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Berlin September 5 1791

Dearest Brother

I take the opportunity of a Messenger Setting off for England to answer fully Your Letter which I only received last week. With regard to the Jewells I have taken the Sprigs and a pair of ear rings which I think are very handsome and have chosen some designs for the Necklace & ear rings, but have referred Him totally to You as You are in every respect a much better Judge than myself; and besides You will be able to know whether the King has already given any orders about the Diamonds or not, I think it will be impossible for me to go to a less expence than between fifteen and twenty thousand Pounds for the Diamonds as I remember that those of the Duchess of Devonshire cost ten thousand and do not make a great Show, but however all this I leave to You.

As for our affairs You will, long before this reaches You, have received the Money which Lastrow carried over for Us, I think He has managed the affair perfectly well and indeed with a Success

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which I had no idea of. This might to stop up some Gaps, and make things run on easier at least for some time but however unless money soon followed up with a much stronger reinforcement, We shall soon be in the same bad state again, as the great object ~~[illegible]~~ is not having been to get a sufficient sum of money at one time so be able to arrange all our affairs at once. With regard to here, I confess I am under an awkwardness how to make any application at least at present, particularly as, if You remember two Years ago, We tried the ground a little, and it did not succeed. As for Cassel, I think We might attempt the Grand Loan there, but at the same time I never can consent to Your making any promise to agree hereafter to any exchange of territory, for every reason it would be exceedingly wrong and exceedingly embarrassing to Yourself, should the Landgrave press very hard for it. You might very well answer him in general terms, ~~that~~ It was totally out of Your power at this time to give any positive answer upon that subject, not being sufficiently informed about it, but ~~that~~ Your friendship for him was such, that You should at all times be anxious to do any thing which could give him pleasure consistently with

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What You owed to Yourself and to Your Situation. As for my own affairs I am exceedingly anxious for to receive the King's consent to my being married at the end of this month, ~~and returning~~ first of all leave I think that when one is determined upon that one is to marry the sooner it is done the better, and besides I want exceedingly to get it over, in order to return to England as it is totally impossible, as long as I am absent that I can settle my affairs, because when I left England as You know very well it was with the idea of serving a campaign and returning in the Autumn and therefore I postponed every thing till my return, nor did I indeed inform any body fully of the exact state of my affairs, it would therefore be impossible by Letter to settle any thing;

I am very curious to hear what You have done about Alnwick for me, I still hope You will succeed in persuading Melbourne to let me have the House, at any rate if my House was finished we could make shift with it at least at first.

Now My Dearest Brother You will be tired of this long Letter by the time You get thus far remember me to all friends and believe me ever

Yours most affectionately

Ferdinand

Mr. Stockmar

PS I am so pleased that the King & You are so well together Pray keep it up, for every reason it is most desirable. I have been thinking about what You mentioned to me in a former letter about our Sister and can not as yet come to any determination what to propose till I hear from her however that she must wait till I get back to England as I think

The Duke of York
to
The Prince of Wales

Sept. 5. 1791

Duke of York
September 9. 1791

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Berlin September 9 1791

Sir

The moment Your Majesty's very gracious Letter of the 2d. has been delivered to me and I want words to express to You, Sir, the joy I feel at Your Goodness in consenting to my request that I ought to postpone any marriage till after the meeting of Parliament, I know Your Majesty does not like fine speeches, I shall therefore only assure Your Majesty that it shall ever be my first care to act in such a manner as ought to shew myself undeserving of that affection and goodness which Your Majesty has never failed to shew me upon every occasion, The 29th of this month is the day which the King of Prussia had fixed upon for my wedding, should Your Majesty give Your Consent to so short a very delayed, as therefore Your Majesty has been so gracious

it will of course be celebrated on that day.

I will not trespass longer upon Your Majesty's time but repeating every wish for Your Majesty's health and happiness, and my most sincere and humble thanks for all the paternal kindness Your Love ever shews towards me I shall conclude by subscribing myself, Sire

Your Majesty's

Most dutiful Son
and Subject

Frederick

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The Duke of York understood from the commencement of the present business that the terms agreed on by himself & Mr. Pitt near three years ago were that the Grant was to be made out (without any term being specified) to His Royal Highness & that a tenth part was to be reserved of the net profits to the King. In the course of the correspondence that ensued between ~~His~~ Royal Highness & Mr. Pitt on this subject, these were always the terms referred to, & seem'd always to be understood & never contradicted.

