No 117.
H.R.H. the Prince
of Wales to his
Brother
Dec. 28.

My dear Brother,

I trouble You with a few lines to tell You perhaps what You know already, that after all, about ten o'clock yesterday morning it was reported to Garth, who I found had just arrived at Dunkerque before me) that it was not an enemy's fleet that had been seen off the Coast, but the Spanish Fleet. Major Howard of the Hussars Glamorgan appears to have done every thing that could be done under the circum=stances. Captain Seymour's report from

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Warham to me, was in consequence of the
Express which Major Howard sent from
Weymouth, ordering him to be in immediate
readiness. As I went through Blandford
I found the Boys all ready to march at a
moments warning; & I can not sufficiently
express to you how pleased I was at the alacrity
& spirit of two Troops of the Dorchester Yeoman
Cavalry, part of one of which, before they
received any order assembled of themselves
at Blandford to wait for orders in case they
should be wanted, together with one of their
Officers, Mr. George Sam the Banker's

Barker, who though he had the gout still very
severely was lifted on Mare back to testify
his zeal. Churchill's Troop being to some extent
did not receive the communication till six o
Clock from Wareham. & were all under
arms as I understand by eight, on the market Place at Westminster which is astonishing
considering how dispersed the Farmers are from
one another. I mention these trifling cir=
=cumstances only, in as much as I think
it shews that they are creditable to the Individuals,
& that it is infinitely pleasant to see the
spirit which so generally prevails at the
present crisis. I do not think it worth while

to trouble the King with these particulars.
but if you have an opportunity I desire you
to mention them; I am with great truth

dear Brother,

Windsor.
Feb. 23d.
1798

Ever most affectionately
Yours,
George P.

The Duke of York
to
The Prince of Wales
Feby 26th 1798.

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Horse Guards February 26 1798

44140

Dear Brother

I have many thanks to return You for Your very kind letter which I received on Saturday and by which I was rejoiced to observe the Alacrity and Zeal which has been shewn by the Troops of Yeomanry and Volunteers upon the late Alarm of an Enemys fleet being upon the Coast. It certainly makes one much more easy as to the Result of any such attempt being made hereafter in reality.

You may depend upon my taking the first opportunity to shew Your Letter to Her Majesty who I am no doubt will be highly gratified by it.

Believe me

Dear Brother

Yours most affectionately

Frederick

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Not to be filmed

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Horse Guards
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(Signed) Frederick

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Carlton House
April 25th 1798.

Sir,

I have from various considerations of Duty & respect delayd to the latest hour obtruding myself, by a direct Application to Your Majesty. And it is now with an earnestness that I never before ventured to approach you, Sir, that I presume to throw myself at your feet, & to implore your Gracious Attention to the humble sentiments that I offer in this Letter. The serious & awful Crisis in which this Country now stands, Calls for the united Efforts of every British Arm in the Defence of All that can be dear to Englishmen; And it is with glowing Pride that I behold the prevalence of this Sentiment through every part of Your Majesty's Kingdom. Whatever may some time back have been Your Majesty's objections to my being in the way of Actual Service, Yet, at a Crisis like this, unexampled in our History, when every Subject in the Realm is eagerly

seeking

No. 130

Copy

Carlton House
25th Apl. 1798
The P. of Wales to
The King.

for, & has his Post Assign'd him, those Objections I humbly trust will yield to the prepare of the Times, & that Your Majesty will be Graciously Pleased to Call me forth to a Station wherein I may prove myself Worthy of the Confidence of my Country & the high Rank I hold in it, by Staking my Life in its Defence! Death would be preferable to being mark'd as the Only Man that was not suffer'd to Come forth on such an Occasion. Should it be my fate to fall in so glorious a Contest, no Enquiry could arise to the Line of Succession from the number happily remaining of Your Majesty's Children: At the same time, that were there fifty Princes, or were I the Single one, it would in my humble judgement be equally incumbent on them, or me, to stand Foremost in the

