July 24th 1791.

Narrative of what
passed at an interview
with the King & Queen
previous to the Marriage
of the Duke of York.

Boughton – 8th Aug
1831
Ds Prince Regent

My dearest Brother,

I have received yr. kind Letter by the last Messenger, concerning Ch. I shall say something presently, but first of all, Jeffries in spite of all our caution not to say anything according to the King's desire respecting yr. marriage came home & told me yt. he was going to Bruxelles & from thence to Berlin a week yt. he hoped I did not think yt. he was impertinent for yt. nothing cd. be further from his intention, if he related to me what his plans were in going abroad, in the first place yt. he always took a Tour abroad every Summer, yt. he meant at first merely to have

gone to Brussells, but yt. having heard a Report
& he believed a pretty well grounded one yt. You
were a going to be married, he intended on every
account to push on to Berlin, yt. I was well
acquainted with his devotion & attachment both
to You & me, & yt. he only hoped if such a thing
was true You wd. recollect the fidelity with wh.
he had & ever shd. endeavour to execute our
commands, & consequently yt. if any thing wa
to be made either in Jewells or in any thing else
yt. he might have the honor of being employed,
I answerd him generally, but cd. not refuse
him a Letter to You. & Mean ~~[illegible]~~ how much he
is really to be trusted, upon his promising to
deliver my Letter into yr. own hands I have
written this on purpose for him to deliver to You.

With respect to our affairs I am extremely anxious to hear either from Fortnum or from You, our les affaires prospérent tant, yet I can not help for all our sakes pressing You a little, pray do You think yet your other Bear Pere wd. not do a little some thing in the Loan way, especially your mind quite easy & plenty, for tho' You must be taken up in general with many pleasant thoughts & ideas, still my dearest Frederick You must for all our sakes strain every nerve whilst You are abroad to negotiate as at the same time yet I am asking a loan for Ju conjointly with Yourself, for the position of affairs unless something is done, will be too serious to be faced the coming Winter. Forgive my intruding upon Ju, but I can not help it, I hope

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You will not lose sight of this as it is of too much consequence to be neglected, & yt. You will prove yourself an able Registrator. There is no news stirring except yt. My Birth Day is to be kept a Widow's, by wh. I think You will easily guess yt. the whole Family are better together than they have been for some time, wh. I think will give You pleasure to hear & therefore I mention it. As to every thing else I can say but little as we are literally spite of a Standstill, there being such a dearth of every thing yt. is like news yt. the whole of the Company out this place are enquiring out in vain of each other for topics yt. bear any semblance to novelty. God bless You my dearest Brother, yt. You may enjoy every pleasure & happiness this World can afford is the sincere Prayer, of your affectionate

Boughton July 29th. 1854. my love to Jerry. George R.

Duke of York
July 31. 1791

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Berlin July 31 1791

Sir

My Heart is so full of joy at the gracious approbation, which Your Majesty has been pleased to send me, through Lord Grenville, to my endeavours, request to Prince Frederique, that I take the earliest opportunity to return Your Majesty my most humble thanks, and to assure You, Sir, that it shall ever be my first care to act in such a manner, as to deserve the proofs of paternal affection which Your Majesty has ever been pleased to give me. It is impossible for me to find words strong enough to express the joy which I felt on receiving the account, or the very kind and gracious manner with which His Prussian Majesty has expressed the pleasure and satisfaction, which Your Majesty's approbation gave him.

I shall not trouble Your Majesty at present with a longer letter, I shall therefore only entreat the Queen again and again to receive my most humble and most hearty thanks for Her goodness towards Me, and beg myself

Sir

Your Majesty's

Most dutiful Son
and Subject

Frederick

The Duke of York
to
The Prince of Wales
July 31. 1791.

