Lt. Col. Richard Symes to Mr. Gen. R. Grenville

My Dear General

Since on the 28th Ult. I wrote from you, how we had passed the last three Months from which I think, there is little reason to apprehend; that those next to succeed, will materially differ — What disposition is to be made for the Prince next year remains to be determined — Sir William Lawrence, will have informed You, that the Prince wishes to go from hence, with his Regt next Summer to Canada — and has written to consult him, how far it is practicable. Should it not be allowed — he intends to ask the King, for leave to quit this Place — for the Summer Months, and visit during that time, any part of France, or Germany, the King shall think proper — to these two Propositions, may be added, a third — and least likely Hope, to be adopted — that of obliging him to remain here, all the next Year — If I am expected to continue with him —

Lt. Col.

on my own Account, I should without doubt prefer the latter — And I am equally clear in Opinion, that the former would in almost every point of View, be most advantageous to the Prince —

That he should be tired of a Place, so confined as this — and condemned to an Eternal sameness, is not surprising — The Novelty of the Scene, the Care of his Regt — and his share in the duty of the Garrison — have hitherto engaged his attention — he has entered in to it with Spirit, and followed it, with a perseverance, much to his credit — Conversing with the Officers of his Regt about Canada — has excited in him, a strong wish to see that Country — in which, as a Change from hence; they most heartily join him — We sometimes find, that Diseases point out their own Remedies — If the wild Propensity to Expence, in which the Prince was involved, has been checked by his coming here — and that by removing him from the Society of those, who encouraged him in every Extravagance, he may, by degrees, be taught, to see the folly of such Conduct, and by habit — be prevented from again returning to the Practice of it —

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If this is to be effected, I know no situation, so likely to guard him, on one hand, from the folly of bad example — and producing on the other, Effects, we take so much pains to promote — As by sending him to the Country, which he so strongly desires to visit — and where he says he will remain — with pleasure, until the King chuses he should return to Europe —

Should his request be complyd with — before the change can take place, the Prince will have been, here, near a year and a half, in which time, many Professional Informations peculiar to this Place, must be as familiar to him, as it never can be — but what has been, hitherto, of so great use — and will I hope prove an Advantage, as long as he lives, may lose its Effect — As the best Medicines often do — if forced upon the Patient — when they excite disgust —

So this Proposal, Objections will of course be made, and Difficulties raised — but if the Advantages to be expected — appear to you, in as strong a point of View, as they do to me — I think they not only may, but ought to be removed —

The Prince —

Conduct

he, certainly entitles him to Indulgence — and if by
rendering his Situation agreeable — he can be induced
to pursue the same line of Conduct, for a year, or two longer
which he has observed here; I conceive his Habits, and
the Character, with which he will be stamped this life —
will thereby, be strongly influenced, and partake of the
Manners — of the Society, in which he spends, that Period
of his time — And I believe we all agree, that the safest
way of avoiding Scrapes, is by keeping as much as we
can — out of the way of Temptation —

The difficulties, which may be made, in Effecting this —
appear to me, in the present Situation of things, more
imaginary, than real —

No change has yet taken Place, amongst the Troops
in this Garrison, in consequence of the arrival of the
Prince, or his Regt — Suppose them lost, during the
appearance of War — and withdrawn, when that is no
longer apprehended — No other Corps has suffered
inconvenience, or experienced Injustice, in consequence
of their being ordered abroad, out of their Tour, to join the

Colonel;

which fairly entitles them, to a preference in point of Quarters — where it can be effected, without giving — just cause of Complaint to any other — And if a Regt — is thereby to return to England, somewhat sooner than by the Rotation was intended — of what Moment can it be, whether from America, or Gibraltar —— as the Conduct of those, distinguished for high Merit, must ever be of the utmost consequence to Society — from the Effects of their good, or bad Example — I conceive that every Advantage should be given, and every Means tried, to render them respectable, and capable of doing honor, to the Rank they are born to — without such Propriety of Conduct, their Elevated Situation, only tends to degrade — and to render that leading Principle more general, which is already but too prevalent —

as I conceive the Single determination, with respect to the Prince for the next Year, of the utmost Consequence I have freely, and fully given You my Opinion —

both

as to what is past, as well as what we reasonably may expect in future —

Believe me dear General

most truly and faithfully

Yours

Richd Lyons

Gibraltar 8 Dec^r

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Major General
Grenville
Care Burlington Street
London

Lt. Col Richard Symes to Jn. Gen. R. Grenville

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My dear General

My last letter will have informed you of Prince Leopolds intention — to apply to his Majesty, to be removed from Genoa with his Regt in the Spring to Canada — a letter he has just received from Sir Wm. Bennett — informs his R. H. he will be 60 days Post to the King — to that purpose —

You have already my sentiments on the advantages, which must accrue, to the Prince from this change — which I flatter my self you shall perfectly agree — he has assured me that if he is allowed to go — he will only take with him three of the Servants, which he brought — and has some belonging here — thus by such a change —

Fiddles, useless Servants &c &c — will be got rid of
he feels the Inconvenience they occasion — and wants
a good Opportunity to disencumber himself —
this might surely not be the Desired Case —

In removing from Ramsey, which I shall
suppose decided on — it will be necessary to attend
somewhat to the Mode — and arrange how it can be
done, with least inconvenience, and most Advantage

The Accomodation on board of the
Ld Gunships fitted as Transports — is much
too small for the Numbers they are expected to
carry — half the Cabin is taken for the Ld
Naval Officers — the remainder cannot possibly
find Room for a third of the Officers usually
embarked — the Situation of the 6 Companies
of the Miners Regt — embarked on board the Ulysses
at Leith — was truly deplorable — and has been
the Cause of much Sickness, which they have
suffered since — the Officers — in the Opinion of —