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I am the more induced to Confide that Your Majesty's Goodness will comply with my humble Petition, from the Conviction I feel that had similar circumstances prevail'd in the Reign of the Late King, when Your Majesty was Prince of Wales, you would have panted, Sir, for the Opportunity I now so earnestly Covet! I know Your Majesty & am fix'd in this belief, & I should hold myself unworthy of my Descent & Station, if a tamer impulse could now possess me: Stett now to justify this Confidence, Allow me to Recall to Your Majesty's Recollection the Expressions you were Graciously Pleased to use when I solicited Foreign Service upon my first coming into the Army; They were, Sir, "That Your Majesty

did

not then see the Opportunity for it, but, that if anything was to arise at Home I ought to be one of the First & Foremost."

My Character with the Nation, My Honour, My future Fame & Prospects in Life are now all at stake. I therefore supplicate Your Majesty to afford me the means for their preservation which my Affection for my Country & Devotion to my Sovereign, would have prompted me to solicit even though My Birth & Station had not rendered it my Duty to Claim them.

I presume in no respect to prescribe to Your Majesty the mode of my being employed. What I humbly but most earnestly solicit, is the certainty of Active Service in such a Character as to Your Majesty shall seem fit

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44143

Oatlands - 1st July 1798.

Dear Brother

I take the earliest opportunity to acquaint you that in consequence of the necessity of bringing the 7th Regiment of Light Dragoons nearer the Camp in Windsor Forest on account of the Court-Martial which is to sit there upon Lieut: Col: Watson of that Regiment; it will be more convenient that the change of Quarters of the Regts of Dragoons which are not intended to encamp should take place as soon as possible instead of being postponed till after the Camp as was at first proposed. — I hope therefore it will not be inconvenient to you if the 10th Light Drags begin their march from Dorchester next Thursday

Yr

To His Royal Highness
The Prince of Wales
&c &c &c

for Canterbury. — I have already directed Lieut: Gen.l Dundas to arrange their March so that they may be assembled near Ashford Common; as I have no doubt but that the Majesty will wish to review them

The 3 Deag.s Guards will relieve the 10th at Dorchester during the Camp —

Believe me ever
, Dearest Brother
Your most affect
/signed/ Frederick

No 8.
Cadlands
7 July - 1798
H: R: H: To
The Prince of Wales.

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44144

Pallands July 8. 1790

Dearest Brother

I take the earliest opportunity to acquaint You that His Majesty has been pleased to fix the Review of the 10th Light Dragoons for Friday Sennight the 20th Instant upon Wimbledon Common, as the Quarters round Ashford will be quite full of the Regiments marching to Camp.

The King has chosen Friday instead of Thursday as You may probably wish to meet the Queen and Her Sisters to be present at the review

Believe me ever

Dear Brother

Your most affectionate

Frederick

The Duke of York
to
The Prince of Wales
July 8th 1790

My dear Baker,

I write in the greatest hurry possible to you, as my Carriage is waiting at the door to carry me out to Windsor early & I am very punctual & regular people & therefore I must be brief in my epistle. I come to the point & have two favors to ask of you. The 1st, that you will allow Dr. Col. Tyndale who is already very sensible of your goodness in allowing him to fall out of the Life Guards, & to go upon half pay without

taking any difference (his Clerk going on) to
buy that Regority which George (Prince) has the
permission to sell, it will really be the
greatest Charity to both of them, daile
pretty Object he. The other is, that
you will allow me to pick some Hours
out of the twenty eight St. Jul. if they
are going abroad as I have heard they
are. We want what with the Cafe,
houses that have died since the Reign
from the Young Queen Bereft pounds for
to those Quarters, & what with the
Slanders for which I was upon Object

shot five yesterday, & I am most afraid we may be obliged to shoot here as it seems rather spreading. We want eighty Horses, & I need not say from state of Your horses how much better it will be for us to pick a few out of that Regiment that we used to have had best in them, than be obliged to buy all green New Horses. I write to detain You any longer than just to say how truly I hope You are quite well, & begging You to remember me in the kindest manner to the little Duchess. I am ever Frederick

Charlton Place
Oct. 12th. 1854

Ever Your most affectionate
Brother George B.