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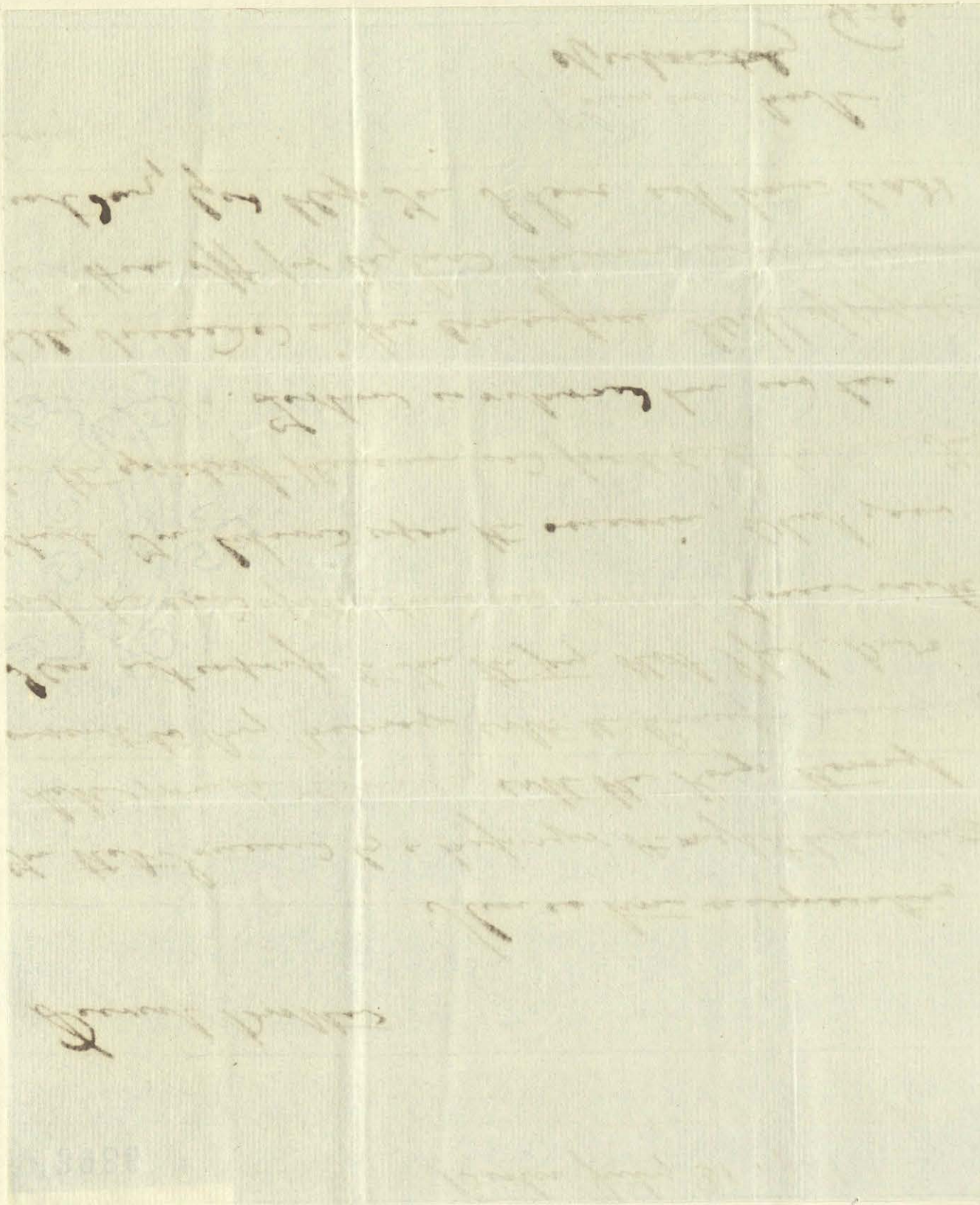
Berlin July 31 1791

Dearest Brother

I am so much in anticipation for that I received by a messenger the night before last a letter from Lord Grenville, with the Kings thorough consent to my marriage with the Princess Frederique. I can not express to You the joy that I feel. But I must be mad of the kind and brotherly manner with which You behaved upon the occasion, which gave me the greatest pleasure, and for which I shall ever thank You. Lestocq is returned here and has fully succeeded in his commission. I will dispatch him off for England tomorrow or at farthest next day, God bless You I have not time to add more,

Ever your most affectionately

Frederick



Berlin August 5 1791

The Duke of York
to
The Prince of Wales
Aug. 5. 1791.

