To

The Prince of Wales.

Duke of Kent aged 12
AA.

45698

June 26th 1790.

My dear Brother

I hope you will be as glad to hear as I am to inform you, that all of us here are perfectly well. I think seabathing makes us much stronger. I begin now to like it very well. I am now able to jump in by myself, tho' at first I did not relish it much. I shall be happy to hear that you and Frederic are perfectly well, if you can spare me a line. I wish you joy of the good news from America. Mr Bruyeres has told me, that he had acquainted Colonel Hotham of the great joy we all felt when we heard of the late happy reconciliation in our Family. I dare say you felt the same. Pray, give my best love to Frederic; and my compliments to the Gentlemen of your establishment, particularly to the Duke of Montague & believe me for ever

your affectionate Brother
Edward.

The Duke of Kent
June 26.
1790.

P. S.

Mr. Bruyeres has desired me to make his most dutiful Re-
-pects acceptable to both your Royal Highnesses.

AA -

Duke of Kent aged 12

Seakouses.

August 8: 1780.

Dear Brother,

I am very happy to congratulate you upon the Return of your Birth-day, & wish you a great many happy ones: I should have been much more so, if I could have been with you to pay my Compliments in person. I am glad to hear that all the family is perfectly well; I suppose You will begin your hunts about the beginning of next Month, which I know will give you great pleasure.

I bathe now every day, but I have not been able to make any progress in swimming, for the sea has been extremely rough for more than a week, so much that, on Saturday, a boat was overset, which was carrying

a cargo of beer to one of our ships; no lives however were lost, but all the cargo went to the bottom: & we have now two Vessels, the Surprize cutter, & the Shark Sloop, the latter of which is a three masted one. We are all very well, & have received much benefit from the sea air, & bathing. — The house where I live, ~~a Lock~~ having been formerly a horizontal mill, is round; One half gives us a noble View of the sea, the other a fine view of the Downs & meadows. We have been twice, to the noble old Castle of Pevensea; it is not more than five miles from our houses: once we went to Hurst-Monceux, a very fine old Castle belonging to Mr. Hare, who has pulled down all, but the walls, to get materials for building a new house, & indeed it is a great Pity.

AA -

Duke of Kent aged 12

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Pray, be so good, as to give my love to Frederic, as well as to all my Sisters, and young brothers; with my compliments to his grace the Duke of Montague, & to all the gentlemen with you. Believe me always Dear, Brother, your Royal Highness's

most affectionate Brother & obedient humble Servant,

Edward.

May I beg leave that you will make my Duty acceptable to my Uncles, the Dukes of Gloucester, & Cumberland.

P. S. Mr Bruyeres desires me to present his most humble respects; he says that he regrets much, his not having the opportunity to pay his homage in person to Your Royal Highness on the auspicious Day; which he hopes, for a long Series of years to come, will be kept & blessed by Millions: he prays for your health

happiness, & the completion of all your wishes,
I begs to offer his most humble respects to Prince
Frederic; he says we shall all celebrate the
12th of August.

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The Duke of Kent
Aug. 1. 1800.

[? 1785]

Stade, May 26

Sir

We arrived here this evening at 5 o clock, after a tolerably pleasant voyage, tho' we have been much retarded by contrary winds. I have been so lucky as never to be sick since the first Day that we left the Nore which was early on Saturday morning. Colonel Goldsworthy with his usual Gaiety & good Humour has made the time pass very pleasantly, which without

him, I am sure, would have been much otherwise

Just as we came to anchor,

Colonel Wagenheyme came on board, and brought me a letter from Frederic, in which he says that he will take the earliest opportunity of coming to Lunenburgh,.

As soon as I landed, the Gentlemen of the regency conducted me to one of their Houses where I am to sleep to night: the clergy, the military and the lawyers came afterwards & in due form compli=
=mented me upon my safe arrival.

The ceremony over, I took the first opportunity of writing to Your Majesty, to inform you of my

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arrival here, and of any thing that might have happened worth your notice since my departure from home.

I lost no time, when I came on board, to read Your Majesty's gracious letter. I shall never be able sufficiently to express my gratitude for the fatherly admonitions it contains: I shall frequently with pleasure refer to it as the guide of my actions, and flatter myself, that by following them I never shall err. It shall always be the object of my endeavours to merit your approbation.

I have the honor to be,

Your Majesty's

most dutiful son

& Devoted Serv.t

Edward.

P. S. May I presume to request of your Majesty to present my humble duty to the Queen, and my most affectionate love to my sisters.

Prince Ernest
Bury 26. 1840

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[? 1785]

June 13th.