No. 43

Admiralty Office,

Oct. 19th 1848

Dft. of a Letter having reference to an intended Review of Troops by His Majesty

The Duke of York to The King

[? July 1798]

Sir

Having understood from the Prince of Wales that Your Majesty, had not been pleased to approve of his passing by at the head of the 10th Regiment of Light Dragoons which he intended by Your Majesty ~~before Your~~ ~~tomorrow~~, tomorrow, and having remarked that He appeared a good deal hurt, ~~that~~ at the idea that Sir William Fawcett had not sufficiently explained to Your Majesty the manner in which this proposal took its rise, and the reasons which induced My Brother to consent to its being laid before Your Majesty I trust, Sir, that You will not be displeased with me if I take the liberty of mentioning them, to Your Majesty in order that You may not be induced to think that ~~this~~ displeasure which He has ~~My Brother~~ only originated with Him. We went down together last Saturday to Black Heath to be present at a field day of the Regiment during the encampment General Pitt expressed the Happy it would make Him, and the

whole Regiment, of, as they bore the name of the Prince of Wales's Regiment, he trusts do them the Honor of appearing at their Head before Your Majesty at the same time it was ~~mentioned~~ hinted by other Persons who were present that this Boon ~~&~~ gave a great relief to the whole Army, at a moment, when parties appeared so very desirous of lowering it in the eyes of the Nation, This was the reason which made my Brother ~~think~~ this proposition would not meet with Your Majesty's disapprobation, and therefore induced him to consent to its being laid before You, I must beg Sir, to repeat again, that Your Majesty will not ~~think~~ ~~Sir~~ ~~Sir~~ ~~Sir~~, with me for having had to explain to You the responsibility ~~of this proposition had~~ as it would give me the greatest pain to know Your Majesty displeased with any part of Your family, if it is any way in my power to ~~hinder~~ prevent it

Dear Sir

AA

44148

Oatlands October 18. 1798

Dear Brothe.

I send up the Highflyer Horse according to Your Desire, my only Objection to him is being Brave of a Horse that I Want for the Road, You may take any Deal of Him You please, I have asked one Hundred and fifty Guineas for Him but Will take one Hundred and Forty

Ever Your Most affectionate

Frederick.

The Duke of York
to
The Prince of Wales
Oct. 10th 1790.

The Duke of York
to
The Prince of Wales
Sept. 6th 1799

AA

44149 Walmer Castle September 6th 1799

Dear Brother

Understanding that You have left Canterbury for London and therefore despairing of having the pleasure of shaking You by the Hand before I sail, I can not refrain from gratifying the satisfaction of writing to You a few lines to wish You all Health and happiness till We meet again

I had hoped to have been able to embark yesterday but the Wind was quite contrary and the Cambre in which it was intended that I should go, was not arrived nor is she so at this moment but as it is of consequence that I should get to Holland as soon as possible if the Wind does not increase I shall not wait for the arrival of the Cambre but embark this afternoon on board of one of the Other Frigates in the Downs.

God Bless You My Dear Brother believe me ever

Your Royal Highness
The Prince of Wales

Your most Affectionate

Frederick

18th September 1836
Residence of Mr Coe
Onslow Square

My dear Brother,

I take up my Pen to acknowledge the receipt of your kind Letter which did not reach me till some days after your departure upon which I cannot help returning you my best thanks; I am extremely vexed that I did not see you previous to your embarking, for had I known that you was expected at Walmer the day on which you passed through Canterbury I should have with the greatest pleasure entreated to have seen you on pesant. On my arrival in London I found from

on the ~~man~~ ingenuity exercised on the part
of my friend Cottin relative to the exchange be-
tween, ~~and the other Officers~~ of my regiment & cordially
advance but, upon such reasonable grounds
that I was indeed from principles of justice
& generosity to them after having talked the
matter over with them, to stop any further
proceeding except what the Regulation of the
army admits, & to oblige George Leigh
thought much against his Inclination to
purchase the Lt Colcy which has effected
good humour, unanimity in the Corps, every
body now seems perfectly content & pleased

