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Quebec Jan: 4th 1794.

Dearest George

I take the earliest opportunity that has offered since the arrival of the October mail by which I received from Lord Amherst the notification of my appointment to the rank of Major General, and of my being put on the staff of the army under Sir Charles Grey in the West Indies, to return you my most hearty thanks for the very friendly manner in which you have exerted yourself to promote my wishes of going

on actual Service. I am particularly happy in thinking that I have to thank you in great measure for the success of my application to the King, and although it would have been more consonant to my wishes, to have been employed in Europe, I am perfectly reconciled to my destination, the moment I understand that you are better pleased with my serving in the West Indies than in Flanders. As our Campaign is likely to be over in the month of July, before the Hurricanes set in. I hope you will take an opportunity of reminding his Majesty how anxious I am not to be left in a state of inactivity, but to be removed to some situation where I may continue to be actively employed. You will probably be acquainted that Lord Amherst has

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communicated to me from the King that there was a possibility of my being ordered to the South of France when the West India Campaign closes. I mention this only, in case you should chuse to make use of it as an opening to remind His Majesty in due time, if you judge it expedient. In the mean while I shall ever retain the most grateful sense of your remembrance of me and of your exertions in my behalf.

I am under the necessity of going by way of Boston, every other route, but through the United states being absolutely impracticable, at this advanced season of the year; it would have shortened the distance of my journey very considerably, had I gone by way of New York, but Lord Amherst, having signified to Lord

Dorchester, His Majesty's disapprobation of my going that way, that of course precludes my taking that route. The very moment that the roads are passable I shall set off, which I imagine will be about the 19th or 20th in which case if, as I expect, I am fortunate enough to meet the Hussar frigate at Boston, I may reckon on being at Barbadoes, in five weeks from the present time. Now, I shall conclude, hoping that, when you can spare a moment you will give me a line: until then I trust you will be convinced that I shall ever have the greatest pride, in proving myself to be

Your most affectionate brother
and most devoted Friend
Edward.

The Duke of Kent
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Prince Edward
5th January 1794

Quebec Jan.y 5. 1794

Sir

Permit me to offer to your Majesty the assurance of my warmest gratitude, for the high honour you have conferred upon me in promoting me to the rank of Major General, and more particularly for the very great favor which you have condescended to shew me by appointing me to the staff of the army in the West Indies under Sir Charles Grey. You may trust, Sir, that I shall exert my utmost en-

deavours to merit this mark of your protection, and ever strive by paying unremitted attention to every part of my duty to prove that the heigth of my ambition is to deserve the continuation of your goodness to me.

I received your Majesty's command on the 24th of December by the hands of Lord Amherst, and shall proceed for my destination, the very instant I am informed the route to be any ways practicable. It is the opinion of those persons who are acquainted with the nature of the journey, that with every exertion that can be made at this advanced season of the year, it will be but barely possible for me to reach

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Submitting humbly this request to your gracious consideration, and trusting you are fully convinced that I shall with equal chearfulness repair to any post in which you may be pleased to command my services, I have the honor to subscribe myself Your Majesty's,

Most dutiful, most affectionate Son
and most devoted Servant.

Edward

May I request that your Majesty will present my humble duty to the Queen, and most affectionate love to my sisters.

His Roy. High. Prince Edward requests that Lord Amherst will have the goodness to present the Inclosed Letter to the King.

La Coste Camp, 8th March 94.

Prince Edward to Ld Amherst.

Martinique, 8th March 94

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Prince Edward
8th March 1794

Martinico, Camp at La Coste
March 8: 1794.

Sir,

I take the liberty of informing Your Majesty that I arrived here on the 4th of this month being forty one days only from Quebec. Being obliged to cross Lake Champlain, and consequently to wait till the Ice had taken, I was unable to set out till the 22 of January. I am at this moment commanding Your Majesty's troops, at the camp at la coste before Fort Bourbon. The Batteries were opened upon that Post yesterday morning at break of day, and I flatter myself that Your Majesty will not be very long, before you

will receive the pleasing intelligence of Martinico being your own. ——

I must request that Your Majesty will have the goodness to prevent my humble Duty to the Queen, and my most affectionate love to my sisters.