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the Navy Board – had not more Room, than by the late Regulation, is allowed to Engineers in their passage from Africa –

abroad such a Ship – the Prince could have any Room however small, either convenient, or fit for him – and as he wishes to go with his Regt – the difference of sending a 50 instead of 36 – can be no Object – in the former he will have a Cabbin – and Room to do – it. Of following which in the Letter, is impossible

I mention this to you to day – that no Steps may be taken, on this head – without your being aware, of the Convenience, and – Disadvantages – If a 36 must be the Conveyance he must go in a Frigate – borrowed from the Station, or sent on purpose –

I thank you my Dr Fred – for your kind intentions with respect to myself – but nevertheless this is fixed as Times – I request you will be kind enough to

communicate to me, what may be intended — as the circumstances attending my situation are such, besides it necessary that I should be placed, in future — on a footing, very different from, that, in which, at your desire I have hitherto appeared — and as time may not be confined as Our Views in Ireland oblige to decide, on the contents

Major Lennox Gordon
Bourbon Regiment
Ireland
London

of your letter — in any proposed arrangement from — I shall be made acquainted with, your Sentiments — and if you please — with a knowledge of how far my conduct has met with approbation or not

Believe me Dear General
most faithfully Yours
R Lennox

Fitz Roy Dec 18th
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Prince Edward
December 13. 1790

Gibraltar Dec. 13th 1790.

Sir,

Although I have not, as often taken the liberty of writing to you, as my Heart has dictated, yet, I trust you will not look upon this letter, as an intrusion, as it is, on a subject of which I must speak, & your good heart will not suffer you to hear without regret. Without further preamble, I therefore humbly beg to represent, that my Health has so very materially suffered, during the immoderate Heat, of this last summer, that the Surgeon General of our garrison, who has constantly attended me, during the frequent bilious attacks, from which I have felt the most violent and serious effects

has given it as his positive opinion, that by my remaining here another summer Season, my health would be exposed, not only to the most prejudicial, but perhaps to the most fatal attacks of a complaint, the severity of which, is, I believe, not unknown to Your Majesty. I therefore beg your gracious Indulgence, on this Head, that I may not be obliged to remain in this Garrison, after the month of April next.

I beg your Majesty to conceive, that I am so far from wishing to avoid doing my duty, as long as my services in my professional line, can be acceptable to you, that nothing would give me more pain, than my being at present obliged to quit the Regiment, I have now the honor of commanding: I therefore presume to hope, that Your Majesty actuated, partly by

Prince Edward
December 13. 1796

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the consideration of the unfortunate state of my health in this climate, as well as the infinite advantage of which my removal to a colder one, will be to me, will not refuse my request when I petition, that if it does not interfere with your commands for other Regiments in your service, you will allow me to be sent in the spring with mine, to any part of North America which you may chuse to appoint, allowing me, if it meets with your approbation, to prefer Canada. I trust my services in that part of Your Foreign Dominions may perhaps be of more use, than they could be by my lingering with sickness in this.

The Regiment of course, as it is their Duty, always ready to obey your commands, wherever you may chuse to send them, will feel themselves doubly grateful, if you will allow them

to return to a quarter, which, when the Regiment was there before, was preferred by them to all others. It will be a very flattering mark of Your Majesty's approbation of their services in America, and make them entirely forget, that their Colonel was the cause of their having been sent out of England, three years before it came to their turn. Possibly, as this Garrison is now stronger by one Regiment, than it ever was before, in time of peace, the removal of mine may be attended with less inconvenience, than it might have been otherwise. Before I conclude have the goodness, Sir, to accept of my warmest thanks for the opportunity you have given me of learning my duty as a soldier, in this most respectable Garrison, & I hope, Sir, that the zeal, the attention, and

Copy of a Letter to The King
From His Royal Highness Prince Edward dated
Gibraltar 13th Decr. 1790

Sir

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Before I conclude, have the goodness Sir to accept of my warmest thanks, for the opportunity you have given me of learning my duty as a soldier, in this most respectable garrison, and I hope Sir, that the Zeal, the attention & punctuality, with which I have strove during the time I have been here, to discharge my Regimental as well as garrison duty, so as to merit your approbation, & obtain a favorable report of my conduct from our present Commander in Chief, will convince you of the sincerity of my professions, & also give me some little claim towards obtaining your consent to my present request. Humbly begging your Majesty to present my most dutiful respect to the Queen, & my most affectionate love to my Sisters, I subscribe myself with the utmost deference, your Majesty's most dutiful son, and devoted Servant,

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Colonel Royal Fusiliers

H.R.H. Prince Edward
to The King.
13th Dec. 1790

punctuality, with which, I have strove during the time I have been here, to discharge my regimental as well as Garrison Duty, so as to merit your approbation, and obtain a favorable report of my Conduct from our present commander in chief, will convince you of the sincerity of my professions, and also give me some little claim towards obtaining your consent to my present request. I presume to add to this letter my warmest acknowledgments for the very great assistance I have received from Lieut: Colonel Symes during the time we have been together, and hope at a future period Your Majesty will honour with your protection a man so deserving of your notice both as a soldier, a man of honour, and a man of the world.

Humbly begging Your Majesty to present my most dutiful respects to the Queen, and my most affectionate

love to my sisters, I have the honor to subscribe myself

Your Majesty's

Most dutiful Son

& Most devoted Servant

Edward.

Lt. Col. R. Symes to Mr. Gen. R. Grenville

My Dear General

Since I wrote to you last Monday on the Subject of Canada, I am happy to find by Letters from England, that the Minister wish & request I go there in the Spring is likely to be complied with — for his sake, I most sincerely wish it may take place — and have promoted the Idea to the utmost of my power —

The Disadvantages to be derived from such a situation and his removal thereby, from temptation in so many things must necessarily happen — Mr Pitt's Pick he has been commanded — will be confirmed and many of disadvantageous, from their being — Indeed impracticable — will be forgotten —

to the Prince I have

Received.

