Duke of York to Landgrave Frederick of Hesse-Cassel

44319

Londres le 25 Janvier 1801

Monsieur

Je reçois avec grand plaisir les témoignages de souvenir de Votre Altesse Serenissime, surtout dans une occasion aussi interessante que celle de l'Alliance que Vous avez hier voulu me communiquer.

Vous ne doutez pas, j'espere de l'interest que j'y prends à tous égards et de mes vœux sincères pour qu'il soit aussi heureux que vous pouvez le desirer.

Je suis

Monsieur

De Votre Altesse Serenissime

Les affectionné Cousin

et Serviteur

Frederick

[To Landgrave Fred R. of Hesse-Cassel
on engagement of Duke of Cambridge
his daughter

From Cambridge papers sent by
Queen Mary 1919]

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A.A.

Horse Guards
23. January 1819

Dear Mother,

State the earliest opportunity before you, that Lord Liverpool called upon me this Morning to communicate to me the arrangements which are proposed to be made for the care of the King's Person – as well as for the future Establishment at Windsor, and though I have already expressed to you how much sensible I am of the confidence which you are so good as to place in me in selecting me for that important Charge, yet I trust that you will spare my repeating it again, and assuring you of the zealous care with which I shall execute the Duties imposed upon me –

In regard to the proposed allowance of Ten Thousand Pounds – from the Manner in which Lord Liverpool put the subject to me – joined to the fear of creating any of the embarrassment

The Prince Regent

which

which you appear to apprehend might arise from my refusing it, I have determined to waive my objections —

Lord Liverpool has desired me to mention to you, that there is a vacancy in the Council which it will be necessary to fill up in the Bill which is to be introduced, and having selected certain names among the Members of the Privy Council who appear to be most eligible, we wish that you would signify to me your pleasure as to the one you would prefer to fill it —

The sooner you convey to me your determination on this point the better, ~~as~~ Lord Liverpool begged to add, that the name must be inserted in the Committee which will be at latest on Wednesday —

I am rejoiced to learn from Sir Benjamin Bloomfield, that you are so well, and shall not fail to avail myself of your kind invitation again to Brighton the week after next. —

Yours

Remain ever

Dear B

Yours most affectionately

(Signed) Frederick

Name

Marquis Camden

Earl of Pembroke

Lord Geo: Thynne

Lord John Thynne

Lord Amherst

Lord Colchester

Mr Ryder

Lord Harrowby

Horseguards 23 January 1815

His Royal Highness

To

The Prince Regent

Duke of York to Adolphus, Duke of Cambridge.

44326

Horse Guards April 6 1819

Dear Adolphus

I can not let Mr Sandford leave after his errand for Hanover without writing a few lines by him to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter, by Lieutenant Colonel Park which only reached me this morning and to congratulate both you and the Duchess upon the birth of your Boy, for have I much too little Boys Adolphus by affection for you to wish to be surprised for be be upon you the Sincerely I regret that

I that that I could have had a hundred reasons to congratulate you thereon, but I hope that another time it will be more fortunate.

I then set home to add one more request to beg of you to remember me in the kindest manner to the Duchess

and believe me ever

Yours most affectionately

Frederick

Duke of York to Adolphus Duke of Cambridge.

44327

Stakelfield April 9 1819

Dear Adolphus

I take the liberty of writing to you last Sunday to congratulate you upon the birth of your Boy I omitted to address to you the request that one of the Good Cobbers I should prefer to take up my pen again to express to you the pleasure that that I experienced and need not I trust assure you of the affection that I bear on behalf of my children of Jesus

With that affectionate regards to the Princess tell I hope together with my little godson are quite well in health I remain ever

