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St
Kensington Palace
Wednesday night, February 21st 1804.

My dearest brother,

In consequence of the wish you
intimated to me this Morning, that I would commit to Paper,
the message I was commanded by the Queen to deliver to you,
on the subject of your offer to call at the Queen's House, I here
with inclose the purport of the same, which, I trust, will be found
to convey as correctly to you the meaning of the Queen, as accord-
ing to my recollection, it does the words, which I made use of
to you.

I remain with sentiments of the truest friend-
ship, and attachment

My dearest brother,

ever your most affectionate
and devoted Edward

*The Duke of Kent
to
The Prince of Wales*

July 21. 1804

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[21 Feb. 1804]

The Queen has directed me to express, in the most affectionate manner, the satisfaction, which your note to Eliza has afforded her, and particularly the kind attention, which you have shewn in offering to come to the Queen's House to see her; and that nothing would afford her more pleasure, than to accept of it, as she really would be most happy to see you. But, as circumstances, to which she will not advert, have prevented you from coming on her Birthday, and from seeing the King, previous to his indisposition, she trusts you will enter into the delicacy of her situation, and, from the same motive on your part, feel, that on both your accounts, it would be better, for the present, to give up the idea of meeting, however reciprocally you may feel grieved that such a necessity should exist. At the same time, she added, that, the moment His Majesty was so far recovered, as to admit of her communicating with him, she would not fail to represent in the fullest manner to Him, not only the constant and anxious enquiries made by you relative to His Health, and your repeated expressions of affection

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and tenderness for her, conveyed through the medium of your sisters, but particularly your offer of coming to the Queen's house to see her, for which purpose your letter to Eliza containing it would be carefully preserved."

Package from the Queen to the Prince of Wales,

21. July 1804

Returned by the Duke

of Kent (in letter)

Capt. T. Dodd to Capt R. Wright.

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Kensington Palace

6th March 1804

Dear Wright

I have received your
letters of the 1st 9th 12th 26th of January
and 6th of February, and am quite
happy to learn from the last that Edward
who had been complaining, was quite
recovered, any thing happening to him
would be a dreadful blow to his
mother, who, I fear, is herself not very
stout —

I have thought it right
to send you the enclosed Papers, (though
I presume copies of them have already
been transmitted to Sir Thomas
Lodge and Mr. Sweetland) list
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doubt should exist with the Secret^y
Governor respecting the Allowances which
His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent
is authorised to receive from his
Government. The Six Pounds per day
is in lieu of the Staff Pay which he
draws while at Ghattah, and which,
as I before mentioned to you, is to be
continued. An Authority has not yet
been given for the Payment of the
£950 contingent Money, but, as it
is fully intended by His Majesty, that
the Duke should be as little a Loser
as possible by his temporary Absence
from the Court, the Minister has
assured His Royal Highness that

Capt. T. Dodd to Capt R. Wright.

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this Point shall also be settled in
his favor, when this is done, I think
you will agree with me, that he has
not been hardly used in pecuniary
allowances - I saw at the Treasury
yesterday, Sir Thomas's letter in
your writing to Mr. Surport enclosing
one from the acting Receiver General
on the subject of His Royal Highness's
Orders to the end of December last;
and as I have written to the Treasury
strongly urging, that all monies due
the Duke from Southward's Office &
to the 31st of Dec^r, may be paid him
here, I am in confident hopes that
this will likewise be arranged to his

Satisfactions -

As the King's Privates
has now begun to do something, I
would fain hope she may be a little
successful, tho' I apprehend either negligence
or bad navigating must have
been the cause of the loss of the Prise
with military stores - It is in my
opinion more speculative, than prudent,
that the Privates she has taken should
be employed in cruising, until she
can continue to repay her original
Expenses, I should consider ^{it} wiser, that
Prises of every denomination be converted
into Cash not floating -