Sir,

I had the honor to receive Your Majesty's gracious Letter on the 11th and as you may imagine, was highly flattered to find that mine from Stade had met with your approbation. I trust that Your

Majesty will soon have occasion to judge of the sincerity of my promises by my strict conformance to them.

I return your Majesty my most grateful thanks for the happy manner in which I find myself here placed. Your Majesty may easily imagine how wonderfully pleasing the prospect of this summer is to me in comparison of the last; and I am sure my gratitude to your Majesty for the change is most sincere.

I study every morning, Sundays excepted from 6 till 10, and in the Evening when I am not invited any where, I amuse myself with a little music. On Sundays, the Chaplain of the garrison, who teaches me German, reads the morning prayers, and a Sermon, which, if your Majesty approves of, will be continued till

[? 1785]

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I am sufficiently advanced in German to be able to attend the German church.

I imagine that Your Majesty has learnt by my letter to the Queen how pleased I was with Frederic's manner of receiving me at Harbourg, which I cannot help saying, was much more friendly than William's which however was better than I expected.

I have the honor to be

Your Majesty's

most grateful

Luneburg. & dutiful Son

Edward

[?1785]

Prince Edward
June 13. 1796

Sir,

It was with the greatest sorrow that I heard from General Bude of the melancholy Illness of poor Elizabeth. From my own Feelings upon this occasion, I can easily conceive what must have been Your Majesty's anxiety & that of the Queen. ——— I fear that so very

immediately after the account of the unfortunate Death of poor Prince George, this additional occasion of Anxiety must have made the Queen extremely unhappy.

I flatter myself that Your Majesty will graciously approve of my conduct, and of my attention to my Studies since my departure from England. I hope that with ardent endeavours to study my profession, and follow every branch of Instruction according to your orders, I shall in time become capable of acting in the Station in which Your Majesty may judge fit to place me. I have also endeavoured to advance as much as

possible in the Language which I find not near so difficult as I had imagined.

I must humbly beg of Your Majesty to prevent my most respectful Duty to the Queen, and if I might presume to request it of Your Majesty my most affectionate Love to my Sisters, who, I trust will ever join with me in prayers to Heaven for your Happiness & that of the Queen.

I have the Honour to be

Your Majesty's

most dutiful Son
& devoted Subject

Edward

Luneburg
Dec.r 18: 1785.

Prince Edward
Oct. 1845
December 10.

Sir,

Your Majesty's quarterly messenger Momentein arrived here on Friday last. I desired him to present to you my humble Duty, and to inform you that he found me extremely happy, and extremely grateful to Your Majesty's goodness for my being so.

I take the earliest opportunity to inform your Majesty that on Saturday last, I went for the first time to the Guerde, your Majesty's finest wood in the neighbourhood

of Luneburg to shoot. As the Place was too distant from Luneburg for me to return home, I slept in a house belonging to your Majesty there. During our stay, Baron de Grote, whose country seat is very near the Forest invited me to dine with him on the Sunday; which invitation, with Mr. Wanghenheim's approbation, I accepted. We danced in the Evening, and the Baron earnestly requested of me to sleep there that night, but as I imagined that might not meet with your Majesty's approbation, I refused his offer, and returned home.

I hope Your Majesty will not be displeased with my asking your permission to see the Camp at Hanover this Year. I sincerely hope, that if your Majesty shall

judge it proper to refuse my request, I shall not incur your displeasure from having asked it.

I humbly beg to recommend to Your Majesty's gracious notice, Hawke, whom I find to be a most excellent, useful steady servant, and whom, if it should meet with your approbation, I should be extremely happy hereafter to have for myself. Had I but known his merits before I came here, I should have requested of your Majesty to have had him for my own servant; for Rymer, tho' a very honest quiet good mortal, is, I find of very little use to me here, not that I mean at all to take from his merits by praising the other.

I must humbly beg of your Majesty

to present my most respectful duty to the Queen and my most affectionate love to my sisters.

I have the honor to be

Your Majesty's

most dutiful son

& most respectful Subject

July: 12th: 1785

Edward.

Prince Edward
July 12. 1785

Sir,

I had the Honor of receiving Your Majesty's gracious letter on the 2d of this month. I was extremely happy to find that your Majesty was satisfied with the accounts which You have received of me, and I most sincerely hope that you will be equally satisfied with those which you will receive in future.

In regard to my studies, I flatter myself that your Majesty will approve of the arrangement of them. Every morning in the Week, I study 4 hours 1 in German, 1 in Law, 1 in Artillery, and one in History; and also 1 hour every ~~every~~ evening, 3 times a week upon Religious subjects, and 3 times a week the Classicks. I can now speak some little German, and when obliged to speak it with Persons that under=stand no other Language, I flatter myself that I am tolerably understood.