Dear Adolphus

Your most affectionate

Frederick

Oatlands November 27 1849

Dear Brother

In obedience to your command to inform you of the state in which I found our beloved Father I have great satisfaction in reporting to you, that little from any our personal observation as well as from the account given me by Dr Baillie and Sir William he has ~~to all outward~~ perfectly appearance recovered the shock he has received in the course of about last Tuesday. I was with him upwards of about a quarter of an hour and had a full view of his countenance which does not appear to have suffered ~~been punched~~ on his head since that I saw him last Sunday ~~a fortnight ago~~. He was playing upon the harpsichord and singing, with his voice and force

a voice as ever I heard Her, and seemed as happy and cheerful as possible

Sir Henry Holford will of course have called upon You and delivered Her opinion ~~himself~~ to You but fear that I ~~could not~~ gather from Sir Thomas Her as well as from Her Son of Her Majesty's Servants they appear to be rather ashamed of the blow of last Tuesday, and acknowledge that though Her Majesty seemed much affected and shocked they are convinced that it did not come from any actual bad or bodily disease whatever but merely from the sudden shock of the tidings upon a frame that is greatly enfeebled and liable to sink under any sudden shock or blow.

Her Majesty ~~has perfectly recovered her spirits~~ appears to be quite clear and Being! to does not talk regularly to

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breast animal food as the two teaspoonfuls does, applied as it is attached to the left side of the chest that prevent the necessity for bandages the best ~~[illegible]~~ applied to the lower part of the chest is taken a pill containing of food, or taking a certain quantity of wine or the liquor that the opium is mixed.

~~Respectfully~~ pulse has also been felt every morning since Wednesday without this opinion or the least offended state, and all the Princesses appear as quiet and as happy as they could possibly be at a quiet and as happy as they could possibly be at

that

To prevent as far as possible a recurrence of this happened last Tuesday the Majesty's servant has been taken flowed, the December after the Majesty's Room to be ordered doubled or have dispose of the last time.

~~on I have directed~~ two screens to be placed at in the Passage which leads from the Majesty's Bed Room to the

Sitting Room in order to shut out the passage and staircase, that goes to the Terrace.

In short I think it is being a difficult question to answer but the clear, if we have any comfort, is seen every, but we have not could poor creature but has decidedly in ~~certainly~~ greatly following, since the last twelve months, and that though the general health has no appearance of rest of decay yet the power is to much weaker, for ~~I know~~ we, in a case like ~~general~~ to this being prepared to see for every hopeful of time.

I remain ever

Dear Duke

Your most affectionate

Friend

W.

Cottenham 27 November 1845

His Royal Highness

The Prince Regent

Copy

Windsor Castle 20 January 1820

Dearest Brother,

It is with the sincerest regret that I take up my Pen to inform you of the melancholy state in which I found our Beloved Father and King yesterday – Though the Reports which I received daily from Windsor mentioned his increasing weakness, yet there was nothing in them which led me to imagine that there existed any immediate Cause of Alarm – But alas, upon going into the Room yesterday, I never was more shocked than in perceiving the melancholy alteration which has taken place in him during the ten days that I have not seen him. – The degree of weakness and languor in his looks and the emaciation of his face, struck me more than I can describe –

All the Physicians, as well as Lord Arden, who has been in attendance since last Sunday, assure me that this great alteration has taken place since last Sunday. –

The Prince Regent

The

Windsor Castle 20 January 1820.
His Royal Highness
The
The Prince Regent.

The Report of this Morning is rather less un=
=favorable, but the Physicians all agree, that
unless a change takes place, which is hardly to be
expected at his age, he cannot last much
longer. –

In consequence of this, I have given
up all idea of my Suffolk Excursion – But as it
is wished to cause as little Alarm as possible, I
have not fixed myself at Windsor, being always
ready to go there at a moments notice. –

I remain ever,
Dearest Brother,
Your most affectionate
(Signed) Frederick –

44331

Windsor Castle 29 1820

Dearest Brother

It is my bounden Duty to inform you that it has pleased Providence to take to himself our blessed Mary and Father. The only immediate consolation under such a calamity is the almost certainty that the last moments were free from bodily suffering or mental distress. He expired at 25 minutes past 9 o'clock this morn.