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health continues much as when I
wrote you this day week, and Mr.
Addington continues as usual hun-
-bugging us about it - His M^{ty} is
certainly not so violently disorganised
as he was during his two last attacks,
but as he is not well enough to see
any of his family, I cannot help
concluding that he is not equal to
the functions of royalty - The Dependants,
Hangers on, & Poor Fell among the Members
and Dependants from the P. look for
great changes to their advantage in
the event of his becoming Regent, but
I am disposed to believe they will be
disappointed, for I do not imagine he

will make any ministerial, or indeed
other changes, so long as there is a
probability of the R-^y assuming the
reins of Government, on this probable
city will doubtless be held forth for
a time -

The Duke is almost con-
stantly at the Queens house indeed
his attentions to the royal family
cannot be surpassed in duty or atten-
-ment -

Give my most affectionate
regards to Mr. W. & remember
me kindly to Swanton, Vialle, & Ephraim

Yours Dear Wm

Benjamin

W. Wood

The Duke has received the Bills submitted
by Mr. W. Swallow

Kensington Palace 18th March 1804.

Dear Captain Wright,

I have now before me, twelve different letters from you, under the following dates, Nov^r 28th, Dec^r 1st, 3^d, 5th, 10th & 19th 1803, and Jan^y 2^d, 12th, 16th & 22^d, Feb^ry 7th 1804, all of which have reached me in succession, between the 1st of Jan^y, when I received that first named, and the 1st Instant when the last came to hand.

Dodd will have informed you, that my situation for the last two Months, in consequence of the King's indisposition, has been such as totally to preclude the possibility of my attending at all to my correspondents, as the very few moments in the day, during which I have been absent from the Queen's House, have been necessarily divided between Court House, and taking such exercise, as was indispensably necessary to prevent my falling ill myself.

Captain Wright.

I wish I could tell you, that the cause of this was altogether removed, & my situation consequently altered, but as yet we have only the prospect of recovery, & not the ful-
-filment of that most desirable event to speak of. — Under the blessing of Providence however, we now look forward to a fortunate termination of our misery, with some degree of confidence, & I trust, in the course of a little time, the King will be restored to His Family, & His Country.

Having said this, I shall now hastily run through the subjects mentioned in your different communications, as I have little time to give you, & therefore, if I am not so full, as usual, upon the various points, you will understand, to what cause this is to be attributed.

No account has reached this as yet of the Month, so that of course I know nothing of my Plateau, or my service; but thanks to the care & attention you have taken to ensure the

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least possible difficulty arising here, when
the vessel reaches England, I trust they will
eventually find their way to me, not only in
safety, but also without costing me the enormous
duties, which the Custom House Officers would be
inclined to set upon them.

You will have heard with great
satisfaction, of Dodos good fortune, in getting gazetted
just before the Kings illness commenced, or else
he might yet be kept some time longer in sus-
-pense; It was his intention as well as mine,
that he should have gone out by the Cenovy, that
will sail in all this month, but I do not think
I can spare him so soon, as, from the causes I
have before assigned, I shall be unable to wind
up either my correspondence, my accounts, or the
arrangement of my papers, in time to admit of
his embracing this opportunity; but the instant
the King is so far well, as to admit of my
slackening my attendance at the Queens House,
the close application of three weeks will do every
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thing I wish for, after which he will take the very earliest opportunity of setting off.

If I should not have time to write to Beale, by the present conveyance, pray desire him not to fail to thank the Contador at Santa for his civility and attention, about the Saddle Cloth.

I thank you for the information you give me of Captain Lefebure's marriage; the lady I knew fourteen years ago, at that time, I think already perfectly marriageable, though not exactly suited to my taste; I should hardly suppose that fourteen years residence on the rock, would have improved her appearance; I am not surpris'd at the favor she has met with at the Convent, nor at the motives which appear to have induced her ladyship to notice her as well as others, in preference to those who visited the Convent in my time, for it is just of a piece with her character for spite and malice, which I find is perfectly well established in the Windsor Circles, from whence she came, where she is equally renowned

renowned for the suavity as for the elegance
of her manners.

All the letters you have sent
for your father under my cover, have been regular-
ly forwarded to him, & Dadd has always accom-
panied them with a few lines written by my di-
rection.

I fully agree with you in opinion
that the Spaniards will in the end dupe us, with
their professions of neutrality, but I fear our
Ministers think otherwise, & that we shall not
declare war against Spain, till that Country has
first declared against us.