I must again trouble Your Majesty with my sincerest thanks for the happy situation in which

you have been so gracious as to place me; and I only wish that I may render myself deserving of your great Goodness to me. Certainly this summer has been so much happier than the last that I never can sufficiently express my grateful sense of your Majesty's kindness to me in the change.

I humbly beg of Your Majesty to give my respectful Duty to the Queen, whose gracious letter of the 3d of Septr. I have this instant received.

I have the Honor to be, your Majesty's most dutiful Son & devoted Servant & Subject

Edward

Luneburg
Sepr. 14: 1785.

Prince Edward

September 14 1805

Sir

Colonel Goldsworthy previous to his return to England came here: but his stay was so remarkably short, that I could not write to Your Majesty by him. As the Messenger was to set out in a very few Days, I flattered myself that you would be so gracious as to pardon me for failing to write then.

I hope that the accounts which Your Majesty will receive of my studies & of my Conduct from Colonel Vanghenheim, will meet with Your gracious approbation. I have endeavoured to obey in every respect your commands, and to conduct myself according to your fatherly advice.

As far as I have hitherto seen, I cannot help saying, that, excepting the honor of being with Your Majesty, this is the happiest summer I ever spent. And as long as it is, your gracious pleasure, that I should remain here, I shall think myself truly happy. I follow my studies with all the Pains in my Power, and I hope that

by continuing that application, I shall some day or other become deserving of Your Majesty's gracious notice.

May I presume to beg of your Majesty to give my humble duty to the Queen.

I have the honor to be

Your Majesty's

most dutiful Son
& most devoted Subject
Edward.

Luneburg. Oct. 3d 1785.

Duke of Kent

October 3. 1795

Sir

I take the earliest opportunity of returning Your Majesty my most grateful and most humble Thanks, for the great Honor You have done me in conferring

upon me the order of the Garter, as well as for the Brevet which I received from Frederic on the 14th of this month. I shall use my greatest Endeavours to render myself not un-worthy of so great a mark of Your Majesty's favor and one so far above my Deserts. However, I hope that Your Majesty will believe me, when I say that, none of Your Subjects are more zealous to merit your approbation than I am.

On Wednesday the 14th I arrived here from Luneburg about 7 in the Evening,

and tho' I quitted Luneburg, with the greatest regret, yet I found myself very happy in the sight of my brother Frederic, who certainly received me, in as affectionate a manner as it was possible for one brother to receive another and Your Majesty may depend that in whatever place, you shall think proper that I should reside, I shall do my utmost to give you satisfaction there.

One single intreaty Sir, I venture to make, and I hope that You will not disapprove of it, ~~y~~ that is that Your

June 1786
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Prince Edward
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Majesty will be so gracious as to give me the permission of returning every now and then to Luneburg for a day or two to see my friends there and I will give your Majesty my honor that it shall not make me in the least neglect any part of my studies. The many marks of friendship and civility which I have received there, have attached me very much to the place and its inhabitants and it is upon that ground that I have ventured to request this favor of Your Majesty.

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Permit me, Sir, once more to return You my most humble thanks for the late fresh marks of your favor and at the same time to assure you of the most profound respect and gra- - titude

Hannover
June 17. 1786.

of your most dutiful Son and devoted subject
Edward

P. S. Might I presume to request of your Majesty to present my most humble Duty to the Queen.

Prince Edward

June 7. 1806

Sir

I hope that Your Majesty will pardon me for troubling You with this short letter to congratulate you upon your Majesty's late escape. I cannot sufficiently return Thanks to Heaven, for having thus providentially

saved the Life of the best of Fathers & of men.

I can easily judge by my own feelings, what must have been the Feelings of distress that the Queen must have had upon this sad occasion, had Providence not interfered in this signal manner. So long as I live, I shall ever return the most heartfelt Thanks to Heaven, for this providential Interference; Other, perhaps may express what they felt at this mo=
=ment with more eloquence & better expressions, but I dare venture to say, that among the great number of those who must feel the goodness of heaven upon this occasion, I am not one of the least.

I humbly

beg pardon for trespassing so long upon Your Ma-
-jesty's time, but I could not refrain from communicating
the Effusions of my heart to you.

I have the honor to be

with the greatest respect,

Your Majesty's

most dutiful son
& most devoted subject
Edward.

Hannover, 11th
August 11. 1786.