Letter also is very angry at being obliged to
pay for the Regulation, but this I can only
George Leigh is only apprehensive that he
should appear in your eyes to have acted
incompletely but it is therefore that I charge
him with the delivery of this letter himself
to assure you that it was not till I took it
upon myself to promise that I would write
to you to explain the circumstance of its being
in ignorance of the application of the Pension
that I could induce him to apply to the
pension Money being lodged by his Father
at the same time I am very obliged

to enclose to you a certificate signed by Beale
Capt. Fullerton's ill health, which will
prevent his being able to join the W. Ind.
two months, he is laid up with a very severe
rheumatic attack, nothing fresh but an
old humour which has hitherto only been patched
up. But which Beale assures Him and with
perseverance he will make him completely
rid of it. As I have no news here to communicate
interpret this also from you from the other side
of the Water, as I am sure you have letters
almost every day to bore you without mine
I will relieve you by concluding here, dearest
you my dearest Brother, how truly I ever am,
Carlton House.
Sepr. 15.
1853

Your ever affectionate
George

Dr Thomas Keate

[Enclosure]

44152

It is necessary for Capt.n Fuller of the 10th L.D. to have two months leave of absence for the recovery of his health.

J. Keate

Adl.ty Sept. 14. 1799

AA

/Copy/ Schagen Brueck - September 30th 1799.

Dearest Brother,

I take the earliest opportunity in my power to acknowledge the Receipt of your very kind Letter of the 15th Instant, and am very happy to hear that You have settled the Lieutenant Colonelcy of the 10th Light Dragoons to Your own, and the Regiment's satisfaction.

As for George Leigh I think it would have been impossible for Him to allow any body to purchase over Him, and I beg that You will assure him that I do not see any Inconsistency in this Conduct, and that this diffidence of himself does Him Credit.

With regard to Captain Fuller there cannot be the least difficulty in granting him leave of Absence for two Months.

News I have none to Tell you from hence; since the 19th we have been obliged to

Schagen Brueg 30 Septr. 1799
His R.H. To The Prince of Wales

remain quiet, in order to get up many things which were wanted, and the weather has been so bad, and windy for some Days, that it has retarded us very much.

Adieu My Dear Brother, I am afraid of missing the Post if I add more.

Believe me Ever,

Your most affectionate,

/Signed/ Frederick

His Royal Highness
The Prince of Wales.

AA

My dear Brother,

I have only written to you once since you have quitted this Country which was upon matters of friendship, & knowing how much your time must naturally be taken up, engaged as you were in the most difficult & intricate service that has almost ever been chalk'd out for any man, I considered it but common humanity on my part not to intrude upon your leisure moments, or such as might be much more usefully employed, with letters that could not afford you much amusement, at any rate, during perhaps you might (perhaps) consistent with your

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however tenderness it might have been to you. But
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upon you by my letters, that therefore my silence
is to be attributed either to negligence, or to indifference
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Your ever affectionate Brother

Sotwerth.
Sept. 25th.
1799.

The Prince of Wales

to

The Duke of York

Octr. 25. 1799

AA

My dear Brother,

I have only written to you once since you have quitted this Country which was upon matters of business, & knowing how much your time must naturally be taken up, engaged as you were in the most difficult & intricate service perhaps that has almost ever been chalk'd out for any man, I considered it but common humanity on my part not to intrude upon your leisure moments (or upon such as might be much more usefully employed), with letters that could not afford you much amusement at any rate, which perhaps you might consistent with your usual good humour have thought it necessary to answer however troublesome

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Potsdam.
Octr. 25th.
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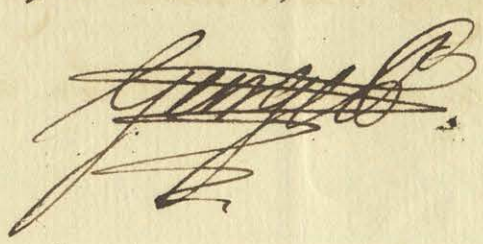
Your ever affectionate
Brother,



To
The Prince of Wales
Oct. 13th 1796

Carlton House April 14
1806

From the Prince of Wales.