Lt. Col. C

from the Prince, of his ceasing any further —
importation from England — Snow white Linen
had been included — from Stuttgart, a Lady is just
arrived — Whose company here, at present would
have been very well dispensed with — had she
arrived five Months since — her coming might
have had a good Effect — and have prevented
what has recently produced a great deal of
Mischief — This to event in fact — has indeed
both infinite pains — and extreme Anxiety —
Comfort will have explained to you. the
Origin of this business — and on that Account
the departure of Mademoiselle Dietrich was
unlucky — and therefore to be regretted —

This female Companion, will
have less Claim to his future Attention — or
pecuniary Supplies — having made this visit

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perfectly to suit her convenience — as her late
keeper — a countryman of her own — she calls
himself the Marquiss de Permangle — she
quitted at Malaga — from his being unable
to defray her expences — She seems near
thirty — well looking — has been in England with
them, I have not learned — but resembles a
woman I have seen with Lord Cholmondeley —

The Prince at present talks
of her going with him from hence, but
I hope that can take place — I hope he
will grow tired of her — and more, without
the Embarrass of such an Incumbrance —

I dont think he is disposed, to be
much the dupe of women — and had he
remained here, this might have answered
a good purpose —

where, that is not to happen. Regret that none has taken place, as much as I should have formerly been pleased, with such an arrival

Believe me dear friend

most truly and

faithfully yours

Gibraltar 29 Dec. 1840

Rich.d Lyons

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Col Symes - requests effect
his brother &c
on Plans of our rank
&c

My Dear General

While I am confined to this Spot, endeavoring to remove there - you think too liberally, I suspect, of me there - you think too liberally, I suspect that my absence from England, should on this occasion, materially operate to my disadvantage - or in fact the Fortune of those, I sought most to assist -

Thomas a Brother in Sadie, & is my friend - has gone off and serving with him, since he has been in that Country, as did the Camp - to Qualify himself for that, & service, in that part of the world, of near ten Years, has given him the Advantages of Local Knowledge, improved by a close Application, to acquire the language - with which I am informed -

that

few Europeans are better acquainted —
a Brother must be deemed partial — I therefore
only state his Situation — and you know the great
Ties well, I suppose, that he would place in
such confidential Station, and in time of Peace
continue to employ, any young Man, who could
not Recommend himself —

Balfour and Aspen both know him and
so that you will have the goodness to ask their
opinions —

Had I been at home during the
preparations for Exam I should have asked
permission, to have Joined him a Company, and
in my own Country, and with Eva have Effected
it — and I flatter myself I should not have been
refused; to have found a good Mark, for a
young Man of Zeal, Talents and Service

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which has been going with in these two Mon the
to Boys, I do have never got sen their Regt, and
which this Garison, can produce Instances —
Peace has just an End, to what I had
prepared for him — What I request you to
procure is — leave for me to Design, to him,
my Company in the 52d Regt — which has been
much too long without its Capt — and in me, can
never have an Efficient One — His Loving
Brother is on the Spot — Usefully, and Respec
=tably employed —

What I have ask for a Brother —
whom I have Pride in calling so, will I hope
not be Refused —

Whether I am in future Destin
to derive any Advantage, from a Profession
which —

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by some, I have been thought to follow, with
Zeal — and in which, you will discover me, of
having experienced, most good fortune —
will I hope soon be determined —
If what I have been able to effect is thought
to have any degree of merit — If the —
situations, and employments, to which I
have been ~~exposed~~ thought, are to be considered as marks
of approbation — from Her, most honorably
called on, to serve their Country — in the high
stations — and from which, I have derived
no advantage — I hope it will be thought
right — that the future, shall be made to —
compensate, for that neglect and oppression —
which I have so much reason to complain —
what can be effected, by your kind interposition
I know I can rely on — Believe me dear Sir
most faithfully Yours Polymer

Lt Col. R. Symes to Mr Gen. R. Grenville

My dear General

Prince Edward desires me to request, you will mention it to the King how earnestly, his Royal Highness wishes to have with him his Books & papers, and should be from France — Should his Majesty be pleased, to allow his Royal Highness to go to London the Bearer of this, will then, be ready at any great Sacrifice for them —

His Royal Highness desires you will mention, the Bearer to be prepared for conveying them with security, to London, Ports of Marseilles, or Toulon — but the Mountains

by —

of Vessels between that Port and this — under the conveyance of any thing extremely slow as well as uncertain —

You will agree with me in thinking, that it would have been lucky, had the Lady, of whose animal I lately informed you — at made her appearance —

No doubt, Superstition is here, at times necessary — There being no two Sports, I have ever heard of, but this, and Botany Bay, where there is so great a disproportion, between Males & females — But as the Prince — is his, and has so much Reason to hope, you to have this — What might have, have been a convenience — must every where Clear, prove an incumbrance — As the Lady came here

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merely to suit her convenience — and to pick up what Money she can — What think you, of nothing it her Interest to leave him — even Pounds or other Thing, and Some What two, or three hundred Pounds, for this purpose would be well disposed of —

The sooner You make me, to pay his Debts here, the better — he perfectly deserves to be kept at Short Allowance until the Debts he has foolishly contracted here, and in London — are liquidated — his Creditors here, merit some Pity, and Compassion — there, they have encouraged him to run in Debt — knowing how inadequate was his Means to discharge it — and well deserve to wait — — Sam