Duke of Kent

August 11. 1806

Duke of Kent
September 22. 1806

Sir,

Your Majesty will, I hope graciously forgive me for not having sooner written after receiving Your gracious Letter of the 29th of August: but having nothing particular to inform

Your Majesty, I wished to wait till such Time as I could have the honor of telling You that I had been at Hammel. This Tour, I had long been very desirous of taking, as it is reckoned by many officers of great merit & Distinction here, to be one of the most complete works of modern Fortification known in the world; and therefore extremely instructive for every officer who, a young beginner like me is very desirous to learn his Duty fundamentally, so as to serve to Your Majesty's approbation & his own honor. I therefore went to Hammel on Monday last, accompanied by Capt.n Green, who had been previously there with his Father, to render himself capable of ex-

plaining it to me. We were employed 4 hours in examining the whole of the Fortifications of the Fort with the Commander General Busche & the Ingeneer Major Hunot; whose pains and trouble to explain every thing to me I cannot sufficiently acknowledge. After dinner I returned directly to Hannover: But on the road meet with a Disaster which might have been very fatal, but which I Providentially escaped. The axle tree of our Phaeton broke, I fell out of the carriage, & was dragg above thirty Paces by the Horses who gallopped off with the Pole & fore axle tree: but however I was so lucky as to escape with only bruises on the arm & thigh. I have taken the Liberty to mention this accident

to Your Majesty, that should it come to your ears by another quarter, you might be acquainted with the reality of the Fact.

May I presume to request of your Majesty to prevent my most humble Duty to the Queen. I should have had the Honor of writing to her by this Post; but the accident on my right arm still gives me much Pain, & I hope she will on that account graciously forgive my delaying it for a few Days. Should your Majesty observe any defect in the writing of this Letter, I hope Sir, that the same excuse will plead my apology. I have the honor to be with the greatest respect, Your Majesty's most dutiful Son & most devoted Subject

Hannover 22 of Sept.r 1706

Edward

Prince Edward
November 12. 1806

Sir,

As Your Majesty has been so very gracious to me in granting me the most earnest of all my Wishes in placing me so early in the military line, which I have ever preferred to any other, I think it highly incumbent upon me, as the

very smallest return that I can possibly make Your
for so great an Honor, to embrace every Opportunity
that seems to offer itself, by which I may improve
myself in the Knowledge of my Profession, and thus
be better able to do my Duty hereafter to Your Majesty's
Satisfaction & to my own Honor. Having therefore
heard that Your Majesty's pleasure was that there
should be a Camp this next Spring, I took the
Liberty, which I hope will meet w.th your gracious Appro-
-bation, to consult Gen.l Freytag, whether he thought
it proper for me to express to Your Majesty, the ardent
Wish I have of being employed in it. The General

then told me that he highly approved of my Wish, & advised me humbly to lay the Proposal before You; telling me at the same Time, that though my own Regiment should not be in the Encamp=
=ment; it could be easily managed, that, if your Majesty were graciously pleased to grant my humble wish, I could be employed, as the two Grenadier Battalions, which are composed of the joint Companies of Grenadiers, belonging to every encamped Regiment, had no particu-
-lar commanding Officer, and that there were also some Regiments which were not commanded by the Generals belonging to them, as in a Camp the Generals

command whole Brigades & never single Regiments.

I shall use my very utmost Endeavours to gain a proficiency in my Duty, by the greatest attention possible to the exercise of my own Regiment in the early Part of the Spring; Should Your Majesty at the End of that Time judge from the reports of my Superiors, that I should be capable of doing my Duty in the future Camp without exposing myself; by granting me the humble request I venture at present to make You, you will certainly make me the happiest of men.

I have the honor to be with the deepest respect

Your Majesty's

most devoted subject

& most dutiful Son

Hannover, Nov.r 12.th 1786.

Edward.

Prince Edward
November 22. 1806

Sir,

The many & frequent Favors which Your Majesty has conferred upon me, emboldens me to venture making you one Request, more. But first, permit me, Sir, to say, that I hope

Your Majesty will allow me to address You in this present Moment, not as my Sovereign but as my most honoured Parent. And therefore having most humbly ventured to premise this, permit me to hope that you will grant my Wish with the Kindness of a Father.

I was informed that You had declared that it was your gracious Pleasure that in the Quarterly Account delivered to Your Majesty by Lieut.t Colonel de Wangenheim of my Expences, my Pay as Colonel in Your Hannoverian Troops should also be accounted for. Your Majesty will certainly recollect that in the Course of the last half Year, I had the

misfortune of incurring Your displeasure by conside-
-rably exceeding the sum which You had been graciously
pleased to allot for my Expences &c. As I have
had the honor of promising you, that as far as lay
in my power I would most carefully for the future
avoid exceeding my allowance, might I not hope, that
Your Majesty would trust to my own disposal
that small Sum of Money to which my Pay
amounts: particularly as the most trifling amuse-
-ments here as well as every other Article, are conside-
-rably dearer here, than at Luneburg: and as I am
sure, that you will never object to my amusing
myself innocently when the Hours of Study are
over, I humbly presume to request of Your Majesty

this small addition, which I shall most gratefully regard as a very strong encouragement to me, to pursue every part of my Duty with the greatest Attention.