I have the honor to subscribe myself, in the most respectful manner,

Your most affectionate Son
and most dutiful Servant
Edward.

Prince Edward
25th March 1794

Fort Edward, (late Fort Royal)
March 25. 1794.

Sir,

Permit me to take the earliest opportunity of congratulating Your Majesty on the entire submission of the Island of Martinico to your arms. I look upon myself as peculiarly fortunate in having been able to reach this, before the trenches opened on Fort George (late Fort Bourbon) the principal Fortress of this country, having thus been able to follow the progress of the siege from the very commencement of the first battery.

I beg to repeat to Your Majesty the assurance of my warmest gratitude for the high honor conferred by you upon me, in appointing me

to a command in the army under Sir Charles Grey — I was fortunate enough to be named by the Commander in chief to take possession on the 23, at the head of the Grenadiers, which brigade I am posted to, of the Gates of the Fortress, and I am at this moment returned from attending the Ceremony of the French Garrison laying down their arms, and their embarkation in Consequence.

With the most fervent wishes for Your Majesty's welfare, and happiness, and the success of your arms, wherever they may go, I have the honor to subscribe myself with the greatest respect,

Your Majesty's

Most dutiful, and affectionate Son

and most devoted Servant

Edward.

Guadeloupe. April 23: 1794

Sir,

The Campaign being concluded for this season, with the capture of the Islands of Martinique, St Lucie, and Guadeloupe, I beg to take the earliest opportunity of congratulating Your Majesty, on its having been throughout so successful, and so glorious.

In obedience to Your commands, signified to me by Lord Amherst, the active service ceasing here for the present, I shall proceed immediately on my return to Canada, but propose first putting into Halifax, and there remaining, till the arrival of the May Packet, in hopes of being honoured with your Majesty's orders, relative to the application, which I took the liberty of making to you through the Commander in chief, for the removal

of myself, and Regiment to Nova Scotia, in case it should be your pleasure for me to remain longer in North America. I think it my Duty at the same time to mention, that if another campaign is commenced in the Autumn, in the West Indies, under the command of Sir Charles Grey, on receiving information from him to that effect, I intend, unless I receive your orders to the contrary, rejoining the army in this part of the World, at that period, conceiving that by so doing, I shall perfectly meet your wishes.

May I hope, after that Sir, that You will have the goodness to allow me to return to England? At the same time, should there be no fresh campaign to be commenced in the fall of the year, I now presume to request your permission to return home this autumn, if after an absence of nine years, and an half from England, and the utmost exertions in the line of my profession since the moment of my arrival at Gibraltar in February 1790, You should

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Your Majesty will permit me to request permission to offer through you, my humble Duty to the Queen, and at the same time, the assurance of my most affectionate love to my sisters; and I now have the honor to subscribe myself with the greatest respect,

Your Majesty's most dutiful
and affectionate Son, and most
devoted Servant.

Edward

Prince Edward
Aug 23. 1794

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Halifax January 7th 1795

Dearest George,

Having received from William, the very pleasing information of your intended marriage with the Princess of Brunswic, I seize the very first opportunity which has offered since I received the news, of offering you my most affectionate congratulations on this most fortunate event.

Captain Vesey of the 60th Regiment, the bearer of this Letter is my Aid-de-Camp, whom I beg to recommend in the most particular manner to your kind notice. He will give you the most ample information of the business on which I have sent him home; and as the success of it most materially concerns

his interest, and that of Major Wetherall, both of which I am equally anxious to forward. I must particularly recommend both them, and their business to your protection.