My Dear Friend

most truly and faithfully

Yours

Victoria

Windsor Castle 5th Sept 1840

Lt. Col. R. Symes to Dn. Gen. R. Grenville

My Dear General

Our Governor arrived in the Bay last Night, and lands this afternoon at two o'clock – whilst the garrison is preparing for his Reception, I have just time to convey to you some information respecting myself, which I have no time in communicating. Some letters I have this Moment received from England, require my attendance, and make it absolutely necessary, that I should be there in the course of the Summer

it will therefore be impossible, for me to
accompany, Prince Edward to Canada —
If my following him there, shall be thought
necessary — the arrangement can be made, when
I have the pleasure of seeing You —
Your attention to my private affairs — of so much
consequence for me to be perfect — obliges me
for a time, to be absent from the Prince —
I flatter myself, that the Period in which it
will take Place — is likely to be attended
with least inconvenience, to his Royal Highness,
as I shall remain here, until he embarks, and
make every Arrangement necessary, for his
leaving this, as well as his Arrival there —
and as far as possible, prevent the inconvenien-
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as well as avoid the Expence, with which his coming here, was attended —

I shall have no means entirely to dissuade his R. Highness, from taking — along with him, the Female who has lately joined him here — and which he seems at present resolved on — we must therefore look on it as an Evil, which at present, possibly can not be removed, and act accordingly —

When I wrote to you, on the Subject of his Conveyance to Canada, there certainly could have been no Made, so Respectable — consequently none so proper, as to have embarked his Royal Highness, in the — same Ship

with his Regt — and by giving him the of a larger Size — the Accomodation necessary for both, might easily have been procured —

The least present seems a different Aspect, and the good to have been effected, by the Ship conveying the Whole, would merely produce infinite Mischief —

There are in the Regiment, married Officers, who with their Wives, accompany the Regt to Canada — The Ills arising from a Ship of Wives, and Mistresses on Shore, are often sorely felt — At Sea, only those who have experienced it — can have an Idea, of what a Ship is, under those Circumstances —

Whenever it is possible, this, should be —

Prevented

I have known, and no doubt the same has occurred to you, that the ill Blood, occasioned by similar situations — has never subsided — In this instance, it will be right to guard — against what may happen — and separate the Prince, While lost at Sea, from his Maj— a lost from Ship, now the usual Conveyance, can take them — and a Frigate from this Station — may convey him with his Servants — and Baggage to their destination — This Arrangement, can the more easily be effected — as most of the Frigates here, expect in the course of the Summer, to return Home, having been here already, the usual time, they are kept on Foreign Stations — and whether one

of the Number, takes America in her way
to England, cannot be an Object of much
Moment, or Inconvenience —

I plainly see the Necessity, of such an —
arrangement — and think it right to State
it fully for your Consideration —

If his Majesty shall think it
Necessary, to replace me, by any Person intended
to accompany, or remain with his Royal
Highness in Canada — the time in which I presume
the Regt will embark from hence, early in May,
will admit of such an arrangement —
If in the mean time, an attention to his Accounts,
are only thought Necessary — —
in his own Regt — which is extreamly well —
composed,

an Officer can easily be found, on whom the most perfect Reliance may be placed —

I am my dear General

Your faithful and

most obliged

Richd Lyons

Gibraltar 5th 10 Jany

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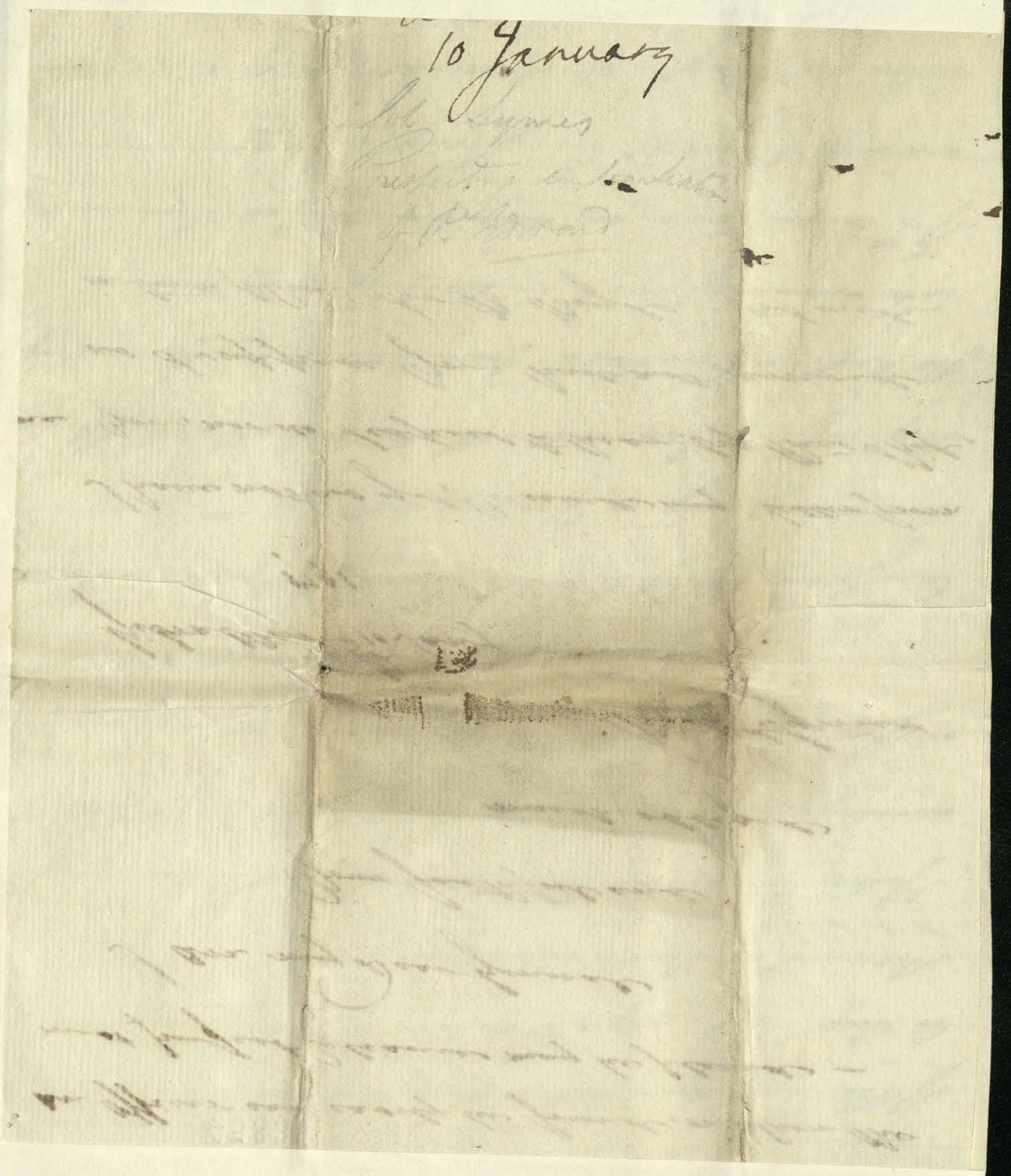
I have not as yet, received any letter from you, nor do I expect to hear by this Ship, as I suppose you had not arrived in town, when Sir R. Boyle set out