The Patent that has been since prepar'd was the first notice His Royal Highness had of the complete

violation of the original contract.

His Royal Highness understanding that the original agreement is subject to some legal objections, which He is very ready to concede, in order to have it frame'd more consonant to the Chancellors opinion.

The first objection to be understand to be made is the grants being ~~made~~ given in fee, which the Duke is very ready to accept of for ~~99~~ a given term of years instead, but wishes to have the original terms of the reservation comply'd with, without which the grant would become only a great & expensive risk, with a probable advantage; & by the restrictions in the patent the Duke is prevented from receiving any aid or assistance

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from any monied people by the prohibition contain'd in the actual of every sort of alienation of the grant made to the Duke.

Under these circumstances the Duke wishes the Chancellor to be so good as to consider what is reasonable and just to grant, & what to withold, in order to fulfill the most gracious intention of His Royal Father, without making him subject to the fatal ills that might accrue to him, from the present manner in which it is offer'd.

Whenever the Chancellor has been able to consider the subject, the Duke

of York will be happy to see him to receive his opinion & advice thereon.

The heads of the present Objections to the patent on the Duke's part are, that the quantum does not keep uniform proportion to the profits, & that it is on the gross produce, before the expences of working is paid by which means the Duke might be in a condition of paying away the profits

The Duke of York herewith explains the material points, on which his objections are formed to the present instrument, as proposing that he hopes may be reasonably adopted in some future one

H. R. H. the Duke of York.

Mines in Nova Scotia

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The Duke of York's proposals are, that the quantum of the produce of the mines to be reserved for the Crown should be the same whether the produce of the mine, be more or less. (2) that there should be a sufficient term granted, (3) that there may be a right of transfer, not only in himself, but in those who may derive a title from him.

The Duke of Yorks proposals are, (1) that the Quantum of the proportion of the Money to be reserved for the Crown should be the same whether the produce of the Mines be more or less (2) that there should be a sufficient Term granted (3) that there may be a right of Mines for not only himself, but in those who may derive a title from him;

J.

Dearest Brother

I take the opportunity of a Messenger setting off for England this morning to acquaint You that I received Yesterday the Kings gracious consent to my marriage being celebrated immediately, and not postponed till after the meeting of Parliament, as it was at first intended I am therefore to be married the 29th. I am for many reasons rejoiced at it, among the rest because I am very desirous to get back to England, as I can not attend to the Affairs, I am to receive twenty five thousand Pounds a year Additional, which I think I can make shift to live upon. No conditions have been proposed to me, which I confess, is much handsomer than I expected, though I think most undoubtedly not have consented to any.

I find by a letter from Laeuste that the Carriages are not to set off till near the Twelfth. Pray hurry them as the sooner they arrive the better. As for the Saddle Horses I had wrote for they are not as yet set out, as the season is so far advanced and I hear to be back in England by the middle of November, I think You should stop their coming. I am uneasy waiting for some account of them. Should You not succeed in getting and sending them for me, pray order Holland to fit up my present house, so that we can lodge in it. We shall not be able I am afraid to leave this place before the 18th of October as the Prince of Orange's Marriage, and the festes given in consequence of the two weddings will not be over sooner. As We must stop a few days on our way at Brunswick, Hanover & Osnabruck, and maybe at the Hague, I am afraid we shall not be able to arrive at home before the 15th of November. I have had a very-

has ~~very~~ strongly recommended to me as fit for the Prince's
Wardrobe. I expect of the first Hair Dresser at Paris and at present
lives with the Princesse de Donai, having received as yet no
account from Tom of any one I have sent for him, and therefore
if Tom has not got one, I ~~shall~~ will at least be
to look out for another, at least till we have heard from
Many thanks for the Hors, that an very sweet admirable
Will Tom be so good as to tell Taylor that the least
size fit the best, and that he may put up the Princesse's
ones as low as the likes. I have executed all Your
commissions about the Accoutrements and Clothing of
the Huzzards & Cuirassiers, as for the Horses you wish
me to buy for Tom I have as yet seen none to my liking.
The Messenger has been so long delayed that Tom will
receive two letters from me at a time. I therefore will
not add more at present except to assure Tom how
sincerely I am our Dearest Brother