Dearest Brother

I want words to express to you the pleasure your kind and affectionate letter gave me or my joy at finding the whole family consent to unanimously to my proposals to marry, being always thoroughly acquainted with your affection for me, your kind wishes did not surprize me but certainly nothing could be more noble, more frank, and more like yourself. You will believe me, I trust, when I say, that I did not want this to increase my affection for you, but that it possible it has done so. The conduct likewise of both Their Majesties has been wonderfully gracious, and their letters beyond measure friendly. The only thing which vexes me is that the period of the wedding is put off till after the meeting of Parliament which is

as age, and to a person we had reason to hope, that
I can not in the least ashamed to confess that I am, his
timidity said, I should not have ever been known in what
way to persuade Her Majesty to allow the marriage
to be sooner if the King of Prussia, when I delivered to
Him the King's letter, had not himself expressed a wish
that the marriage should be sooner I then said that
by this Majesty's letter the reason that Mr. Knight the
the least delay & till that period was that no Statute
could be made till Parliament met, upon which the King
of Prussia answered me that the moment the King
declared which establishment and what dower the meant
to propose to Parliament that he should be satisfied
and should be very glad that the marriage should be
as soon as possible. He has therefore been requested to
travel upon this as this answer to the King and has
ordered his Minister to mention the same to Mr Knight
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this opportunity I shall not mention more about her except
that every day I am more attached, and am more convinced
that I never could enjoy any happiness without her.
She is really the best girl that ever was formed. I am
very sorry William has talked such nonsense, for I know
very well that I never should have wasted this affection
on Her Hand, and that our affection has ever been unalterable
from our earliest youth. The only reason that I wrote
to Him about my Horses was that I thought Tom
might have been out of town, and that I wished them
to come over here. I have wrote to Warwick to send
over as soon as he can, and two travelling Carriages in order to
bring My new Dulcetlips and Lavinia with me, and I am going
then, to apply to Tom, to choose a new town Coach for me.
With regard to the Diamonds, I wish You would inquire
whether I can take them on any ordered or not, and if not
will You be so good as to order them for me, for the
Opera, most certainly as a great deal too handsome, and I

should be inspected, obliged to You, if You can get the clasp
and do let know whether it is feasible or not, but You
remember that Melbourne House has always been my object
I send You even one of the Princess's shoes and desire You
will be so good as to order Tom Taylor to make six Pairs
of the same directly and send them to You to be forwarded to the
people with my horses specially the first mentioned size
shoe I send is about a quarter of an inch too long, and too wide
every way. Let the shoes be very neat but they must not
be of leather. (You may tell Taylor that when she arrives, he is to work for her) I West You would send me over as handsome
a Lace as You can possibly get, and three or three pairs of
buckles for myself. You will receive another Letter from
me by Tartrow, about business I will therefore not touch
upon that at present, You shall hear from me very speedily
give my love to the Princess Royal, and tell her I have
been thinking of her business and that I still hope we
shall be able to contrive something though not at the time
God bless You, believe me ever

Dear Brother

Yours most affectionately

Fredrick

King of Prussia to Duke of York

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Monseigneur

Ma satisfaction est bien grande de voir le bonheur d'une fille que j'ai toujours tendrement aimée, assuré, par le choix de Votre Altesse Royale, l'agrement de Sa Majesté Britannique hélas la tombe a bien des desirs. Il est bien dans pour moi de voir les liens de l'amitié sincere que je porte a Votre Altesse Royale encore resserrés par les liens du sang c'est avec ces sentiments que je me laisserai d'être

Monseigneur

De Votre Altesse Royale &c.