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Sir Haynes
Relative to Lady
Conyngham

Lt. Col. R. Symes to Mr. Gen. R. Grenville

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Many thanks to you my good friend, for your kind letter of the 26th Decr. the attention you have always shown, to every circumstance, in which I have been concerned, and the zeal with which you have on all occasions, endeavored to serve me — I feel with pride — and shall remember with gratitude — But you know, that the perfect reliance I have ever had, on those principles of honor, and integrity — which have so strongly distinguished your conduct were the only inducements, which could have led me, to embark on a mission of such anxiety, and difficulty, as you invited me to undertake —

You have ever proved, so — strongly interested, in the success of the person

you thought deserving — that I can with truth
assure You, I have been more highly gratified —
by the favorable Accounts, I have been enabled
to send You of Prince Edward, than by the
information, you have been so kind as to convey,
of any Advantage to accrue to myself —

If the Zeal with which I have
endeavoured to promote, the Kings wishes —
with respect to his Son, has not been thought
unsuccessful, I shall think myself fortunate —
I only request, that no decision may be made
with respect to Prince Edwards future —
situation, or mine, in consequence of my not
being able to accompany him to Canada —
until You hear from Genl Boyd, and see

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Lord Ossaran — which Gone probably will shortly after the receipt of this letter —

The Appointment which His Majesty has been so good as to order — I am perfectly satisfied with — and hope, that my Profession, on which I have some claim, may be in future, the means of opening the Prince, of which at present, I am the occasion —

The Debt contracted by Prince Edward, on his coming here, is £2600 — which I have not been able to reduce — all I could effect was to prevent its increase —

This sum I hope, I shall be — authorised

to pay, as his Conduct is such, as to merit the
Assistance, of which he now stands in Need —
Sir that, that he may not be obliged, to leave the
first British Garrison, in which he has served
with so much credit under the most fying, and
Disgraceful circumstance, of leaving his debts
unpaid — Whatever may be resolved, as to the
future Regulation of his finances — however
it may be thought Necessary, to withhold, or
increase of Income — Encourage it prevail,
and let him feel the good Effects of having
Done well — which will be the surest means
of inducing him, to embrace the Practice.

I am my Dear General,
Most truly, Your faithful
and much Obliged
Rich.d Lemon

Gibraltar
20th Jany 1791

Draft of a letter from Prince Leopold

Sir

I could not suffer Lord Ossulston, to leave us, without embracing, so favorable an opportunity, of writing to your Majesty; at the same time, I think myself in duty bound to inform you, that ever since, I have had the honor of being under his command — If my conduct, has merited your approbation; I am indebted, for it, to his attention and advice, upon every occasion, in which my own inexperience, might have been the cause, of my acting improperly.

I hope your Majesty will not consider it, as presumptuous in me, when I mention, that I believe, hardly any Officer who has done his duty

with the Zeal, and Activity of General Ochterlony will be more sincerely, and generally regretted, on his departure —

Lt Col: Symes has requested me, to inform your Majesty, in the most dutiful & respectful manner, that some Family Affairs, will unavoidably require his presence in Ireland towards the ensuing Spring —

This shall certainly be a most material loss — by his not remaining with me — I am not selfish enough — to wish to detain him — where his own Affairs would suffer so materially by his absence — However if your Majesty graciously indulges me, with the removal of my Chief in the Spring to Canada — he has promised at my particular

Request, if it meets with your Approbation, and that he can possibly arrange his Affairs to return to me there in the Fall —

The very great assistance he has given me, and the very marked liberality of principles, which have guided all his actions, — merit more grateful Acknowledgements from me, than I can find words to express — I hope your Majesty will not forget his Services — and I beg of you to consider, that any Mark of your Approbation — conferred on him, I shall consider as very flattering to me —

Gibraltar 23d Jany 1791

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Duke Edward
January 24. 1791

Gibraltar. January: 24th: 1791

Sir,

I could not suffer General O'Hara to leave us without embracing so favorable an opportunity of writing to your Majesty. At the same time I think myself in duty bound to inform you, that ever since I have had the Honor of being under his command, if my conduct has merited your approbation, I am indebted for this, to his attention, & his advice, upon every occasion, in which my own inexperience might have been the cause of my acting improperly. I hope Your

Majesty will not consider it, as presumption in me, when I mention that I believe hardly ever any Officer who has done his Duty, with such zeal and activity as General O'Harra has done his, could be more universally, and generally regretted on his Departure, than he will be.