I remain ever

Dearest Brother

Your most affectionate

Frederick

I enclose my letter to Lord Hardwicke open

Brighton 15 March 1820

The King

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15 March 1820

Private

My dearest Brother,

Although I have recd Blomfield's to answer your Official Intimation of the Death of Ld St George, & giving my sentiments to the Sub-Prior as recommended by You, I seize this opportunity to express to You how highly I feel, (not to mention the extreme pleasure it always affords me whenever it is in my power to do any thing that is gratifying to You) that I have it in my power to serve our old Friend George Coleman, & to give him & his a testimony of my regard, & therefore You may imagine how delighted I do, & must feel to You for having pointed out this opportunity, without which from sheer ignorance

(not forgetfulness) In my heart, it might have
slipped through our fingers, crept unnoticed
& have been buried, upon a Mr. any Body,
where nobody knows, & nobody cares, except
for the purpose of some nasty Jeli; it is therefore
quite a delight to me to think that our worthy
& merry little friend, is the selected one, &
that I shall then, (at least,) have the pleasure
of frequently looking at that Countenance
& those features, which alas! will compel
me to repeat whenever I behold them, "Oh mihi
praeteritos referat si Jupiter annos," how
you may take this from me that though
there are many who do, & many who pretend
to say, "Firmus Inves," my answer always
shall be (& always to my old friends, & reflecting
them) "et Semper." There has been some little
difficulty prepaid, (not of compression only I
believe) by my worthy little friend Lord
Mauleyfield, but I believe I have quite made

Brighton 15 March 1820

The King

it, by an Answer I directed Bloomfield to write to him, for, in it, with all the expression of an affectionate regard, & even friendship that could be amicably amalgamated together in it, I meant a sense que je lui ai bien laissé la fête; for, it is perfectly to be understood, that the same decision which ~~which~~ ~~[illegible]~~ will take place, with respect to any outstanding Insurance, who should unfortunately Resign themselves, as this Mr. Davis has done, should not be adjudged in this case, where the Individual from his very situation is called upon so frequently to be in the presence of his Sovereign, & if not even ~~[illegible]~~ absolutely in a great degree, is supposed to be invariably in sympathy with the safety of the sacred Person. I think this is quite answer enough for everybody, at least I am sure, that it will quite satisfy you. This is ~~[illegible]~~ enough for my request Radnich for you, but I never

can say enough nor often enough, how delighted I am about poor little George, tell Stein only from me, that he will always ~~be~~ perceive the happiness it gives of his old friend, who has long sought for an opportunity of proving to Stein, lastly, the very sincere regard I have felt & am going to pay for our about Your immortalle, for himself, as well as for his poor dear Father, who had Your person Stein, was a Treasure, which he was himself. You know dearest B. after how I love, & how steady the affections of my heart are, & how immortalle they always will be, to my true & real old friends, keep with that best of feelings I write a few words to You, & You will be pleased I am to appreciate the truth of all that my pen dispose. One word more about our good little young friend, mind that You tell Stein (& here I defy even his talents to make a better guess) that I want to call upon & inquire into the playful genius Stein to Tutor for his playful genius

upon the present occasion, were upon me,
& perhaps even in the shape of a Peer,
only that I am afraid that his answer
would be, "So that is impossible, for
"The Thing is not a Subject." You do not
remember Brother Forgett, this little humour
though I am too hard to claim it as
my own, for I am afraid that it belongs
to my late Old Acquaintance the Marquis
de Bievre) as I think it may create
a Laugh when you meet. I not be an
unpleasant reminiscence of those ancient
Days, to which I have with such pleasure
spent of this very long second, & which
being of the very uncertain tenure this
that it is, reminds me that it is high
time for me to bring it to a termination
which I now do, with a thousand apologies
for all its incorrections, & I am afraid em-

=sequent almost illegibility that which you must attribute to the innumerable interruptions that I have met with since first sitting up my Pen. Further Adieu dearest Brother, & believe me always

Your most affectionate Brother

George P.