On the subject of the buildings
erected by you, jointly with Bouchette, for the
publick Green Market, in compliance with the
plan approved of by me, & which was adopted
in compliance with the recommendation of the
Grand Jury, I shall only say, that I think
Sir Thomas Egge has evinced a spirit of low
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pique and injustice, of which I really could
 not have thought him capable, for his conduct
 has evidently been wafter in the extreme, in as
 much, as he is thereby guilty of no less a fault,
 than a breach of an engagement entered into on
 the part of Government, after the party, with
 whom it was made had fulfilled in good faith,
 what depended on them; you may however rely
 that if ever at a future day, the Ordnance should
 come forward, with a claim on the ground, there
 shall be no exertion wanting on my part, to
 make the whole transaction known in the proper
 light, and to get ample justice done, both to you,
 and to those concerned with you in an undertaking
 which, had it not been baulked, would, I am con-
 =vinced, have been of essential publick benefit
 to the Garrison.

With respect to your letter to Dodd, relative
 to the Fees of the Secretaries Office, I shall
 briefly observe, that when I left Gibraltar, my
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Dodds absence, upon a level or point of income with what Colonel Gordon enjoyed, when my Secretary as Commander in Chief in North America was 30th of a day, which indeed was the same, that it was stipulated Old Raleigh should allow Dodd for the six months while he was supposed to act for him. This sum was to have been made up in the following manner vizt: 10th of a day as my aide de camp, 10th of a day as Director of Revenue works, & 10th of a day to be paid by Dodd, of course it was understood, that in the event of my Staff ceasing to receive their pay from the period of my departure, Dodd would then be obliged to pay you 10th more, to make up for that deficiency: — This I conceived to be ample as Dodd's absence from Gibraltar was not for his own pleasure, but on duty with me, & at the same time I knew that Guthrie, who, when I left the garrison, was rather desirous to have stayed there, had offered Dodd to do the whole duty for him, simply for the consideration of 10th of a day;

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as such, if it were to rest with me to decide upon the business, I own I should be averse to the arrangement, as I had made it, being infringed upon, in any respect whatsoever; but if Godd, from his liberal disposition, chooses to do more than that stipulated, I shall not interpose to prevent it. - If on the other hand, the matter is to be considered as referred to me, I cannot, after what I have said, deliver any other opinion upon it, than that which I have now given you, as no other would coincide with what I intimated to be my intention at the time of my departure.

I was much concerned to hear of the death of poor Ensign D'Ariggen, for, though a wild eccentric genius, I understand he was a young man of honor and good principles. - Your remark on the cause of his accident is a very just one, for no doubt, had the horses of the Commanding Engineer, been drowned when they leapt into the inundation, the unfortunate young man would not have lost his life, as the want of a railing, would then have come home to Taylor's feelings. - The

The appointment of Major Darling to be Military Secretary to Sir Thomas, I must say, I fully expected, indeed I will candidly confess, I think it both a right, & a just measure, for when I proposed Mr Spangton upon the expediency of any person recommending to the Civil Secretaryship, but the Governor, I explained to him, that the Military Secretary, was in fact the private one of the Officer resident in the command, and that it stood to reason, whoever was at the head of the Garrison, should have a right to appoint to it, during the time of his own command; I am confident Mr Robinson informed Sir Thomas Trigg of this, and that Major Darling owes his appointment to that circumstance altogether.

As to the nomination of Captain Young to be Garrison Quarter Master, I understand from authority it was not originally the intention at the Duke of York's Office, to admit

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of the Lieutenant Governor's recommendation, but some interference, probably on the part of Mr. Addington (who is Sir Thomas's particular friend, / succeeded in inducing my Brother to deviate, on this, occasion from his general rule, - on my part I felt the matter to be of too little consequence to push it, & as Captain Young had a wife & family to provide for, & was said to be a deserving man, I should have been very sorry to have prevented this little aid being given him -