Lieutenant Colonel Symes has requested me to inform your Majesty in the most dutiful, and respectful manner, that some family affairs of the most material consequence to him, require unavoidably his presence in Ireland, towards the ensuing Spring: Though certainly I shall be a most material loser by his not remaining with me, I am not selfish enough to wish to detain him, when his Affairs would suffer so considerably, as they are likely to do by his Absence. However, if

your Majesty graciously indulges me with the removal of my Regiment in the Spring to Canada, he has promised, at my particular request, if it meets with your approbation, and he can possibly arrange his affairs by that time, to return to me there in the fall. The very great assistance he has given me, and the very marked liberality of principles, which have guided all his actions to me, merit more grateful acknowledgments from me, than I can find words to express. I hope, Your Ma=jesty will not forget his services, and I beg of you to consider, that any mark of your approbation conferred on him, I shall consider, as very flattering to me.

If you should in consequence of Colonel Symes's absence, judge it necessary to appoint any other Officer to attend me in his room,

I venture to submit to your consideration, two officers, who to the best of my knowledge, are both respected and esteem'd by all who know them. The one has the Honor of being one of your Majesty's attendants, Colonel Greville, your Equery; the other is Major Villettes of the 12th Regt. of Light Dragoons now Aid de Camp to General Pitt. Should you be pleased to approve of one of these two officers, it would be very flattering to me: Before I conclude, may I presume to recommend to Your Majesty's favor, and protection, when a proper occasion may present itself, Capt.n Green, who was so many years in my family: I should not venture to do this, if I did not know him to be equally respectable, as a man & as an officer. I have the honor to be with the most dutiful respect, Your Majesty's most dutiful son and most devoted Servant

Edward

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The Duke of Kent
Jan.y 24.th 1791.

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Gibraltar January 24: 1791

Dear Brother,

I have many thanks to return you, for the kind message, you were so good as to send me by Capt.n Elphinstone. Though I might have answered it, a few days sooner by post, I preferred sending you this by General O'Hara, who will probably have the honor of presenting it to you himself. With respect to him, excepting one unfortunate momentary affair, which passed between him, and me, but which a very full, and generous apology, on his side wiped away entirely, I have every reason to express my very warmest acknowledgments, for his manner of acting towards me, the

whole Time, I was under his command. I only wish he may be as well satisfied with me, as I have every reason to be with him, and I wish you would repeat to him, when you see him in England, what I have already told him here, how grateful I felt for his liberal & generous conduct to me.

Now with respect to myself, though by dint of living literally a life of abstinence, I have been able, not only to do my own duty without ever once missing any part of it, but also, that of the other colonels in the Garrison, when by sickness, they were prevented from doing it themselves, I have suffered so much from violent bilious attacks, ever since I have been here, that I found it necessary, to take the opinions of the medical people on that subject. As they all agreed that

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this climate was extremely prejudicial to my health, and that particularly by my remaining here the six hot months, very serious consequences might attend it; I found myself under the necessity of petitioning the King for a removal. I then wrote on the 13th of December, that letter, of which Elphinstone sent you a copy. I was at that time ignorant of your kind intentions to me, which Elphinstone communicated to me, & the cold reception, which I met with when in England, at the Queen's house, did not give me any hopes, even that the idea should once enter their heads, of wishing me to return to England.

I now wait with anxious impatience, to know what will be determined upon; at any rate from here I must go. Of course my inclination must guide me to prefer above all, the plan you

struck out for me, but I doubt, a scent being given to any plan that brings me home. — The greatest pains shall be taken to procure you a horse, agreeable to the directions, you sent me by Sir John Dyer; I shall try in Barbary, and I shall try in Spain, and between the two, it will go very hard with us if we do not succeed. I wrote this last post, to Sir J. Dyer and in my letter gave him a commission for the Duke of York, which I shall repeat in one I this day write to the Duke myself. I wish you would be so good as to speak to him also on the same subject. Sir J. Dyer will acquaint you with it, and therefore I will not trouble you by repeating it in this letter. I hope to hear from you soon, in the mean while believe me ever to be, Your most truly affectionate Brother & most devoted friend.

Edward.

Lt. Col. R. Symes to Ma. Gen. R. Grenville

My Dear General

I wrote to you by the last Post from hence; in answer, to your kind letter, of the 26th Decr. The time which had intervened between this, and your preceding letter, was no more than sufficient from the Season, your situation, and no change of circumstances, have occurred with you, to render a communication necessary — and anything otherwise full or pleasant have been conveyed, I will know you would not have left me in suspence

The same Motives, keep me equally silent, and as I saw, it would require time, before any Efforts of mine, could operate — I resolved not to persecute you, with a diary of occurrences,

or take up your time, with a Relation, how the
Plan, which failed to day, was to morrow to be
carried into execution — the Middle Saddle
Sabominable and will never detail —
If anything useful could be done, time and
patience are necessary to effect it — and as
I told Your Majesty Determination, to give this
Business a fair Trial, and either Report my
good or bad Success — until I had Matter
to communicate I thought not to write —
You are already in possession, by my letters of
the 28th of last Novr and 8th Decr of what had
occurred there for the four preceding Months —
and my Opinion, as to that disposition, likely
in future to prove most advantageous, to
the Prince — it is the Results of as constant
Observation

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in the Conduct, and Disposition of His R. Highness as I am capable of — his Talents and Temper will admit of cultivation — and where he shows so strongly a disposition to play with the filly, by which he has been hitherto attracted — Allowances must be made, and encouragement held out —

Lord Adams embarked yesterday but the wind failed — the Ship is now under way — with a Breeze likely to carry her thro' the Gut — The Sea Sick Spirit prevails, in England — That the Quarrels, with all the approach, and presume to differ in opinion with him — has been industriously circulated in order to give a colour, to his not succeeding Sir R. Boyle — On this I have said, what I think — and the science regard — with which all Ranks have seen his departure, will

not easily induce me to change it —

Prince Edward has written by Him to the King and to his Brothers, in a manner, that does honor to Both — The kind expressions, which his Highness has been so good as to use in mentioning me — I feel more sensibly and am the more flattered — from having in all things, acted — with the most perfect unanimity of opinion — with Me, who deservedly stands so high — for his Talents, Integrity and Zeal, as Your friend & Servant —

From the Prince's letter to the King, he has had the goodness to promise me to take the Extract which accompanies this — Believe me Dear Sir most truly and faithfully

Your gratefully obliged

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Gibraltar
4th Jany 1791

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Gibraltar: Feb. 10. 1791.