Brighton.
March 15th.
1820.

P.S. I am afraid that all sorts of things are very dull, & at a standstill for want of your Appearance here —

Copy

Stable Yard 16 March 1820

Dearest Brother,

I hasten to acknowledge the receipt of your most kind letter, the contents of which I shall not fail to communicate to George Coleman, who I am certain will feel as he ought the kind and gracious manner in which you are pleased to express yourself concerning him — Indeed when I first acquainted him with your great goodness towards him in granting him the situation of Secret.y of the Government of the Grand, he burst into Tears, and said that great and essential as the situation was to his happiness and comfort, it did not give him half the satisfaction or delight that he received from your gracious recollection and expression of regard for him —

I am most truly rejoiced to learn

Stable Yard 16 March 1820
His Royal Highness
The
Prince Regent

The Prince

so good an account of you, and fervently pray that you may soon be relieved from every remaining symptom of indisposition.

I remain ever,

Dearest Brother,

Your most affe. Brother and subject

(Signed) Frederick.

Windsor Park 6 August 1820

Stocking

44336

My Dear Brother,

You know, I trust, that a want of participation in the distresses of others but particularly of those so very dear to me, is not a failing of mine; I shall therefore only say, that You have my sincere condolence upon the melancholy event; it is however some consolation, to reflect, that the poor Duchess did not suffer. I render not to trouble You at such a moment, I have deputed Bloomfield to write to Taylor,

Windsor Park.
Augt. 6th.
1820.

Your most affectionate
Brother
George P.

Stud House 16 August 1820

The King

44337

My dear Brother,

I can not suffer this Day to pass without writing you a Line to wish you many & many many happy returns of it. The recollection & reflexion, that for nine, nine years have a Century, the most unvarying the steadiest, affection & Love has existed, between us, is a theme, that though at the present moment of your situation, I dare not indulge ~~our~~ give way to those feelings which would, ~~carry~~ carry me into a very tide feeling, yet, it is by far too grateful & too cheering to me, to be passed over in silence, entirely. All therefore that I shall trespass upon your ear, shall be contained in this short sentence, May that which has so long subsisted between us, accompany us to the Grave, and my dear Frederick are the fervent Prayers of

Your ever affectionate Brother

George R.

New Home Hts. Ct.
Augt. 16th.
1820.

Private.

My Dearest Brother,

I have early just receiv'd your kind letter, & it grieves me much to learn that you have been indisposed, however, I trust, upon my word, that, you are now quite well again from the light manner you appear to treat the matter. You talk of an attack of Bile. I also have had my share of it ~~[illegible]~~, for although not absolutely confined to the House, I have had Bile, & my old enemy the Gout flying about me, for a couple Days past, which has incommoded me a good deal, however, I am considerably better today. I hope to see You at Carlton House early on Tuesday Morning before You go to the Stone, or if more convenient to

on that Day, when the House does adjourn, as I
am to hold a Council on that Day, ~~[illegible]~~
~~[illegible]~~, & mean to return
here again the next Day. There can not (as
far as I can see at least,) be, the least objection
to the Annual Play, meet, taking place at
Westminster School, as it has been before done,
& therefore I will feel myself much obliged to
You, if You will signify this to Dr. Gordon, up=
=on me, with my thanks for the proper atten=
=tion he has shown, in adopting himself through
You to me, upon this point. You must be
my dearest Fred.k. be so kind upon other matters
that I shall say no more to You, upon them, than,
that though I have now lived a good many Years
in this World, still, I never thought that I
should have lived to witness, so much perse=
=cution, so much lying, & so much willful