Berlin Sept 10 1891

Your most affectionate
Frederick

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

Duke of York
September 16 1791

Berlin September 16 1791

Sir

I take the opportunity of the Messenger returning to England to acquaint Your Majesty, that I received yesterday a message from the Prussian Majesty, to acquaint me that as there were so many foreign Princes who were to be present at the two Weddings and at the fêtes which are to be given in consequence, and who must have the Equipages belonging to the Court, it was impossible for the Stables to furnish everyone, and that therefore he wished that I would send to Hannover for two of Your Majesty's Coaches and Sets of Horses, to attend the Princess and me during the fêtes here, as it would be impossible to ask Your Majesty's orders upon this Subject in time, as they must be here

before the 29th. I trust Your Majesty will not be displeased at my having written directly to the Ministry at Hanover, as well as to General Walmoden and Monsieur De Busche, to acquaint them with the circumstances, and to desire that they would forthwith dispatch the Carriages and Horses according to the desire of Her Royal Majesty.

Having done myself the honor of writing last week to Your Majesty, I will not trespass longer upon Your Majesty's Leisure at present, I shall therefore entreat You, Sir, to present my duty to the Queen, and sign myself Sir

Your Majesty's

Most dutiful Son
and Subject

Frederick

Brighton - 25 Sept 1791

The Prince of Wales

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My dearest Frederick,

Three Days ago, I received on the same Day the two last Letters you was so good as to write containing the amount of your being to be married on Michaelmas Day next. I give you most sincerely Joy, as well as of the prospect of your return to this Country the 15th. of November, which delights me more than I can possibly express. As there is so little time to make preparations for your arrival, I in consequence set off for London the next Morning to enter upon a negociation respecting Mr. Hume. Accordingly I went to Melbourne, & spend the Morning to Him & Lady

Melbourne, who both express'd their readiness to do
any thing yt. either Jem or I cd. wish, but said at
ye. same time, yt. they were sure neither of us cd.
desire that in accomodating us, they shd. themselves
be any how losers. Tho' they were not desirous of
being gainers further than the satisfaction they felt
in doing what was pleasant or agreeable to us,
besides wh., tho' the Stone was by no means intitled
still, they did not wish to part with it, without
they had Pen Lambe's entire consent. After
having previously consulted with Holland
& finding yt. you wd. lose much more
than cd. be imagined by selling yr. Stone wth.
profit than by making a Scrap with either
the Melbournes or any one else, I proposed to
the Melbournes to go with me the next morning
& walk all over Jerk Stone, Offices &c &c

other part, in order that they might be perfectly
acquainted with it & then judge for themselves. In
that we visited every part of it, & they then denied
Holland & me to come & walk over Melbourne
House, wh we did. & wh. is more charming, more
convenient & better than I ever thought, tho
have known it all my Life, or rather thought
of. I knew it, but I confess it every I was
surprised, & Holland & plus part, ~~[illegible]~~ they
they in end
he was delighted. We then conversed about
terms when Melbourne said that he was much
pleased with Jock House & thought it quite
big enough for him, but that there were
some inconveniences belonging to it. when
removed upon any fair valuation he thd. he was
to expect. The principal objection is things.
the Title of Melbourne House is a Freehold
to perpetuity, Jock House is upon a Lease upon

the Crown for fifty Years wh. is the Term of all Leases from the Crown are granted upon, yet considering in the first place yt. a Fine must always be paid at the expiration of yt Term by some of his Family if the Lease was to be renewed, yet then one was in all probability very much if not entirely at the Mercy of the Then Minister or the Then King, he wd. not for the sake of his family think of entering upon terms of so disadvantageous to his Family in the present instance, or risk ~~so advantageously~~ for an exchange he wd. wish to do ~~[illegible]~~; if you wd. make out a better title to Hyde Park. The next thing to consider was whether you wd. in any shape do yt, & I believe the only Way wh. immediately would be to effectuate the Marriage at once, & that is by getting a grant from the Crown, to wh. I assure You I shall give my

beauty Cement &c. &c. wd. absolutely be necessary as the Lawyers tell me) of Mr. Stone & the ground belonging to it to You & Mr. Stone for ever, You then wd. either upon even terms in point of Title, & then Mr. Stone wd. be satisfied with a reasonable money to boot; the negotiation is going on in case any thing else may be thought wanting you do as well, but if there is nothing further to be done, but by way of Appeal from the Lawyers it must stop till You arrive & make a personal application to the King, or if You wish one to do it, I will speak myself to the King about it. However be this as it may You have nothing by the delay, as neither Mr. Stone, or your own, by any means whatever wd. be parted at from you & the Duchess's reception in November, or neither wd. be ready till very late in the Spring or the middle of Summer