I hope that You will graciously approve of the particular attention I constantly pay to all my studies, but more especially to my military ones; Classics also, I by no means neglect. In regard to the Regiment in every point where from my own so little knowledge & experience, it would be folly in me to rely upon my own judgment I refer always to the advice of the Field-Officers. Your Majesty will now graciously permit me to conclude by saying, that to procure you satisfaction & to merit your gracious approbation, is and ever will be the most earnest endeavours of Your Majesty's

Hannover. Nov: 22d: 1786.

most devoted Subject & most dutiful Son

Edward

Prince Edward
January 5. 1807

Sir,

I had the honor of receiving Your Majesty's most gracious Letter of the 19th of Decr on Friday last the 29th. I am fully sensible that, as I am so little acquainted hitherto

with the nature of the Service, my application to Your Majesty to be employed in the Camp of next Spring was highly indiscreet. But I trust to Your gracious Goodness towards me, that you will consider it as a youthful Failure, by which I hope however that I have not incurred your Displeasure.

I flatter myself at the same time that I may presume, tho' not employed in the Camp, to request your gracious permission to be present at it, & to encamp upon the Ground close to some older Officer than myself, by attending to whom I may learn that Duty which is expected of a Colonel in the most particular & private Camp Details; as well as in whatever relates

to exercising and manœuvring. Should your Majesty not approve of my request, I hope that I shall not on that account incurr your Disapprobation, as the only object I have, is, when it comes to the Turn of my own Regiment to encamp, that I may be so far fundamentally acquainted with every Thing which relates to the Inner & outer Camp Duties, that I may then do my Duty to your gracious satisfaction, & that of all my Superiors, and also to my own Honor.

Permit me, Sir, also to return You my most humble thanks for the Liberty you have been so graciously pleased to allow me of enjoying my Pay. I shall do the utmost of my endeavours,

by never abusing of this great Favor to prove how sincerely grateful I am to Your Majesty for this, and every other Proof of your great goodness to me.

Permit me to conclude this Letter with wishing Your Majesty in this new year, every blessing which Providence can confer: Perhaps others may be able to express better their sentiments; but this I will venture to say, & it shall ever be my greatest pride to prove it, that in sincerity of affection & most dutiful respect none is my superior.

I have the honor to subscribe myself with the most profound respect

Your Majesty's most dutiful Son & most devoted Subject

Edward

Hannover Jan.y 5.th 1787

Sir

As the Messen-
-ger is now going to England, I could not suffer him
to depart, without doing myself the Honor of writing
to Your Majesty. I thought it also my Duty to do so
in order to give your Majesty an account of my present
occupations & Studies.

The field Days have already begun since the 20th of last month; and I attend them with unremitted Punctuality & Attention: and I have made it a rule, according to your Majesty's orders, in every case of the propriety of which there is the least Doubt, to consult General Freytag, who is kind enough to honor me always with his Advice.

As the Mornings are at present more or less totally occupied with military studies, or at least with exercising & attending where my Duty requires my presence, I pursue in the Evenings at present those other studies, which Your Majesty has thought it proper for me to attend to.

Although from my childhood I always

wished your Majesty to destine me for a military Line & I always formed the highest expectations of the pleasure attending the Duties of that line, yet I must declare that I find at present every expectation, and every wish far surpassed by the enjoyment I now feel, as I begin at present by seeing daily practice, to understand fully the same subjects which have hitherto interested me very much in Theory. I never can be sufficiently grateful to Your Majesty for having so graciously condescended to gratify my wishes in placing me in this profession, which I must of all others ever prefer. My greatest wish and endeavour must ever be to render myself worthy of such goodness, by merriting your gracious favor, by discharging every part of my Duty, with the most devoted zeal

in your service, & the most faithful obedience to Your commands.

Before I conclude, may I humbly presume to request of Your Majesty to present my most respectful Duty to the Queen.

I have the honor to be with the most profound respect,

Your Majesty's

most dutiful Son
& most devoted Subject
Edward

Hannover,
April 5th 1787.