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extraordinary forgetfulness, or, I am sorry to say
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displayed on their late examinations; we seem
however to have made up our ground against Jersey, & at any rate
I think, that we shall not even apparently have
any more, & that our Counsel will know how,
to make good use, of all these evident inconsistencies
& contradictions upon the summing up of the
Case. You will also my Dear Fredrick, oblige
me much, if you will thank Mr. Weddeburne
Webster for his Pamphlet, which I have
already seen, & let him know, that I do really
think, that it is, one of the most useful, as well
one of the ablest, & at the same time, one of the
simplest, plainest, & fairest, & most much
statements in point of fact & truth, that I
almost ever read in the whole course of my life,
& I do think, that to any dispassionate & unpre=
=judiced mind, it must be quite conclusive.

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But, for certain, it is a very strange world that we do now live in, where every one now thinks that he has a right to say if he pleases, & in defiance of all truth & reason, that black is white & white is black. I will not intrude upon you any longer with such trashy stuff. I shall therefore now take my leave of you, once more expressing my hope of seeing you on Sunday & assuring you my dearest Frederick, that I am ever,

Your most affte Brother

Windsor Park.
Satdy. Octr. 7th.
1820.

The
Duke of Kent
7 Octr. 1820

Brighton 15 January 1841

The King

44340

My dearest Frederick,

I have this moment been informed of the death of our good old friend, Genl Grey, who I regret most sincerely. I think considering his rank in the Peerage, as well as on the list of Gls. in the army, to mention his long & faithful services to our dear Parents, & Lord Stuart's death appears to me the first individual, at least to whom the right should be offered, in case of his acceptance, & his Reg.t the 16th L.rs. I shall then with great pleasure, confer on Lord Fitzharris, supposing Lord Fitzwm not desired, why then, I will offer in my name the 1st Gd. Gds to Lord Bridgewater, & then of course, I shall

be equally ready to give Lord Cumberme the
14th. ~~Thus~~. I regret to hear that you are
such good health, that all your Parties have
been so pleasant, & that you have had such
good sport. It is my intention to be in Lond
in the course of Saturday next, & I hope
to have the pleasure of seeing you on Sunday
I remain, My dear Frederick,

Ever Your most affect Brother

Brighton.
Jan. 15th.
1820 —

Brighton 16 January 1821

Pocking

44341

Private.

My Dear Frederick,

Our Letter must have crossed upon the Road, & by this time mine of Yesterday will have reached You. I am persuaded that You will immediately enter into the view I have taken of the Individual to be selected upon the present vacancy, caused by the Death of our Gaoler. On the want of Lord Sussex's Acquiescence, I equally persuade myself, that Lord Cumberland's particular pretensions to the 16th Q.s from his having served so many Years in that Regt. would render it a peculiarly gratifying Appointment to him.

To You privately, I must feel that this is, not just the moment to bring Your Letters forward, because, I am sure, that You are not

aware that though Genl. Lettus is admitted to be a good Sappeter & Genl. his conduct to me upon a former delicate occasion was highly offensive both in a public & private point of view.

If the Gnt. of Sherness is at all equal in value to that, which I authorized you to promise to my much valued friend, & faithful Servant, Sr. Wm. Heppell, on the Demise of Sr. Benj. Charleton, in that case I would accept it; but if not, perhaps, you will see no objection to my making choice of your old & attached friend Paddy Lawrence, to whom I myself shall be most happy to manifest my regard. Always my Dear Frederick,

Brighton.
Jany. 16th.
1821.

Most affly. Yrs
George

P.S.
I do most sincerely feel, all you do so deservedly say of poor

Calais 26 September 1821

The King

44342

My Dear Brother,

For my own convenience, I took your Messenger on with me, & by this means I have now the Opportunity of letting you, that I am safe landed at Calais. I cannot be proceed, & shall probably sleep at Lille; if so, the next Day will I hope take me to Brussels. So far we have been prosperous, but not without some contingencies, for the wind at the close of this Day, portend to that degree that my landing was effected with great difficulty. God Bless you, pray acquaint Mary & Sophia, that I am safe. - God Bless you! ever affectionately Yrs

Hôtel de France Calais.
Sept. 26th.
1821 —

George R.