AA

44158

My dear Brother,

I feel quite unhappy at not having had the pleasure of seeing You for the last three days, but I will tell You candidly how I have been circumstanced. On Saturday I set out in my Curricle but was so immediately wet through that I did not dare venture to stop in my wet Cloaths; Yesterday I went to Windsor, & today I have been so unwell again that I have not been able to stir out of my House; if I am able to go out at all in the morning tomorrow I will certainly make my first visit to You, but at any rate let me entreat of You to let ~~some~~ one

write me a Line, to say how you are. Should I not call I hope you will believe that it is because I am really not able so to do. I am dear Brother,

ever most affectionately Yours

George B.

Carlton House.
Monday night.
April 14th. 1800.

AA

Gatlands September 27 1830

H.R.H. to the Prince of Wales

[?25]

44159

Copy

Gatlands September 27 1830

Dear Brother,

As it will be necessary to augment the Cavalry in Portugal, I take the earliest Opportunity before I make any Arrangement to enquire of You, if You have any Objection to the 18th Light Dragoons composing a part of that force, as the Regt was last Year ordered for Foreign Service but prevented from going.

Do Me the Favour to give Me an Answer in the Course of the Day, as I must write to His Majesty Tomorrow to propose the different Corps to be employed.

Believe Me &c

Signed Frederick

H.R.H.
The Prince of Wales

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My dear Brother,

I am most extremely obliged to you for your kind letter which I received this morning, & in answer to it, I can only say that I should be most extremely sorry that my Regiment was not as ready & as desirous as any other to go upon service when call'd upon; at the same time I can not but frankly confess to you as you have put the question to me, that I should feel much more happy & pleas'd that any service the Regiment was call'd upon, was in a part of the Continent where they might have a wider field & a greater scope for doing themselves credit, & distinguishing themselves

than I see any probability of Portugal affording them; & should there be in the coming Year an opening for Troops being employ'd on that part of the Continent nearer home, it would give me great pain that situated as my Regiment would be in Portugal, it in all probability would be excluded from employing a part of that Corps of Troops which would be there employed. I have likewise to observe that we have such an amazing number of young Officers that it would be absolute destruction to them. However after having made these observations, if it would be attended with any inconvenience to any other Regiment, or that it would retard the Service, or be attended with inconvenience to You, I can not hopefully create any further objection; but I will entreat of You to acquaint me with your determination

as soon as you shall have made up your mind as to the absolute necessity of my Regiment being sent upon this movement of the Country. I beg my kindest remembrances to the Duchess & am my dear Father,

Your most affectionate

Brother,

George

Carlton House.
Septr. 26th.
1800.

Carleton House Septem^r 27
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From the Prince of Wales

AA

Oatlands September 27
1800

H.R.H. to the Prince of Wales

Copy

44162

Oatlands Septr 27 1800

Dear Brother,

I lose no time in acknowledging the Receipt of Your Letter, and in assuring You that there cannot be the least Difficulty in sending another Regiment of Light Dragoons to Portugal in the Place of the 10th. My only Wish was that You should be acquainted as early as possible with the Intention of sending a Reinforcement of Cavalry upon that Service, in case You had wished Your Regiment to be employed upon it.

Believe me ever &c

Signed

Frederick

H.R.H.
The Prince of Wales

The Prince of Wales
no date

[c.16. March 1807]

44163

Dear Brother,

I have joined Jmeff with Ld Talbot,
& am dear Frederick
Ever sincerely Yrs
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Carlton House
Lizard Clerk

Opened hastily.

William is this instant come in, the
Mare is not Ld. Grenville having
given up the Bill &c. means much
speculation, as they suppose it expressly
intended by the Ministers already quitted the King's
disapprobation, & pretty clearly tells him the wreck of the Cabinet.