You may inform Young Sweetland, that his Bill has been duly received, & also let his brother know, that I have hopes of obtaining the Balance of the Accounts due me from the Revenue, from the Monies in the hands of Mr. Monie the Receiver General; but even, if I should fail in this, you will have learned before this can possibly reach you, that any deficiency in the £200 per annum, which the Revenue

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sent to Sir Thomas Trigge to that effect, at the
same time when those were transmitted to
him, which commanded him to pay me an
Allowance, also from the Military Chest, of £6
of a year, in addition thereto, from the period when
I last received my Staff Pay, as General at Gibraltar
- rather viz; the 25th June 1763; both which
points I owe altogether to His Majesty's
kindness, who, previous to His illness, was pleased
in the most flattering manner, to express His
resolution, of continuing me in the Government
of Gibraltar, and to say, that my recall had
been very reluctantly sanctioned by Him,
as He had ever thought it the most injudicious
measure that could have been adopted, observing
before that He had felt for me, from the first, know-
-ing that, if a fault could be ascribed to me
during my command there, it was only that
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of over zeal for the good of His service, for which it was most unjust that I should suffer.

I am much obliged to you, for your information relative to the Bât & Storage Money & after having read your last communication to Dado upon the subject, perfectly agree with you in opinion, that I had better not interfere in the application, least I should counteract its effect.

The relation of the circumstance that occurred at Algiers is very singular, when Lord Nelson could think of doing the matter by halves, I am sure I cannot comprehend, for it is very unlike his general character; his hands must have been tied up by Government, so as to preclude the possibility of his acting vigorously, or he certainly would not have put up tamely, with the usage he met there.

I am happy to find our opinions with respect to the Prince of Wales's correspondence

so perfectly coincide; setting aside the publication, which for obvious reasons all must lament, there is nothing in his letters, but what does him the highest credit, and you may rest assured that they are the genuine productions of his pen.

The present situation of Affairs here, you must be sensible, renders it impossible for me to take any steps about my own exerts, & if the King thoroughly recovers, matters will of course revert to their former course, when the same cause will exist, to prevent that being done in my behalf, which can alone compensate me for all the cruel usage I have met with, in consequence of the events which took place at Gibraltar: - If on the other hand, the Kings recovery should be protracted, and a temporary Regency become unavoidable, you must be sensible, that every principle of honor, as well as sound Policy, will require that, however favorable the Princes intentions may be towards

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towards me, which indeed he has most un-
equivocally expressed, I should accept of no
favours at his hands, in order that when the
King resumes the helm, He may see that no
unfair advantage has been taken by me of
His absence from the Reins of Government.

From all this, you will conclude,
that for the present at least, I cannot look
forward to any favorable change, and such are
my principles, such my real and fervent at-
tachment to the King, that, although I firmly
believe, were the Prince to be at the head of
affairs, there is nothing which I might not
expect, from his friendship & generosity, yet
I had rather see His Majesty recovered, and
live for twenty years to come, thereby losing
every prospect of professional honor, or pecuniary
emolument, than obtain the one or the other, at
the expense of one days life, or health to him.
I know the world in general would laugh at

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me, were it to be known, that these were my
 sentiments, but I ever shall prize myself, in
 avowing them, as I had rather remain in
 obscurity, with an unspotted heart & conscience,
 than live in the Zenith of power & riches, if I
 could be reproached with harbouring one
 sentiment, that was not consonant with what
 I owe to The King, as the best of Fathers and
 of Men.

I have now only to commend you
 to remember me most kindly to Doctor North,
 Jephson, Parsonage, and Vialle, to all of whom
 you will also mention my intention of writing,
 the moment my time is more at my own dis-
 -posal than at present, and assuring you of my
 sincere friendship regard and esteem, to con-
 -clude by subscribing myself with these senti-
 -ments

Dear Captain Knight
 Yours most faithfully & sincerely,
 Edward

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From the Duke
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St. Martin

Capt. T. Dodd to Capt R. Wright.

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Kensington Palace
28th March
1804.