Allow me, dearest George, to seize this opportunity to beg your strenuous exertions, in my favour, to obtain His Majesty's consent for my immediate return home. I look to you, and to you alone for the accomplishment of this much desired object. Captain Percy will explain to you more fully my sentiments on this subject, as I do not wish to impose on you the task of reading a long letter, when I am sure you must have other business to do, than to attend to my nonsense.

I shall therefore now immediately conclude with best and truest wishes for your welfare and happiness, hoping that I shall ever prove myself to be, what I do from the bottom of my heart subscribe myself

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the most affectionate of your brothers
and devoted of Your Friends
Edward

The Duke of Kent
Sandy 7 May 1793

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The Duke of Kent
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Halifax January 20th 1795.

Dearest George,

Since I closed my Letter of the 7th I have received one from Lord Dorchester at Quebec, informing me of his having resigned, which circumstance induces me to trouble you with a few more lines. As I am extremely apprehensive that there is but too great a possibility of even your application for my return being negatived, you will conceive it but natural for me to wish to provide for that, should it unfortunately turn out so; and that in that event, to be at the head of my profession while I do remain in America, must be an object of the greatest moment to me. You must be the best Judge, whether five years of constant and unremitting duty, abroad in

the British Service, whereof three and an half in North America, and the remainder at Gibraltar, exclusive of a year and an half in the Hannoverian, or of the West India campaign, do or do not give me the first claim, to solliciet the appointment of Commander in chief in British America, which now falls vacant by the resignation of Lord Dorchester, when I find myself at the very moment, and have been for a long time past, the officer next in seniority of rank to his Lordship, within the whole of his command. Should you be of Opinion, if you find yourself unsuccessful, in your endeavours to bring about my return, that my pretensions to this Post are just, and prior to those of any other person, I most earnestly solliciet you, / as the greatest of all favors you can confer on me, that you will request his Majesty to be so gracious as to honor me with promotion to the rank of Lieut.t General, and with Lord Dorchester's commission as commander in chief of the

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chief of His forces in British America, to which is invariably added (I believe) the local rank of General in America. With this feather in my cap, which is the first in my profession in this part of the world, I shall be able more cheerfully to bear with a continuation of my Banishment, if such should be still destined for me; and to owe this mark of His Majesty's goodness to me, to your friendship, and exertions in my behalf will greatly enhance the value of the favor. I am the more particular in making my present application, as I have been informed, that it has long been intended that the posts of Commander in chief, and of civil Governor General should be separated; for if I conceived that it were still intended that the same person should hold both, I never should think of applying for the situation, as the work would be far too arduous for my abilities.

I know, it would be the heigth of the ambition

of Governor Wentworth to be named to the Post of Governor general, should the separation of the two situations take place, indeed a more zealous, deserving, and useful Servant, His Majesty does not possess. His appointment would be particularly agreeable to me, as I am convinced from our mutual knowledge of each other, since I have been in the command here, that we should perfectly harmonize together, by which the public service would be much benefitted.

I have thought it necessary out of compliment to Lord Amherst, through whom I have been in the constant custom of addressing all sollicitations to the King on military matters to mention this subject in my letter to him; but I have particularly enjoined him, not to take a single step in the business untill he shall have taken Your Commands.

You must excuse the trouble I give You of reading so much stuff, but as I have before said, I am

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too deeply interested in this business, if I am to remain abroad not to run the risk of trespassing a moment on your patience, when I rely on your friendship to plead my excuse.

Now, it is high time to conclude with saying, what I trust you will ever be convinced of the truth of, that I am, and ever shall remain

The most affectionate of your brothers and devoted of your friends

Edward

Prince Edward
Rec.d 7th Dec.r 1795

Halifax Dec.r 27th 1795

Sir

Having learnt from the public papers which arrived by the last Packet from England, the most unheard of attack that was made upon Your Majesty's person, on the day of the opening of Parliament, I could not suffer the mail to de= =part for England, without embracing the opportunity of offering my humble tribute of congratulation on Your providential escape. Amongst the number of your children, who will naturally vie with each other in expressing their sentiments of attach=