Prince Edward
April 5. 1787

Prince Edward
April 27. 1801

Sir

I hope Your Majesty will excuse the Freedom I take in writing to you so very soon again after my last Letter, I had the Honor of sending you by the Quarterly Messenger; But as the Time is now arrived, when, by the presence of the whole Regiment, I am enabled to learn the Practise of those Duties attending my present Station in the Military Line, of which, I have hitherto been most attentively occupied to learn

the Theory, I thought it my Duty to write to Your Majesty a short Account of my present Occupations. Every morning between eight & nine I go out with the Regiment to exercise; and I pay the most exact Attention to the private Exercise of each Company by itself; that when the whole comes to join into one body, I may not be ignorant of my own Duty: I have obeyed your Majesty's Commands in consulting frequently the opinion of General Freytag, who is so kind as to honor me with his Advice, upon all occasions, and when in the field, I always am guided by the counsel of the Lieut.t Colonel de Borch; to whose kind attention and indefatigable care, I shall ever be infinitely obliged, for whatever Knowledge, I may hereafter gain in my profession:

Every evening is devoted to exercising our body

of Recruits, at which I am also constantly present: this seemed to meet with the approbation of General Freytag who has been so kind, as to express his Satisfaction to me upon that Subject. Your Majesty may depend that I shall not omit being present during the whole course of our exercising, at every even the most trivial Duties of my station, and I shall ever apply myself, with the most unremitted attention to every thing, by which I may attain some perfection in my profession, and be able hereafter when called upon to distinguish myself to the satisfaction of Your Majesty, the approbation of my superiors & my own honor: How far I have hitherto applied myself I humbly appeal to the Testimony of my superiors, and for the future, I dare flatter myself, you will believe me, when I say, that on the side of good will & application, I will most

certainly not fail.

Without venturing or even wishing to press Your Majesty upon the subject of my late request, in regard to being present at the future Spring camp, I shall most humbly wait for your gracious orders in regard to it.

Before I conclude, dare I presume to request of your Majesty to present my most respectful Duty to the Queen.

With the most fervent prayers for Your Majesty's welfare, Health & Happiness, & the most profound respect I have the honor to be

Your Majesty's

most devoted Subject
& most dutiful Son

Edward

Hannover
April: 27: 1787.

Sir

Permit me to have the Honor of returning Your Majesty my most humble Thanks, for the gracious leave you have granted me to be present at the Camp at Luneburg. I shall certainly devote my utmost Endeavours to make such a use of this mark of Your Majesty's Goodness to me, as

I flatter myself, will meet with Your gracious approbation, by doing the utmost in my Power to learn in this camp, all the Duty which is required of an Officer in my present Situation, when encamped.

The Review of the Regiment, which I have the Honor of commanding is to be on Thursday next: I wish from the bottom of my Heart, that the accounts which Your Majesty will receive, may meet with Your gracious approbation; should I, for my own person be guilty of some faults or mistakes, I must humbly request your gracious forgiveness, as they are surely not occasioned by want of good will or application: For this year, I hope at least, that if I plead the excuses

of Youth, and of ignorance in my Defence, Your Majes-
-ty will grant them to be valid.

Having nothing at present worth Your Majestys notice to add; I will not weary you by lengthening my letter any further: Begging your Majesty therefore most humbly, to be fully perswaded of my most sincerely devoted gratitude for this last as well as every other most gracious mark of your goodness to me,

I have the honor to subscribe myself with the most profound respect,

Your Majestys

most dutiful Son
& most devoted Subject
Edward

Hannover
May: 27th: 1787.

Prince Edward

Bray 27. 1707

Sir

Permit me to present Your Majesty upon my return from Lunebourg my most humble Thanks for the very gracious Leave you gave me to be present at the Camp there. I have endeavoured as far as lay in

my Power to profit by this gracious Permission in my military Knowledge; by attending with the greatest exactitude to all the manoeuvres; & frequently taking the Liberty to apply to General Freytag for information, where my own little Experience would most probably have conducted my Judgment very falsely. — The Prussian General Calkreuter, some other Prussian Officers, and a few Englishmen were also there. —

I was amazingly struck with the perfect tranquillity, Discipline, and regularity, which reigned in the Camp even in those hours, when the soldiers were totally at leisure: and I have heard it remarked by some of the foreign Officers, who were present there, how much honor this

circumstance did to the discipline in general of Your Majesty's Hannovrian troops.

His Excellency the Field Marshal did me the honor to come here this morning & to shew me a rescript he had received from your Majesty, in which you have been graciously pleased to express your approbation of my Conduct in the exercising Time: permit me to assure You that I am highly sensible of this most flattering mark of your goodness to me, & shall ever in this as in every other point of my Duty exert my utmost endeavours to merit your Majesty's Favor & Protection

I have the honor to be with the deepest respect,

Your Majesty's

most dutiful Son & most devoted Subject:

Edward.

Hannover. June 27th 1787.

Prince Edward.
June 27. 1807

Col. de Wangenheim

Copie

des Remarques du 18. de Juillet, tirées du petit livre destiné à l'usage de S. A. R. Monseig. le Pr. Edouard.