Sir,

Having received yesterday a Letter from Sir Wm. Fawcett, informing me of Your Majesty's gracious acquiescence, with the request I made you in my letter of December 13th: I think it my Duty to lose not a moment in returning you my warmest Thanks for this gracious mark of your condescension.

I trust my conduct, since I have been in this garrison will convince your Majesty, that I have nothing more at heart, than to merit your good opinion, and your favour, by the strictest attention to my duty, as an officer, and to my conduct, as a man. I shall persevere with redoubled zeal, buoyed up with the flattering hope that, the present gracious proof of your favor, is a tacit sign of your satisfaction with my humble endeavours. I hope Your Majesty will not think it too much presumption in me if I join to my own offer of thanks on this occasion, those of the whole of the Regiment, I have the honor to command. I shall add nothing more on this subject, but that I regret the

not finding words sufficient to express, what I feel for Your Majesty's goodness to me, and my Regiment on this occasion.

Begging your Majesty to prevent my most humble, and dutiful respects to the Queen, and my most affectionate love to my Sisters, I have the honor to subscribe myself, Your Majesty's, most affectionate son,

and most dutiful Servant.

Edward.

Prince Edward

10th February 1791

Lt. Col. R. Symes to Mr. Gen. R. Grenville

My Dear General

Since Hastante, I have nothing in point of information to communicate — the opinion I have given, as to the propriety of paying the Prince's debts here, I am happy to find, coincides with that of Sir Robt Boyd, who informs me, that he expressed himself fully, on that head, to Sir William Fawcett — I therefore hope, that he will not be compelled, to leave this place under the disgraceful circumstances of flying

from his creditors, and carrying away their Property in Furniture, equally necessary for him in Canada, as here, and almost know, it is equally dear —

I therefore propose, that every Article of Furniture, likely to be there useful, shall embark with him — but to effect this, with either propriety, or justice we must first pay for it —

By this, and other premature, as well as unnecessary Expences, the time requisite for the Prince, to live on a small income, will necessarily be prolonged — and he feel it Irksome so to do, the fault being his own, he will have no Right to

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complain — which he certainly will, if no —
encouragement is given, for present good conduct,
or Oblivion for past follies —

Adieu my Dear General

Believe me most

Truly and faithfully

Yours

Richd Symes

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re-iterates request
to pay Debt &c

Prince Edward
March 10. 1791

Gibraltar. March 10th 1791.

Sir,

Having been informed yesterday by Colonel Syme of the gracious manner in which you had condescended to order that my music, my books, and papers, which I had left at Geneva, should be sent to me, I think it my Duty, not to lose one moment, in assuring you, how grateful I feel for this fresh proof of your goodness to me. I hope you will not look upon it

as too much presumption in me, if I embrace this occasion to express an earnest wish of being honored with a line from your Majesty's own hand, before I embark for America. Your Majesty cannot doubt that, as the motive, which guides all my actions is the wish of meriting Your approbation, my satisfaction will be doubled, by knowing from yourself, that I have succeeded in my endeavours to deserve your good opinion.

I have the honor to be,

Your Majesty's

most affectionate son,
& most dutiful, and obedient servant

Edward

Lt. Col. R. Symes to Ma. Gen R. Grenville

Many thanks to you, my Dear General, for your kind letter of the 6th July, which arrived by the post of yesterday — I am much indebted to you for having had the goodness, to interest yourself in favor of my Brother — and have requested — Hopear, to communicate to you, some information concerning him, from India — I wish you to be acquainted — that however ineffectual, the joint endeavours of myself and friends have hitherto been — to procure him Advancement — that he is not undeserving the Protection I requested for him —

Removed from a situation — where I could with ease, have raised a company for him — and in which Promotion, I see a Lt of his

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included — I did not expect, so many difficulties would occur — when serving with distinction on the Spt — in giving an Efficient, in the Loss of a non Effective Officer — too long, no doubt — a brother on active — the Objection is fair, as to the Corps — but never occurred when I was to be appreciated — to make room, for the least deserving Subject — brought forward, even by — D. Cambridge — on the ground you have stated — I cannot the Request I made, and which you had the goodness to propose — but when I see, Rather from the Regts which compose this Garrison, Boys — who never, even joined their Regts — to fast at the head of Companies — and that I am precluded from procuring similar Rank — for me, I hope of a different discription — the very kind Intention, there may be, to Some one — at the War Office, or at any other — I am yet to experience — and must

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only give credit to such Professions, when I feel their Effects —

I have written today, to Colonel Wangenheim, to request, that he will have Prince Edwards, Books, Music &c. &c. ready to send to London — addressed to Lord Grenville — as soon as he shall receive instructions from His Majesty for that Purpose —

Prince Edward, writes also by this Post, to the King, to thank his Majesty, for his goodness, in complying with the Request of his Royal Highness — and furnishing him, with a Supply — which in Canada, will be so great a Resource —

Should his Majesty think proper to have the Accounts of his Royal Highness

left —

by one, is the Case of an Officer, who will accompany his R: Highness to Canada — I beg to mention — the Capt. of his own Regt. whose name is Cliffe — an Officer, who served the whole of the last war, in America, with Zeal, activity, and Reputation — towards the latter part of it he was Major of Brigade — to Major Genl. Clarke, now in Canada — when doing the Duty of Brigadier General — and it is he is no less to be Celebrated, for his Integrity, than his Intelligence ——— I mention him also as a light equally necessary, that of being perfectly acceptable to the Prince — who has already honoured him, by the distinction, of selecting him — to compose a part of the Society, in which his R: H: chooses to live, and to have constantly at his Table