Dear Wright

I was yesterday favoured
with yours of the 25th ultimo, and
most cordially do I agree with you
in the propriety, nay necessity, of
sending out of the Garrison the
remaining undispensed of Copies of
H. B. W's Code, for I am well
aware that they who read them do
so for the mere pleasure of finding
fault with, and ridiculing them —
Sir Thomas by exerting and attention
may be able to compile from it a

System to answer all the purposes
 of the Duke's, without being subject
 to the imputation of harshness,
 prolixity or any of those other less
 qualified epithets with which most
 People generally speak of it—

I cannot comprehend why Darling's
 appointment in the Commissariat
 has never been notified, I will endeavour
 to have it done immediately— as to
 Ansaldo, I suppose he will return
 with me, not however so well fitted
 for his Clerkship, as when he left
 you, for the young Don has, by his
 introductory letters, been in good

Capt. T. Dodd to Capt R. Wright.

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gentle Company, where I believe
he has generally passed for the Duke's
Secretary, and might, for what I know
to the contrary, have putted me off
as his Clerk - I am sorry to hear
the Accounts you give of the Amalgam
of Southland, he will do himself
no good by it, and the Duke may
return to Ghallan to pay him for
any remarks he may make to his
disadvantage - I pray you tell
him not to give himself the trouble
to knock a door from my dining Room,
till I return, I will then give him
all the aid I can in letting him have

the whole of my quarters, if he have
a right to them, but it must be a
more indefeasible one than he can
at present claim - you may tell
him, if he be wise, and I know he would
be loth to be thought the contrary, not
to say a word about the Deputy Revenue
General's duties, lest he lose that
appointment, for it is a Convention
which I had two days since with one
of the Ministers it seemed to be thought
rather extraordinary that the
Principal Commissary should be
officiating, as he is, in that situation
as I stood forward somewhat his
behind on the occasion, I hope

he will not give me Reason, by
endeavouring to take it away, to
change my tune —

The Bo is arriving, even said
to be well, but this you need not
believe. The Duke has not yet
arrived tho' the 9 has once. There
is a Bo for the present of a Bo
Pray put all letters
to the Duke under cover to the
Post at least. He paid £1. 3. 4
for the other day —

Remember me most kindly to
Mr. Wright & believe me
Ever yours

W. Bruce

Say to Darling, I have shown his letters
to H. H. who is perfectly sa-
tisfied with his conduct to Swetten

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Strenuous Palace
Tuesday afternoon April 3. 1884
3 o'clock.

My dearest Brother,

Since I took my
leave of you on Sunday, the state of
matters has been, as follows. Sunday
afternoon, and evening, much agitation;
the subsequent night very restless, and
great hurry the Monday, until about twelve,
when he was thought so much calmer, as to
be able to see the D. of U. — the interview
lasted about half an hour, but I have rea-
-son to believe it was not satisfactory, and
that the C. i. C. came away, impurpled, that that

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was not so well as at their former interview: this was followed by his being very high of spirits till night: nevertheless he did sleep five hours, and awoke much calmer this morning. Yesterday he walked in the Garden at 11 & just before sunset, today he has been in the riding house, and it was expected would see the Chancellor. I do not conceive any thing is yet settled about them, nor do all agree in sentiments as to that point. The military changes settled at yesterday's interview, are, as follows; Sir D. Dundas to be Gov: of Chelsea, Dalrymple to be Gov: of Fort Augustus & Fort George, Torpe to be L: Gov: of Chelsea, Fox to be L: Gov: of Gibraltar: Wey to have the 3 Dragon guards; Welford Wey present

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Regiment: & it is surmised that Gwynne has the promise of Craigs on his death, or else that Churchill will succeed to Gwynne's. Wolfe told that I have been able to learn, except the snafare of the poor Duke d' Enghien which I have just learnt by a hasty note from the Duke of Orleans. Pray give my kind remembrance to Mr Fitzherbert, and believe me to be with the truest friendship and attachment, my dearest brother, your most affectionate, and faithfully devoted
Edward.

I shall write again the day after tomorrow. I was told at the Queen's house that Dundas returns from his district, but he seems for an yet talked of for either him, or Fox.

The Duke of Kent
to
The Prince of Wales
April 3. 1804.