=ment on this truly awful occasion I trust Your Majesty's justice will not permit you to overlook those of a son, three thousand miles distant from you, the communication of whose feelings could alone be delayed by the circumstances of his situation. Others may perhaps possess the talent of expressing what they felt at that critical instant, in language more eloquent, and more nervous than mine, but I defy any man on earth to have experienced sentiments more acute, than I did, on first being apprized of those alarming tidings. I know that Your Majesty has the most utter contempt for compli-ments of every kind; if therefore I could one moment con=ceive that you would look upon these lines in that light, I would this instant commit them to the flames, and pro=

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=ceed no further; but confident that you have too much justice, thus to construe the professions of devoted attachment of one of your sons, I flatter myself that this humble attempt to join in the general joy at the auspicious interference of Providence will be graciously received by you.

Before I can presume to introduce any other subject in this letter, I must sollicit Your Majesty's forgiveness for so doing, but as it is for the sole purpose of humbly asking permission to throw myself at Your feet, and to embrace my Brothers and sis=ters, after eleven years absence from home which will be completed next May, I cannot but feel confident, that you will not be offended.

With every sentiment of the most devoted loyalty, and attachment to Your Person, and with the most fervent wishes for your uninterrupted welfare, and happiness, I have the honor most respectfully to subscribe myself

Your Majestys
most affectionate Son
and most faithful Servant
Edward

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Halifax. April 23. 1796.

Sir,

Having just received from the Duke of York, by the February mail, a letter acquainting me, with Your Majesty's gracious goodness to me, in promoting me to the rank of Lieutenant General, I seize the first moment to offer you my humble thanks, for so distinguished an honor. The summit of my ambition has always been, both in the line of my profession

and in my general conduct to merit your approbation. That my zealous efforts have not failed of success, this signal mark of your favor now permits me to hope. No=thing therefore is now wanting to complete the happiness which I experience from this hope, but the permission to throw myself at Your Majesty's feet, that I may there learn from your own mouth, that you have condescend=ed to restore me to that place in your good opinion, which I was so unfortunate as to forfeit by my imprudent conduct, when at Hannover, and Geneva. For this permission, Sir, allow me now to petition you. Eleven years are now nearly elapsed, since I first quitted the pa=rental roof, in all which time, I have been but once per=mitted to come into your presence. Actuated by an=

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=timents of the tricest attachment to your person, and by the most earnest wish to see you, I feel confident, that if Your Majesty will not condescend to grant my request, you will not be offended with me for having made it, or for having ventured to remind you of the length of my absence; nay, if I might presume to go still further, I would add, I almost flatter myself that you will lend a favorable ear to my humble sollicitation.

It now remains for me only to add that every hour of my life shall be devoted to prove to Your Majesty, that I am not unworthy of the happiness of being permitted to subscribe myself

Your most dutiful, and most affectionate son, and most devoted, and faithful servant

Edward

Duke of Kent
April 23d 1796

Prince Edward to Maj. Gen. Philip Goldsworthy

Halifax 9th July 1797

Dear Sir

I trust you will excuse my troubling you with these lines, although I have not been in the habit of corresponding with you of late years; as the subject of them relates to a young man, in whose welfare I believe you are interested, from his being honoured with His Majesty's protection. The person I allude to, is Lieut Harris of my Regt: the son of Mrs Harris, the Nurse of my late Brother Octavius. I understand His Majesty has been

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graciously pleased to make him an allowance of fifty pounds per annum; this, previous to the war, would certainly have been a most adequate provision, & indeed it would be so now, for any Subaltern Officer, who had the discretion & judgement which is only obtained by experience: but with Mr Harris, who is very young; who proves very fast, & who both from that circumstance, & a little carelessness natural to youth, destroys twice as much clothing as an old Officer would, the sum is not adequate to keep him from running behind hand. as his conduct has been extremely proper, & he discharges every point of duty with great correctness,

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Prince Edward to Maj. Gen. Philip Goldsworthy

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that if His Majesty was informed
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him an addition to his allowance, should that be found absolutely necessary for him to appear creditably.