Sur le point de commencer le 3.e Acte de votre histoire, qui est celui après le départ de Monseig. le Duc, permettez Monseig. de vous présenter mes observations sur les deux premiers, et d'y ajouter quelques réflexions sur celui qui commence. Faites moi la grace de bien songer avec quel j'aurai l'honneur de vous dire, afin qu'on ne vous plaigne pas un jours comme le fit hier le Capit. de Kleist en parlant du Pr. Royal de Prusse, dont il disoit que le Prince avoit eu le malheur de n'entendre jamais la verité.

Avant votre arrivée Monseig. je m'étois donné toutes les peines imaginables pour apprendre quelque chose sur votre caractère, mais personne pouvoit me l'expliquer. S. A. R. le Duc me dit qu'il vous avoit quitté trop jeune pour pouvoir en juger. Le Lieut. Gregtag ne vous avoit vu que dans les appartements du Roi, et comme il m'importoit beaux savoir, a qui j'aurois a faire, j'eus la bêtise de m'en informer aux heis et au quart, et je fus bien payé de mon imprudence, puisqu'elle ne me valut que des fausses notions. On me dit entr'autres, que vous étiez le plus instruit de tout les Princes, et avec cela corporellement paresseux, indolent, et présomptueux attaché aux livres. Tout cela ne me deplut pas. Quoique mes bras que savant, je me croyois assez instruit pour diriger en gros, la suite de vos Etudes, et supposant que vous aviez les goutt ordinaires de la jeunesse, qui sont la sociabilité, la gayeté et le desir de s'instruire et de plaire, j'entrepris ma tache avec les meilleures esperances, et je me flattois que vous surpasseriez tout les Princes vos pères en application assidue, et qu'ayant eu le Prince Guillaume pour ancetsor immédiat, vous feriez précisement son contraste.

1.er Acte

Vous arrivez Monseig. après avoir été devancé par un Catalogue de livres, qu'on disoit que vous aviez lus, entraîné par cet qui me fit croire, que le Ciel m'avoit plutôt attaché a un Professeur qui a un Prince, et je vous trouve avec cela di neuf dans le monde, qui a 18 ans vous ne savez pas encore conduire une Dame a table. De crus donc, qu'il falloit vous amuser, vous faire voir et frequenter beaucoup de Societé, et prevenir sur toute chose que vous ne fussiez pas degouté d'un pays ou S. Mg. le Roi desiroit que vous passiez

quelques années, et on vous devoit prendre le pli qui vous rendroit dans la suite un homme aimable et par conséquent aimé du Roi et de toute l'Allemagne. Malheureusement S. Maj. qui ne s'attendoit pas à l'abus d'une chose qu'il avoit accordée pour vous délasser, vous avoit donné un Berouetsch et 12 chevaux, et les premières dépenses firent d'abord voir par la façon dont ce Berouetsch vous enchanta, et par le temps que vous passiez dans les Courses, que ceci étoit plus qu'un simple goût de deux heures. Vous avez une fois ce Berouetsch et ces chevaux, de sorte qu'il auroit été singulier d'en contrecarrer l'usage, et d'ailleurs je vous avoue franchement, Monseigneur, que comme vous ne savez absolument pas vous occuper, je croyois qu'il vaudroit mieux de courir la campagne et de tuer quelques chevaux au Roi, que de courir les filles et de vous abandonner à mauvaise compagnie. Le Berouetsch même vous porta bientôt à chercher Société et n'auroit par conséquent pas été le nuisible, si peu à peu, je n'eusses observé que vous n'aimiez pas battre la campagne pour n'assembler bonne Société, mais que vous ne dégénériez le monde à droite et à gauche que pour le plaisir de mener. De m'apercus ensuite, que sans le moindre égard pour la colère du Roi ou pour ma petite réputation, vous ne songiez qu'à m'embarquer dans mille dépenses, et que tout ce que je pouvois dire sur le manque d'argent ne vous faisoit jamais démordre d'aucun projet. Depuis là, la passion des Courses, prévaloit simplement remplir le vuide qui se trouvoit dans votre vie, mais dans peu le goût de briller s'en mêla, et il vous parut noble et grand d'avoir des propres chevaux, sans considérer la honte de ne pas les payer. S'il m'avoit été possible de prévoir que cette passion, non seulement ruineroit vos finances, mais deviendroit la vraye Source du mécontentement du Roi par les dettes énormes auxquelles elle vous entraîne, tout ce j'avois d'abord écrit, et S. Maj. auroit arrêté par des ordres, ce que toute prudence humaine n'arrêtera au reste jamais. Je ne le fis point, j'avois tort, mais si S. Maj. me blame, vous Monseigneur, devez être le premier à m'excuser, car quoique vous m'ayez

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souvent mis à dure épreuve, dans des embarras honteux pour vos dépenses, j'ai toujours craint de Vous mettre mal avec S. Maj.; sachant bien que tout votre bonheur en dépend dans la suite, si jamais le Roi vous le reproche, je me consolerai par mes motifs, car je sais que j'ai reçu sa disgrace dans l'intention de Vous y amener par l'expérience, et ne pouvant m'imaginer que l'affreuse situation d'être accablé de vos Créanciers, ne Vous fera abhorrer, par la même, les dettes.