The Duke of Kent
to
The Prince of Wales
April 16th 1804

Correct date 15 April 1803
see Aspinall "Correspondence of
Prince of Wales" vol V p 213.
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Windsor Monday Afternoon April 16th

My dearest Brother,

Agreeable to my
promise I take up my pen to inform
you that I arrived here at a very early
hour yesterday morning, and afterwards
attended the King to the Cathedral where
we all took the sacrament: during the ser-
vice he appeared uncommonly affected, and
cried very much; but the moment it was over
he recovered himself totally, and appeared af-
terwards at Breakfast as calm, quiet, and
collected as ever I saw him in my life.
I then did not meet him again till the
dessert came on table, as he went again to

The Duke of Kent
to
The Prince of Wales
April 16th 1808

Corrected date 15 April 1808
see Aspinall
Prince of Wales' vol V p 213.
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the Cathedral after breakfast, which I did
not do, and then to Troynon where he took
his dinner. At Desert, and Coffee he was
precisely the same as at breakfast, and not
one single word, either relative to yourself, to
William, to little Charlotte, the Princess,
or Lord Melville escaped his lips. In the
evening the music of the Mass was perfor-
med, and his whole attention seemed engaged
by that; between the acts he conversed with
the Arch-bishop, Lord Stanbury, and the usual
attendants, who were in the outer room, but without
hurry, and upon general common place subjects.
Today I attended him to morning Chapel,
and we passed thro' the Apartments that
are preparatory for the installation, which gave

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occasion to his being more talkative than
he was last night, yet tho' he said a good
deal, it was more his old way, and certainly
by nothing like the State of Lundy, and
agitation we have before witnessed, and the
conversation was confined to the subject
of alterations, and improvements to the
burial. He has since been out a hunting
and returning in time to dress made his
usual appearance at Coffee & Desert, where
he was just as he had been yesterday. In
short I feel no scruple in saying that I
have seen far fewer shades this term than I
have any preceding one. But whether this calm
is spirit or not, or whether it is the effect of
interior malady I am unable to ascertain.

He has spoken I find a good deal both
with the Archbishop, and Lord Hauntington
on the business of Lord Melville, but expressed
his regret at his ^{conduct} having placed himself in
the situation to draw such a stigma on him,
with reservation, and neither ascribed to
the opposition rancour, or bad intention on
the occasion; indeed, I believe, justified Mr
Westmarch's speech when some person spoke
of it as being malevolent and scurrilous. I do
not my opinion is, that if the real truth
to his sentiments were known, he is not my
sorry at Lord Melville being no longer in his
councils, and I apprehend he is not conscious
that what has occurred has materially sha-
-ken the administration. Lord Westmarch,

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Theas, came down last night with the
intention of hunting with the King, but
was sent for away by express; Lord North
Spind arrived about four, but whether
his is a political visit, or solely to pay
his duty, I have been unable to learn.
The King goes to New tomorrow, when
I apprehend the Prince is to meet him, so
at least it is rumoured here; the Queen or
her side pays a visit at Catterick. Yet more
than contrariety, the King is better with
the Queen evidently than was the case, and
she is in far better humour with him. Sophy
is moving fast; poor Augusta is confined to
her room, Theas must, with a return of the
compliment she suffered so dreadfully from

last spring, and I understand she is likely
to be so long: the rest are all well. Ptolemy
left us to day, and Augustus^{us} arrived: it would
trouble me however. Now as you will be
pretty well tired of reading this scrawl,
I think it will be time for me to conclude
and therefore I will only intrust you to
give a thousand most kind remembrances
from me to Mr. Fitzherbert, and to believe
that, while I exist, my greatest pride will
be to merit your friendship and good
opinion, being with unalterable devotion
and attachment, My dearest brother,

Your most faithful
and affectionate
Edward.

Stamington Palace

23rd April 1804

Dear Captain Brought

A frigate being ordered to Lisbon for the purpose of conveying the Duke of Sages from thence to Malta, I had consented to Dadd's availing himself of that opportunity to join his duties, than which certainly a more favorable one could not offer; I therefore embraced the occasion to acknowledge your letters of the 22nd of February, 3rd and 5th of March, which severally arrived on the 2nd of March, I had the instant, another also came to hand, by the Moumouth, but I have it not at present to refer to, as it is in the possession of the gentleman who has undertaken to get the different things, you sent Me by that conveyance, brought in safety here.