I am happy in having this opportunity of assuring you of my sincere friendship & regard, & of requesting you to offer my very best compliments & remembrances to your Sister.

I shall now conclude

Subscribing myself

Your very devoted

Obedt. humble Servt.

Edward

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The Duke of Kent to Lyne Goldsworthy. July 9. 1791

Ma: General Goldsworthy

Halifax September 25th 1797

Sir

May I presume to intrude a moment upon Your Majesty's patience by addressing you these lines, a most favorable opportunity being afforded me by the departure of Lieutenant Colonel Wetherall for England this day. I trust your Majesty does me the justice to believe that if I do not write oftener, the apprehension alone of being troublesome, when your mind must be wholly taken up by affairs of the highest moment, is the cause of my silence. I have often the happiness to hear from those who

are fortunate enough to approach your person, that your health and spirits never were better. Pleased and satisfied to the highest degree by these flattering accounts, I rest contented with the reflection, that although it is your pleasure I should not be an eye witness at present of these happy circumstances, I am not debarred, even at this distance from you, from joining in the general, and fervent prayers offered by the whole of your children for the preservation of your days, and that you may long enjoy every blessing this life can bestow. I trust the time is not far distant, when I shall be permitted once more to approach you; believe me, Sir, although a thousand reasons must unite to make me most ardently look forward, to the happy day, when I shall have

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Having mentioned in the commencement of this letter

Lieut.t Colonel Wetherall as the person who will be the bearer of this letter to England, I hope your Majesty will permit me to inform you that this officer was taken prisoner in February 96, when on his passage with dis=patches from St. Domingo to Martinique and that he was afterwards detained until the month of November following in the Dungeons of Guadaloupe, during which time he experienced every species of cruelty and oppression from Victor Hugues. As I hope he will have the honor of kissing your hand, I thought you might perhaps wish to be acquainted with this circumstance: the last time he was presented to Your Majesty he was just recovered from the wounds he received at Fort Bourbon, during the siege of which

he attended me as my aid de camp. Should you condescend to honor this gallant old officer with your notice you may be assured that you could not find a more deserving or faithful servant.

Permit me now Sir, to offer through you, my humble duty to the Queen, and to subscribe myself with the most profound respect

Your Majesty's

Most devoted Servant

and most affectionate Son

Edward

Duke of Kent

September 25. 1797

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Duke of Kent
November 19. 1797

Halifax Nov.r 19th 1797.

Sir,

The last mail for the season, being ordered to be made up on tomorrow, I thought it my duty not to omit this opportunity of offering Your Majesty my most grateful thanks for your goodness in so immediately acquiescing with the humble application I took the liberty of making to you, through the medium of General Goldsworthy in favour of Lieutenant Harris of the Royal Fusiliers. I mentioned a few days since

through the same channel to convey to Your Majesty the heartfelt acknowledgments of that young Gentleman for this fresh proof of your condescending protection to him. Permit me now Sir to repeat them from him, and to join the expressions of that sin= =cere gratitude which I shall ever entertain for the honor conferred on me in your benefaction to this officer.

As I do not venture often to trespass upon Your Majesty's time, I hope as the present opportunity of writing is afforded me, you will graciously be pleased to accept of the assurance of my perfect readiness implicitly to obey your commands, with the utmost chearfulness, should it be your pleasure for me

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with the command of which I have for some years past been honoured, I shall consider it as the greatest indulgence Your Majesty can bestow upon me, and I trust that my conduct would prove the sincerity of my gratitude. But while I venture thus to address you, I feel it equally my duty to add that if in any other quarter of the globe my humble services can be acceptable, I hope your Majesty will condescend to accept the unqualified offer of them.

May I presume before I conclude to solicit that my humble Duty may be presented to the Queen.