Brighton 12 January 1822

Recking

44343

My dear Brother,

I should have written to you long before this, to have desired you to have found me a little Visit here, when you felt yourself quite free from other engagements, to enable you to do so. I have just learnt, now, that, this, is the case, & as I am expecting on Monday next, some Persons who I think it may be agreeable to you to meet, I can not help hoping, that I may confidently look to the happiness of seeing you on that Day by the Hour of Dinner, & most sincerely do assure you I shall be, to receive you. On Saturday next

I am obliged to come to London for two days, in order to hold a Council, & after which I intend immediately to return here. It gave me great pleasure to hear, that you had so thoroughly recovered from the effects of your accident. I wish I could say as much for myself but my poor sprained & gouty ankles are still I am sorry to say, in very bothering state. Now, God bless you, for I will not trespass any longer upon you, & believe me always, my dear Brighton. Your most affte. Brother

Jan.y 12.th 1822.

Stable Yard 13th January 1822
Rio Royal Regiment
To
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Entry

44344

Stable Yard January 13 1822

Dear Brother

I shall not fail to pay my duty to your Majesty at Brighton at proper time however and beg to assure your Majesty of the satisfaction ~~I feel~~ it is to be ~~to be before~~ to obey your commands and that a time it appears to me I shall be the pride and pleasure of doing so

I remain &c

Dear Brother

Your Majesty's

most dutiful Subject
and affectionate Brother

Frederick

Private.

My dear Frederick,

I received your military communications, late last Night through Mr. Peel; but I should have been more satisfied, had they reached me directly from yourself.

I have no doubt, that all your intentions, are under the influence of those motives, which you deem at the time, to be for the best; but how the Lord Lieutenant can find fault of those qualities of Mind, combined with the military Abilities, that are to fit him, at such a particular Moment, for the Command in Ireland, I

really are at a loss to guess. At the same time, I quite approve that no General should be sent to Ireland, that would be likely to be disagreeable to the Lord Lieutenant. A proper name, however should be fix'd upon, & the Statesmen the various necessary qualifications for the situation, but what is the use of being to know, of submitting three names, two of which are totally unfit for the object in view. Sir Jno. Shelley, is certainly the most proper Person, & this I assure you will agree with me, upon reflection, that the Commander in Chief should at once, have decided

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upon, to have recommended to me for that purpose.

With respect to the other promotions, I am in hopes, somewhat paid towards upon you & me, upon the late promotion of Sir H. J. Jones Bart. By-by, that I should act, in the present emergency have had too many submitted to me, but that Sir Andrew Barnard, would have stood above. This is the same principle to me, as I is D. Pack is also particularly respected by me, as a Person whom I much esteem.

I am myself tolerably well considering the fatigues I have to go through: it will give me great pleasure

to learn that you are comfortable at Brighton. Alas! my dear Frederick, since we last parted, I have been almost to the Earth, by the deplorable loss I have sustained, in the Death, of my excellent amiable, sweet Friend your Lord Londonderry

God Bless you, believe me always,

Your most affte. Brother

Leopold

Kensington Palace.

Sunday at 11 o'clk.

Augt. 18th. 1822.

P.S.

Our Friend Londonderry dined with me yesterday & seems very well

Rt. Hon. Lord Londonderry
Brighton
Recd Aug 5 1822

Windsor 20 June 1823
Pocking.

44347

My Dear Brother,

I have thought it better to invite the Duke of Cumberland to dine here on Sunday. I wish you and Anne to meet him, & stay the night if you like it.

Ever yr. affte.
Brother

Wm. Lr. Sr. Gt. Pkt.
Dist. Pst. 10 Mk.
June 20th. 1823.

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To The Duke of York K.G.