I most perfectly approve of the measure you took in sending home all the remaining copies of my Code of Orders, which you could collect, and am truly sensible of the attention you have shown to my interest, in the motive which induced you to do so. Fortunately here all my System has met with the warmest support of the Prince, and by such Military Men as are his friends, and adherents, the Code is earnestly sought after, so that you will have afforded Me the means of gratifying many Officers, for whom, I have before had repeated applications for Copies, without being able to comply with their wishes.

I was happy to find, the Communication with Spain by Land, and by Sea, was again opened, as it will have proved a little pleasant to extreme sameness and dulness, of which you complained so much, during the time the restraint existed. I do not apprehend that

at present, there is any chance of a Spanish war, at least certainly not, while the present Ministers remain in power - but if they are driven off the feet of which there are at present strong symptoms, I apprehend far more energetic measures may be looked forward to.

With respect to myself, no change has taken place, except, as you will have learnt, by the letter from the Treasury to Sir Thomas Fudge, that the King's good opinion of me has been pointedly evinced by his sanctioning the Ministers, to make every pecuniary arrangement for my benefit with respect to Gibraltar, which could possibly be granted, without taking from the Officer resident in the Command, that, which is justly his due. As Dodd, will communicate to you fully my opinion as to what my expectations may be for the future, I shall not enter upon that subject, more especially as it is one, upon which I could only speak from conjecture, but I can with confidence assert, that his mind is altogether made up to my remaining Governor of Gibraltar, and that he has completely silenced every attempt that has been made to get me removed from that situation.

With respect to Sir Thomas Fudge, I own, I was not a little gratified to find, that the first account of his being plac'd upon the staff had reached him from you, and that his feelings appeared somewhat affected, when he learnt, to whom he was under obligations for it, as that is the only punishment I ever wish them, or any of those, who have been my enemies, for whose there is any sense of honor, an obligation received under such circumstances, must inflict a far deeper wound, than the greatest injury or a mark of revenge could do. I understand

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he is generally considered by his acquaintance here as an honest good Man, but laughed at as a very weak one, totally under the Government of her Ladyship, whose malignant and bad temper, is unknown in no circle she has frequented - I rather imagine both of them must very severely feel the measure of their removal to Chelsea, where they will fall from little short of £7000 per annum to £700, especially, as after accepting of that retreat, there is scarcely a chance of his services being ever called for again - I can assure you, for my part, most solemnly, I had not the least hand whatever in the business, and that the appointment of the present Lieutenant Governor, is to be attributed on the one hand, to the promises that were made General Fox, when, at the peace, he lost the Government of Minorca, and on the other, to Sir Thomas's repeated declarations to Mr Addington (on my being appointed to the Government) to be removed to one of the 20th Governments at Home.

I do not believe from, the conversation I have had with General Fox, that he expects Barnett will remain, on the contrary, I apprehend he considers him as destined for West India service. From the little he has dropped of his knowledge of him, when they were on the continent together, it is evident he holds him in very sovereign contempt.

I am most pleased with what you tell me of Colonel Danna, and I request you will not only assure him of my friendship and regard, but also that I shall ever bear in mind his exemplary conduct during the short time he was under my command, and that too at a moment when every attempt

was made to prejudice him against me —

I have placed poor Dowling, where I am
assured in six weeks his perfect cure will be
effected, he will then be nominated a Lieutenant
in one of the Ordnance Artificer Companies
raising for Gibraltar, to which place he will
then return with that Commission. — Sweetland's
conduct relative to both Keim, and Darling, has
given me much pain, as it has proved his
ingratitude to me, but I cannot say, it has
surprised me much, for you know his Character
I never admired —

You may depend on your being recommended to
General Fox, not only by me, but also by the
Prince of Wales, who has promised to say every thing
to the General, that I can wish, relative to both
you and Dodd —

I am happy in being able to assure you, that
the King is certainly better, than when last I
wrote, and I am now far more sanguine in my
hopes, that we shall have the blessing of seeing
him once more himself again; but it must yet
be a work of time, as at 66, an Illness like that
he has had to struggle through, is not easily or quickly
got over.