2. Article

C'est avec cet espoir que je suis arrivé à Hanau. Je Vous ai cru suffisamment instruit par le fâcheux essai, et j'ai averti tous les Créanciers. A quoi, Monsieur, tout cela a-t-il abouti? J'apprends en ville, que Vous devez le double et plus que ce que Vous devez réellement, et cela, sans qu'aucun qui vive ne s'en aperçoive. Le Roi Vous a donné le Regal pour subvenir d'autant mieux à vos dépenses, et je vois par les comptes, que Vous en prodiguez le Revenu en Sûretés, Hautbois et Tambours. On prétend que Vous devez jusqu'à 3000 rd au Sellier Leo pour des choses dont Vous n'avez absolument pas besoin. 800 rd au Marchand Müller, qui, sur le point de faire Banqueroute, Vous nommera comme son débiteur. 1000 rd au Magnifique Lucke pour des Chevaux dont Vous pourrez Vous passer, du moment, que votre seule félicité ne consistera plus, ou à monter, ou à mener en Voiture.

3. Article

Je ne Vous ai jamais trompé, Monsieur, et n'ayant pas l'intention de le commencer aujourd'hui, je Vous dirai ce que je suis sur le point de faire. Comme S. A. R. le Duc, et le Général Freiroldt parlent, comme je sais que S. Maj. s'informe après les moindres détails, et comme on n'a pas mentir, ni à Son Père qui à Son Roi, il demandera après tout, et apprendra par conséquent la vérité. J'ai donc jugé prudent, de mon devoir, et de la dernière nécessité pour arrêter votre ruine, de marquer à S. Maj. le Roi par le Courrier de Vendredi, que Vos dettes sont plus fortes que jamais, et qu'elles sont contractées, non pour libertinage ou dépenses inutiles, mais par la prodigieuse

passions, d'avoir des propres Chevaux, équipages, et domestiques. Toute la Ville sort de
vous aller, tout mes amis et entre autres le Sr. Lucenville qui connoit S. Maj. le Roi, me
conseillent de me sauver moi même, mais je vous assure Monseigneur, que je suis
assez ferme, et assez amie de ceux dont j'ai pour les interests, pour vous avoir epargné
cette rude catastrophe, si je n'étais persuadé que cette voie sauvera votre trône
d'un abime dans lequel vous vous enfoncez sans ressource, et que vous aurez
lieu de me reprocher tout le reste de votre vie, si je ne faisais pas tout
au monde pour vous en garantir.

de Wangenheim.

Prince Edward
28th August 1837

Sir,

I hope that Your Majesty will excuse the freedom I take in requesting your gracious permission to be present at the Jubile feast which is to be celebrated at Goettingen on

the 17th of next month. The ceremony of that Day is so totally unique, and happens so very seldom, that I hope your Majesty will not look upon my curiosity upon this subject as idle or misplaced: and also by your gracious permission to go to Goettingen upon this occasion your Majesty will grant me a double Favor by giving me an opportunity of seeing my three brothers there, whom I have long anxiously wished to see. Should your Majesty be graciously inclined to grant my request, may I presume to beg of you, as the time is so extraordinarily short, to honor me with your orders upon that subject as soon as possible.

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informing your Majesty, that I have seen all the Prussian troops which have hitherto marched through your Hannoverian Dominions, the Infantry regement of Knoblesdorf consisting of three battalions, 2 battalions of light Infantry out of Halle, 2 Regiments of Cuirassiers, Rohr & Kalkreuth, one regement of Dragoons, commanded by General Lottum, one battalion of Ebenè Hussars, 2 companies of Chasseurs, & the train of artillery: In the internal part of the Regiments, it is impossible by so short a coup d'œil to examine, but as far as the appearance goes, your majesty's Electoral troops surpass them totally in figure, in dress, in accouterments, in arms & in cleanliness: indeed I never could have con-

conceived it possible that a Soldier could be so ill furnished in every point which concerns armature and dress as these Prussians are.

Before I conclude may I presume to request of Your Majesty to prevent my most humble Duty to the Queen, and now Sir, I have the honor to subscribe myself with the deepest respect,

Your Majesty's
most dutifully attached Son
& most devoted Subject
Edward

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