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Windsor – 12. Aug.t 1791

The Pr: of Wales

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My dearest Frederick,

I have only time before the Beginning of our Ball to write these few Lines to acknowledge the receipt of yr. very very kind Letter wh. gave me the truest & most heartfelt satisfaction, believe me my dearest Brother yt. the being in any way necessary to my yr. happiness will ever upon reflection afford the truest sensations of happiness to my mind. But to morrow, as I have but few minutes to scribble, yr. commissions shall all be faithfully, carefully, & punctually executed. I have already commenced a negotiation for a House for Jn, wh. is with the Dk of Cumberland, & wh. I have commission'd Sam Stevens to conclude if he can, & he will deliver this Letter to Jn, with my sincere hopes of his Embassy being to yr. satisfaction & meeting yr. approbation. Pray tell me where belle Sœur & the

You shall receive within a very few days a letter from me acknowledging the very kind & kitte
the has done me the honor of writing & wh. affords
me the sweet pleasure. Stefney tells me very soon
by end of month that I can not find words to
write, wh. is how much I love You, & how truly
I prize all the happiness yet awaits you. God
Bless You dearest Brother, yet. You may long live
to enjoy it is the fervent Prayer,

Windsor Castle.
August 12th.
1851.

Your affectionate
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P.S. I crave this inclosed travel bill I am
wanted for to begin the Ball, & Stefney is urging
beyond measure to be setting out, so once more Adieu
I must close my scrawl, more I will say in a
few days

The Duke of York
to
The Prince of Wales
Augt. 13. 1791.

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13 Aug 1791

Dearest Brother

As You have been so good as to say that You would execute any commissions I might have, I should be infinitely obliged to You if You would look out directly for a Person who can dress Ladies Hair well, and can act as Groom of the Chamber, as the Princess is very much in want of such a Person, as her own Servant does not chuse to accompany Her. As soon as You have got one I beg You would send Her over Here, as it will be very troublesome for Her to leave this place before Then. I beg likewise that You would send me over some Blue and some red Ladies Cloth as there is no such thing to be gotten here to make Mrs for Her to travel in. I do not remember whether I mentioned in my last Letter that I then got three Blades for You, which You will receive the moment I get to England, the rest of Your Commissions I will take care to execute. I take this opportunity to wish You most sincerely joy and many happy returns of Your Birthday which was kept Yesterday, and a great Ball given by Everett. I hope You are as thoroughly convinced of my Love and affection, not to

to ~~convey~~ remind of my sincere and hearty wishes for your well fare and prosperity and that You may see many and happy return of that day. The Princess has desired me to say every thing for her to You between upon this occasion. I wait anxiously for the Kings answer to the last letter which I wrote to him begging Him to allow the marriage to take sooner than the at first proposed, it will be very hard if he does not consent. I shall keep the part of I ado nor ~~and~~ at prevents. I therefore only beg to be remembered to all friends, believe me ever

Dearest Brother

Yours most affectionately

Frederick

Berlin August 13

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Windsor - 28 Aug. 91

The Princess of Wales

Ten thousand thanks my dearest Fredinge for yr. last two kind & short letters, yr. commissions will be faithfully & I trust carefully executed. In the first place yr. Cravats I believe are ready, in the second place I have seen Seyler & given him particular directions about the shoes & he tells me he is very apprehensive wile not fit wile till he has seen the Princess & measured her himself. I hope they are finished & they they will be able to go by this same conveyance, I also think I have found a Groom, a steady good man who is a Capital Ladies Hair Dresser, & will suit well as a Groom of the Chambers, the minute I am satisfied about him