I have now the honor to subscribe myself with the most profound respect Your Majesty's

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Edward

Halifax Nova=Scotia. April 23. 1798.

Sir,

I was two days since honoured with Your Majesty's very gracious, and truly kind letter of the 15th of February, for which I beg leave to offer in the most dutiful manner my grateful, and sincere thanks. I can only express the lively sense I entertain of the high favor you have conferred upon me in condescending to write, by saying that the moment when I first read the direction of your letter, was one of the happiest of my life. It has long been the heigth of my ambition to learn from yourself that my conduct since you have been pleased to employ me actively in your several foreign possessions, had met with your

approbation, and as you have now been graciously pleased to assure me that this is the case, you will better conceive than I can describe the sentiments with which your most flattering letter has impressed me.

Your Majesty having been pleased to say, that you did not see any place, in which you could so usefully employ me while the war continued, as where I now am, it is my duty to obey your commands with the utmost cheerfulness, and believe me, Sir, your goodness in assuring me, that when the war is over you would wish to see me, is not lost upon me, and I trust, I feel it as I ought. I am fully sensible of the justice of what you are pleased to observe that my absence from home on service has been the means of keeping me out of many difficulties, nor can I ever look back with regret upon the years that have been thus spent in your service, and with your approbation except when I reflect upon the length of my absence from your person.

When last I had the honor of addressing you, our winter was

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Halifax. Nova Scotia. April 23. 08.

Sir,

I was two days since honoured with Your Majesty's very gracious, and truly kind letter of the 11th of February, for which I beg leave to offer in the most dutiful manner my grateful, and sincere thanks. I can only express the lively sense I entertain of the high favour you have conferred upon me in condescending to write, by saying that the moment, when I first read the direction of your letter, was one of the happiest of my life. It has long been the heigth of my ambition to learn from yourself, that

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When last I had the honour of addressing you, our winter was but just set in, and I had flattered myself, that having been in perfect health throughout the summer, I should have escaped the severe attacks of rheumatic fever, bilious head ach, and soar throat from which I had at different times, suffered the two preceding years, although I never ventured to make mention of this circumstance either to Your Majesty, or to any of my friends who have the honor of being more particularly about you. However, contrary to my expecta=tions, this last winter, which was one of the most trying ever known in North America, brought on a return of the same complaints in a very increased proportion, and it becomes now a duty which I owe to myself, to inform you that the most respectable medical gentleman of this country, who has constantly attended me since my arrival from the West Indies, has given it as his decided opinion, that I ought

on no account to risk another winter in this climate. Were it possible for any man on earth to say that the attacks I have experienced arose from intemperance or irregularity of any kind or description whatever, I should consider this representation as not having the most distant claim to any attention from Your Majesty, but the whole of my conduct, and mode of living, must be so fully known to every one, as being diametrically the reverse of any thing tending even to a suspicion of that kind, that I feel confident it will bear the closest scrutiny. Not wishing to trespass on your indulgence with a detail of the sentiments of the Physician respecting my health, I have inclosed copies of that Gentleman's opinion to two of my oldest, and most esteemed friends, who, I believe have often the honor of approaching your Majesty, (Major General Goldsworthy, and Doctor Fisher) that if you should condescend to devote a moments attention to this subject, you may be enabled to satisfy yourself as to the truth of what I have presumed to represent, by commanding one

of these Gentlemen to lay the statement before you

Should your Majesty in consequence be graciously pleased to allow me to quit this country before the winter, I humbly solicit that I may obtain your permission to embark early in October, when from the situation of this province, and the severity of the climate, no further apprehension can be entertained of the appearance of an Enemy off the Coast, until the following spring, and the public works for the defence of the post, will be approaching to a conclusion for the year.