at the Sovereign

granting of all the hurry possible was made. As to Melbourne House, they if they keep it, must positively clean it up this Year, as it is so dirty & nasty, & the furniture or room of it wd. be ridiculous of you to pretend to buy it, as they think it totally unfit to produce any longer. & as to of our own House I fancy you forget of there is not even a Ceiling or a Floor in the principal Floor, nor any part of the stucco ready or even begun, that before that wd. be dry, it must be many months; this Fellow has deign'd me literally on I state it, to inform You ~~that~~ What was then to be done, as You have been so good as to trust it entirely to me, Warwick Lake, Holland, & my self, laid our Heads together, & we have therefore determined to hire for a Year, either Ld. Shrewsbury's or Lord Cowper's House for You, in order of you may be

You will then be much confined for Room, & will have a Hole to put yr. Head in, when You arrive, & then You will gain time to see what Revision be done & what arrangements are to be taken upon to yr. own satisfaction, either respecting Pelham House, or yr. own House or any other You may think of. Impossibilities have been done I think I shd. have been able to have contrived this for You to yr. satisfaction, but all I can assure You of is, yt. it has not been owing towards off indulty or Pains yt. I have miscarried in this undertaking, when I say miscarried I dont mean that the business can not or will not be done, tho' I am sure it can only be perfected in the manner I have told You & then it certainly can be done. With regard to a Hair Dresser & Groom of the Chamber for the Duchess & Lady found before Receiving Notice

I believe the completest fellow for the purpose you can be, a perfectly well behaved Man with good connections & acquaintances, an incomparable Women's Hair Dresser, having dressed the Ds of Devonshire & several other Women of Fashion for many Years, a very good creditable looking little Man, also speaks English & French perfectly & I believe German, he married a few Years back & his Wife keeps a Pension for young Ladies at Chaillot, I sent for him from Paris where he was gone, in order to talk over with Him how he shd. like the Ds's service, I have made no terms with Him, not knowing what You might like to give him, he said he shd be very happy to attend upon the Ds, & to take such Wages as You might think him worthy of, his name I believe is Jean Francois I know his Surname is Francois, I have been

acquainted with him for many Years & have
him not only from myself but from numberless
other Quarters to be an exceeding steady well behaved
Man, besides respecting his cast in perfection, if
you shd. disapprove of him etc. I think & hope
you will not, for I am certain you will not
get such another any where; I have nothing
to do but to pay his Journey back again after
to France or England, & make him some
little trifling present besides, but I hope
you will not think of sending him
back without first trying him. Lord Lansdowne
is going by Ongendier to take care of Mr. Canning
and Francis with him as the least
extravagant way of travelling; as to Mr. Thomas
I have given the best advice I possibly can

respecting them, & I hope every thing else of
you have entrusted to my care, you will find
on Yr. arrival arranged to yr satisfaction.
I will see my dearest Brother Leopold
or in the first place I am certain you must
long ago before you receive this part of
my Letter, have been tired with reading this
shattering scrawl, ah. I can only apologize
for on the score of hurry, & in the next place
as I myself am tired of writing, therefore
bid my dearest Fredrick with every compliment
& expression of regard to me adieu believe me,

Ever affectionately

Brighton.
Sept. 25th.
12 ½ - P.S.

Your
George R.

I will write in a Post or two & let you know what
I have done here. Pray remember all my commissions. Left our 5 o'clock

25 Sept 1796

Duke of York
September 30 1791

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Sir

I seize the first opportunity in my power to acquaint Your Majesty that Yesterday my Marriage was celebrated, I want words to express to Your Majesty how Happy I feel myself, and how very grateful I am for Your goodness in permitting the Marriage to be now, instead of being delayed till after many arrangements had been taken in Parliament, Permit me, Sir, to recommend to Your Majesty's favor and affection Your new Daughter in Law, I am perfectly convinced when she has the Happiness of being known to Your Majesty, that Your Will not ~~disapprove~~ find reason to alter that Good Opinion which Your have been pleased to express of Her. May I entreat Your Majesty to lay me and the Duchess at the Queens feet, As the Ceremonies We have still to go through