The very handsome promises made for conveying his R: H: with his Regt from hence

gives him much pleasure, and will reconcile
his Regt. to so frequent a change of Quarters, as
his dest. is well as each Div., and Them, to
convey from hence, shd. ever will be useful
in that Country —

Adieu my Dear General
Believe me ever truly and faithfully
Yours —

Rdymes

Lieut. Genl. Simcoe
1791 —

March 4th 1848

Col Lyons compl.
of the non promotion
of his brother of the
Prince Ds de Flandre
at usual allowance for
conveying him to Canada

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My Dear General

Your letters of the 21st and 26th of Feby, by the Packet have just reached me, a Paragraph in the first, I own gives me the utmost concern, in which you say — As regards the debt contracted at Gibraltar, I see it, in the same light, that you do — and wish most sincerely, that it may be discharged — I cannot however take it upon me, to speak to the King upon it — but should advise H. R. H. to write a very strong letter, to his Majesty, to request his assistance, in this particular instance — the Prince desires me, to thank you, for the advice, and the friendly motive from whence it — originated

inclosed you have his letter to the King, which he
requests you will present — and hopes that an answer
to his request, will not be delayed —

I shall ever esteem it a misfortune, whenever
circumstances occur, where I am concerned that may
be unpleasant, to communicate — and should least
wish to incur Your, in a task, I too well know, to be
ungrateful — there are Situations, in which, such
truths are necessary to be told — and from which
I never wish to screen myself — at the expense of my
friends — What I have thought it, my indispensable
Duty to say, on this Subject — formerly, and since —
respected, in my letter of the 28th of last Month — has
I hope been laid before the King — if not before —
at least when my last letter will have reached
You — To remove any reluctance you may
have, to make this Subject of conversation with

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his Majesty — I accompany this, with a letter of the same Date — on purpose to be laid before him — If Truths like these, are not to be told, or when fully represented, are not attended to — our Exertions however Jealous, must be unavailing — nor can we, by the most unremitting Attention, promote the Interests, or avert Mischief — after those, who are principally concerned, will not see it —

Sir Robert Boyd desires, to be particularly remembered to you — he is perfectly well

Adieu my dear General! Believe me to be most faithfully

Yours

R Symes

Gibraltar — 21st March 1795

21st March 1842

John Jodrell Esq

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(see 45794)

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My dear General.

The Sulphur Frigate is just arrived, — and I find with extreme concern, that when you write, no Steps had been taken, to enable Prince Edward, to leave this Garrison, with that Credit, which his general Conduct here, has justly caused him to acquire.

I have already so fully explained, the cause, and the Manner, in which the debt here, was contracted — in my letter of the 28th July, and stated the reasons, why did, it in this Instance necessary — that a Repetition cannot now be wanting, to shew, of what — Importance —

the Division is likely to be, to the present, as well as future Prospects of his R. Highness —

To make the Prince answerable, for the Money he has profusely spent — is indisputably just; but it will be surely Right, as well as liberal, to grant that assistance of which he now stands in need — and so strongly solicits, considering it only, as so much advanced, and to be deducted out of the Allowance, which I presume his Majesty, will grant his Royal Highness, at the same age, as he did, to the Dukes of York, and Clarence — which Prince Edward will this year attain —

The difficulties into which, his — inexperience has involved him, and from whence, he can only expect to extricate himself, by appropriating the larger part of his income, will require

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time, and perseverance. of this, his R. Highness, is perfectly sensible, and I have no doubt, that he will usefully practise, that Lesson, which coming here, has taught him.

I wish that you, to represent this, to his Majesty, without delay, and state, the consequence it will be of, to the character of this Son, to leave that place, out of Debt, where, in other respects, he has conducted himself so well — and that he will be indebted, to the kind, and kind interposition, of a Father, to deliver him from difficulties, to avoid — which, in future, he must depend upon himself only —

I am
my dear General
most truly and faithfully
Yours
R Symes

Gibraltar 28
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My Dear General

By the Ships which are to carry Prince Edward, and his Regt to Canada, I have had the pleasure of receiving your letter of the 22d March, and was in hopes, of having heard from you at a later Period, in Answer to my letter, of the 21st March relating to the State, of the Princes Affairs here, — and to be informed, whether his Majesty thought proper to comply, with the Princes request, in assisting him to pay his debts;

and thereby enabling his Royal Highness, to take with him, to Canada, his Furniture, and other necessaries, equally useful to him there, as they have been here —

Not having received any information whatever, on that head, I conclude — that the Request of his Royal Highness to his Majesty, has not met with his approbation — we have therefore, had no other means, to satisfy his Creditors — than that of disposing of his Furniture, and Effects — and to leave his Plate as Security, for the Payment, of what the Sale, is not expected to liquidate —

This Arrangement has —

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Royal Highness has particularly desired to be made — and, to enable him to carry it into effect, he will embark for Canada on Saturday with three Servants, having discharged the remainder —

To enable him to pay the sum he is here in debt — in as short a time as possible, his R: Highness has appointed the larger part of his present Income for that purpose a resolution, which I am strongly induced to hope he will adhere to — from his having taken the only step, in reducing his expences by which it is possible to carry it into execution —

I shall leave this as soon

after his Royal Highness embarks, as the sale of his effects and arrangement in consequence to the place, can be effected.

Believe me Dear General

most truly

and faithfully

Yours

Gibraltar May

R Lyons

Col Lyons
stating the Prince
having left his Plate &c
as security for debts
at Gibraltar & his
only embarkt. for Canada.