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To I have done myself the honor of addressing the Queen by the present occasion, I have only to request that Your Majesty will accept of the assurances of my most devoted and dutiful attachment, and that you will permit me to subscribe myself, with the most profound respect,

Your Majesty's most affectionate Son
and most faithful Servant
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Prince Edward
to 23rd April 1799

but just set in, and I had flattered myself that having been in perfect health throughout the summer, I should have escaped the severe attacks of rheumatic fever, bilious headach, and sore throat, from which I had at different times suffered the two preceding years, although I never ventured to make mention of this circumstance, either to your Majesty, or to any of my friends, who had the honor of being more particularly about you. However, contrary to my expectations, this last winter which was one of the most trying ever known in North America brought on a return of the same complaints, in a very increased proportion, and it becomes now a duty which I owe to myself to inform you that the most respectable medical gentleman of this country who has constantly attended me since my arrival from the West Indies has given it as his decided opinion that I ought on no account to risk another Winter in this climate. Were it possible for any man on earth to say that the attacks I have experienced arose from intemperance, or irregularity of any kind or description whatever, I

should consider this representation as not having the most distant claim to any attention from Your Majesty, but the whole of my conduct, and mode of living, must be so fully known to every one, as being diametrically the reverse of any thing tending even to a suspicion of that kind, that I feel confident they will bear the closest scrutiny. Not wishing to trespass on your indulgence with a detail of the senti-ments of the Phisician respecting my health, I have inclosed copies of that gentleman's opinion to two of my oldest, and most esteemed friends, who I believe have often the honor of approaching your Majesty, (Major General Goldsworthy, and Doctor Fisher) that, if you should condescend to devote a moments attention to this subject, you may be enabled to satisfy yourself as to the truth of what I have presumed to represent, by commanding one of these gentlemen to lay the statement before you.

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Your Majesty's

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and most faithful Servant
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Prince Edward

23rd April 1798

Halifax Nova Scotia June 22: 98

I am totally unable, my dearest George, to find words strong enough to convey to you the joy I felt on receiving your most truly kind, and affectionate letter by the hands of my friend Wetherall: indeed after having been so long, and so far separated from you, it was a true cordial to my heart to find you the same steady and hearty friend I left you: believe me I return you tenfold every affectionate sentiment you have expressed towards me, and I only wish that the day may arrive, when I shall be enabled to prove to you more than by words the sincerity of these professions. I am well convinced of the goodness of your heart, and that nothing has prevented you from writing to me before, but your inability to impart comfortable tidings: but if you could for one moment be transported to this remote corner of the globe, and witness what sensations of happi=ness, the assurance of your friendly remembrance has inspired me with, you would be well satisfied, that however short your letters might be, and however devoid of any thing which you might conceive to

be either interesting or agreable to me, I should always look upon them as invaluable, while they contain the assurance that you are my best friend, and that you feel for my situation. It is but too true that I cannot help considering it as rather hard, to be kept after thirteen years absence from home, in this dreary and distant spot, at a period too above all others, when every consi= = deration would render it so essential for me to be at home; but alas! I fear the dye is cast, and until the war is over, I apprehend I am but too well fixed here. However I am not without some hopes from a late letter I addressed to the King, in which I stated, the bad consequences I had reason to apprehend, if compelled to pass an eigth winter in this trying climate, from the changeableness, and severity of which I have for the three last suffered incredibly. I wrote to the same purpose, and at the same time to the Queen, and the Duke of York, so that I would in hope, some attention will at length be paid to my representation. I am looking forward to learn the event of this step in a month or two at furthest, when, if all should have again failed, which God forbid, I shall avail myself of the two channels which you hinted to Wetherall, and accompany my address to that quarter, with a more immediate application to you. You will easily conceive after having suffered in my health from the most unremitting attention to my duty for upwards of eight years and an half, which I have spent on uninterrupted foreign service, how much I must wish for my recall, and how anxious I must feel at the present crisis to be actively employed at home in the service of my country, and therefore if

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it should be in your power to do any thing in my favor, I feel confident you will never consider any exertions as too great to serve me. But at the same time, let whatever be the event, my heart will ever be equally impressed with sentiments of the most affectionate gratitude towards you for the kindness of your intentions. With respect to public affairs, I admire the manner in which you speak of them, and of your resolution to give your utmost support to the energetic measures that are so requisite to save us from ruin at the present important crisis. How sincerely do I wish that it were in my power, by being actively employed in the line of my profession to cooperate at home in the honorable task of defending our all against these enemies of all order, law, and religion, as you so justly style them, should they carry their gasconading threats into execution, and attempt their long projected invasion.