Retire at about every instant of the day, I trust Your Majesty will pardon this short epistle from

Your Majesty's

Most dutiful son
and subject

Berlin September 30
1791

Frederick

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44013

Dearest Brother

I can literally but a moments time to acquaint You that I was married the day before yesterday. The more I feel the happiness I now enjoy, the more I am sensible, of Your kind and affectionate behaviour towards me upon this occasion, the Duchess is highly delighted with the Letter which You was so good as to write to her, as well as with the fans which are beautiful, and means to write to You by Anthony St. Leger. ~~[illegible]~~ Indeed, not all Your which pleasure received from Your Letter, but poor Lord Melbourne has been recalled by the King and the whole Court in the most distinguished manner and has been of infinite service to me in arranging many things for me. I introduced him as You graciously desired according to Your divine wishes of to the Duchess. I am rejoiced to hear that Your fall though a bad one has not been attended by any bad consequences. Yesterday

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as the Princess Wilhelmina's marriage with the Prince of Orange, I am sure you will be very glad to hear that I must defer my return to our dear Berlin

Yours most affectionately

Berlin October 1

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Frederick

The Duke of York

to

The Prince of Wales

Oct. 1. 1791.

The Duke of York
to
The Prince of Wales
Oct. 14. 1791

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Dearest Brother

I have but an instant before the Messenger sets out to return You many thanks for Your very kind and affectionate Letter by Lord Wo. which I received last Wednesday morning, I am infinitely obliged to You for the trouble You have been so good as to give Yourself about Melbourne House and wait anxiously for the Letter You promise to write to me to acquaint me with the last arrangement You have taken concerning it, I am perfectly of Your opinion that it is better to hire a house for this winter or at any rate neither Your own House or Melbourne House should the exchange take place, could be ready for our reception With regard therefore to the idea of asking the King to lend Your House, I fear it had better not take place.

I shall leave this place on Monday and shall travel as fast as this or my power hitherto will admit stop some days at Brunswick, Hanover, and Osnabruck

and as the roads are so bad that instead of taking the
straight road to Berlin I shall be obliged to go through Cassel
and Frankfort, I am afraid it will be the latter end
of next month before I shall be able to return to England.
Every thing arrived safe and the Armagnac in excellent
order. I have executed all your commissions as far as it
is in my power and what will not be finished by the time
I set off will be sent after me. Adieu dear or Such a Hurry
I have not time to add more, Remember me to all friends
and believe me ever most truly

Dearest Brother

Berlin October 14
1791

Yours most affectionately
Frederick

P.S. If you have an opportunity give my
best respects to Lord and Lady Melbourne and return them many thanks
for their goodness in enquiring so kindly about their Nieces, I hope
you will be able to bring it to a good conclusion before Christmas
I forgot to mention that I unfortunately had already engaged the other two
dresses, and could not therefore take Francois I am exceedingly sorry
for it, I have paid his journey and have given him fifty Guineas

Duke of York
November 18. 1791

Dover November 18 1791 11 o'clock

Sir

I have not a moment to acquaint Your Majesty that We are this instant arrived, after having been detained four days at Calais by contrary winds, We sailed at three o'clock this morning, but the wind changing We were not able to disembark sooner. As the Duchess has suffered much exceedingly from sea sickness, it will be out of our power to leave this place before tomorrow morning, and therefore We are not come to London till late in the afternoon.

I trust I need not assure Your Majesty how anxious I am to pay my duty and introduce the Duchess to You, Sir, and the Queen, As I hope to have that honor at latest the day after tomorrow, I will not trespass longer upon Your Majesty's leisure at present, and shall have only to beg Sir, to give my duty to the Queen and

Capt Ompteda, &c

Your Majesty's

most dutiful &c
and subject,

Frederick

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Dearest Brother

As St Leger writes to Jem I only send him two lines to acquaint Jem that we are just disembarked after having been detained ever since Monday morning at Calais by fog & wind, & the Duchess has suffered so much by sea sickness, we shall not be able to leave this place before tomorrow morning, and hope to be at York House to a late dinner, I need not tell Jem how anxious I am to see Jem, tell the Aldens remember me to William and Alice &c &c.

Dearest Brother

Yours most affectionately

Dover Nov 18 1839

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Prudence

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The Duke of York
to
The Prince of Wales
Nov. 18th