I will dispatch him over. As to the Fans I send over
the two finest I cd. lay my Hands upon at this time
of the Year, Ah. & I hey you will present in my name to
the Princess, together with an answer to the Letter
She was so good as to write me, if you think it
a proper one. With regard to a Stove, I have
spoken to Garth myself who put out the best
way to Spa to see the Dy. of Cumberland, & they
expect an answer. Lord Melmsbury or Anthony
St. Leger who comes with him bring over the Commissions to you ch.
you entrusted to my vigilance to execute, & will
put this Letter into yr. hands, I have authorised
Lord Melmsbury my dearest Frederick to speak
to you in a very confidential manner, & on subjects
wh. it wd. be highly imprudent to commit to Paper
besides wh. it wd. be difficult to comprize what
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Letter of any size or magnitude. I pray you my saying any thing more at present, as I have had a very bad fall with my Horse a few days ago, by wh. I was thrown a considerable distance from him on my head, ~~my~~ stat out thereof, & my Head having a considerable wound tho' the fullest at least danger, however it was a most strong shock, & tho' no dangerous consequences are in ~~the least~~ the most degree apprehended, yet the effects of it are not pleasant, wh. need cause it inconvenient, & rather unpleasant to me to write, if any thing can be considered as an unpleasant task wh. concerns You. Adieu my dearest Frederick, may every happiness in life attend You, is the fervent Prayer,

Brighton. Pr.
August. 29.
1791.

Of your ever affectionate
George P.

P.S. I forgot to return You my thanks, my dearest Frederick, for yr. kind wishes on my Birthday, believe

23 Aug 1791

me you cd. not feel or think more cordially about mine, than I did about yrs. We kept yr. Birthday & William's here in a grand style, a great dinner Ball & Supper &c. Before I conclude I should say had desired me to say yt. he hopes as he is so personally attached to us both yt. you will have the goodness to present him (sir) yt. gentlemanly & the Prince, & name him as such as a gentleman friend of yrs. & of mine when you do present him better. I have had so many persecuting applications respecting yrs. & the Princes Household whenever it is to be formed, yt. you can form no idea of yrs. & yourself, hence I will acquaint you with them at present except merely yt. Mrs Kennedy hopes you will not forget him whenever the time shd come. One more adieu. Ever affectionately Yrs GR.

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Berlin August 29 1791

Dearest Brother

I take the earliest opportunity to acknowledge the receipt of Your kind Letter by Mepney who arrived here yesterday, and I write to You a few lines about the House. You are so good as to buy it for me, tho for Cumberland House I am not so very anxious to get it, because though there is certainly a possibility of enlarging it considerably if necessary, yet it is at present, that it is but very little, if at all, larger than my own House, and besides by no means so well laid out for as my House there are six rooms together to see company in, but in Cumberland House there are only three, besides Cumberland House wants new furnishing and thoroughly repairing before it would be possible to inhabit it, and likewise has no Stables or back Houses belonging to it, which my present House at a very trifling expence ~~would~~ might have. All these things considered I confess I am not very desirous of exchanging Houses particularly if I am to give any considerable sum of money besides, You know I always have longed for Melbourne House, which from its size and the

Capabilities of improving it would be infinitely preferable for me and I should be infinitely obliged to You if You would try if possible to persuade Lord Melbourne to part with it. But being so very perfectly in fact concerning these two Houses, I have only mentioned what strikes me at the moment, and leave it totally to You to decide. I am waiting impatiently for the Kings answer to determine when I am to marry. Pray Heaven that he may consent to its being immediately, for every reason I wish it first of all because I think it damned hard to wait, but besides on account of my own private affairs, which I left when I came away perfectly unarranged expecting to be back in the Autumn and ~~which~~ it is totally impossible to settle without my being present, which I am thoroughly resolved shall not be till after I am married.

Adieu Dearest Brother I shall not trouble you more believe me

Ever Yours most affectionately

Frederick

The Duke of York
to
The Prince of Wales
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