Your accounts of the family are truly comfortable, may you long be able to give me such. Madam de St Laurent is highly sensible of your flattering remembrance, and has charged me particularly not to omit offering you the assurance of her best wishes. I beg at the same time that when you see Sir Charles Grey, you will remember me most kindly to him, and assure him, that I would give the world to be now in his district. It is now time in conscience to spare you the trouble of reading more monotonous stuff, for such must be every letter that comes from this dreary and dull spot, I shall therefore only add that while I live, my most fervent prayers to Heaven will be addressed for your health, and happiness, and the enjoyment of every comfort this life can afford, and that you will till my latest breath find me one who will ever be proud to profess, and to prove himself, my dear George,

Your most affectionate brother
and most faithful friend
Edward.

The Duke of Kent

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Halifax Nova Scotia
September 1st 1798

Sir,

With humble submission, I beg leave to trespass upon Your Majesty's indulgence for a few moments, although, not having as yet been honoured with your commands in consequence of the application I took the liberty of laying before you in my letter of the 23 of April last, I perhaps ought not so soon again to trouble you respecting myself. But my present situation compels me to it, and when you have perused these lines, I flatter myself you will consider them, as a sufficient excuse for this intrusion. On the 8th of last month, when returning on horseback, to a house of Sir John Wentworths, in the

country, where I reside during the summer months, after having completed the duties of the day, my horse unfortunately broke through a small wooden bridge, which covered one of the drains in the town, and we fell together with extreme violence; owing to the speed with which I was then going. I found myself completely under the animal, his whole weight resting upon my left thigh, and pressing it upon a heap of stones that were piled up in a dry ditch into which he had rolled with me. Providentially I had no bones broke, and notwithstanding the violence of the pain I felt from the contusion occasioned by this accident, being unwilling to give way to it, I treated it at first, with no more attention, than is generally given to a common bruise, and although rendered very lame, and stiff, I exerted myself so far, as to neglect no part of my duty, until the 13th. After that however, finding that although the blackness of the bruise wore off, the numbness, and swelling of the thigh still continued, I thought it necessary to take the advice of a

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in this country, he gave it as his decided opinion, that as the first advice could only be procured in England, I ought immediately to make application to Admiral Vandeput, for one of Your Majesty's ships to convey me home. But the fear of incurring your displeasure by taking this step without first procuring your approbation, added to the apprehension, that, if I recovered the free use of my limb on the passage, which the Surgeon thought, would, from the rest and quiet in which passengers on board of ship generally remain, be more likely to take place under those circumstances, than in any other situation, it might be suggested, that I was endeavouring to impose upon you, and, if I may presume to say so, the distant hope, that the July mail would have brought me your gracious permission to visit England, made me at once determine not to follow that counsel, however good it might be, until a more distant period. The Packet arrived on the 24th ultimo, but no commands from you being communicated by it, the stiffness and swelling of my

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made of my situation will insure me your forgiveness, should I be compelled to go home on account of my lameness; or should I so far recover as to render that step unnecessary, that my conduct on this occasion will impress your mind with the conviction, that to obey your will, however painful it may be in some cases to my own feelings, will ever be the first study of my life.

I have the honour to remain with the utmost respect, Your Majesty's

most affectionate son

and most dutiful and devoted Servant

Edward.

H.R.H. Edward
Nova Scotia, Sept. 1798.

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Halifax Nova Scotia
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Prince Edward
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