I request you will express my acknowledgments to
Mr Stones for the very fair and handsome manner,
in which he communicated to me his resignation
of the Post of Barrack Master at Gibraltar — I am
not at all surpris'd at his having taken that
step, indeed after the treatment it appears he
met with, it was needless for him to attempt
to go — Had I remained in the Command I never
should have lent any hand to displace him, or
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him an old Servant, and a deserving Man, but for the Service, it is certainly better that all Departments, should be kept separate, and therefore, that an old name Man should not be to anack Master of the Garrison. I have recommended Alexander Walker for the Warrack mastership of Battle in Sussex, but whether he will succeed or not, I am still ignorant.

The enclosed letter from Mr Gutierrez, reached me some time since, I believe you are acquainted with my sentiments respecting him, and therefore ^{with concern} that I had much rather no such Epistle had come from him, for I do not think him deserving of either the situation of Consul, or of any Protection from me; but, as he is now actually placed by authority from the Court of Madrid, I suppose something civil must be said to him, which I will commission you to do, through an as hibernian a manner as you please, giving him to understand, what he has been ever suspected of, and that his continuance in his situation, can only depend, upon his taking up a different line from that, which he has hitherto pursued.

I must farther desire you to acquaint Mr Stanley, that I have duly received his letter of the 8th of February, and that I shall immediately make an application for an Ensigny in the line for his Son.

Having now nothing farther to add, I shall conclude by assuring you of the continuance of my sincere regard and esteem being with these sentiments.

Dear Captain Wright

Yours

Most faithfully

Edward

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From Mr. Burchell
to Mr. G. G. G. G.
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Kensington Thursday Morning
May 17th 1804

My dearest Brother,

You will, I trust, have
done me the justice to believe that it was no
neglect on my part, that prevented my being
with you, agreeable to my promise, yesterday; but
that my absence was wholly unavoidable. The
fact is, that having understood from my sister
I had been enquired for by the K^{ing} — the two
preceding days at twelve o'clock, as he passed
to his carriage, I thought it my duty to
show myself when, being noted, I was desired

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if I had my horse, to accompany the carriage
to Kew. I did not therefore get back to Ken-
sington till near four, and as that is now my
dinner hour, my whole morning passed without
my having it in my power to be at Carlton
House. But although I have to regret be-
-ing thereby deprived of the happiness of
-seeing you, you have not thereby lost any com-
-munication of interest, which I could have made
you, for matters were thin, and still as precise
in statu quo. The hurry when with the family
and consequently, either wholly, or nearly without
control, continues the same, and a variety of

shades, and some of these highly unpleasant, mani-
-fest themselves in every one of these interviews.
A great coolness of manner towards our mother
is predominant, and a general asperity towards
the whole family collectively upon the subject
of his confinement frequently shown. It appears
he has till last Evening entertained daily, and
even hourly expectations of his total release from
medical attendance and restraint, but it was
thought expedient, that the medium of the Chan-
-cellor to state to him in writing that he had not
yet made sufficient progress in his convalescence
for that to take place, and I heard from the Dispen-

that this at first excited a good deal of ill humour
but at length had appeared to lose him, if I may
use that expression. I have directed this note
to be delivered to you at eleven, and I will
immediately follow it, if your paper think I
can be admitted to see you at that hour, for
I must be on waiting at the D's house from a
quarter before twelve, and if called upon to accom-
pany them during the drive, may not have
another opportunity of seeing you for the day.
I will not at present trespass any longer upon
your patience, than just to assure you of
my most faithful and devoted attachment, with
which I ever remain, *Your truly affectionate*
Edward

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Kennington Palace Saturday Morning

May 26th 1804: 1/2 past 8 o'clock

My dearest Brother,

I have this moment received a note from the Queen's House (deigned by the K's command my attendance to day) at Windsor, and until Tuesday, when the family return to Town. I shall therefore sit off in a couple of Hours time, in order not to hurry my Horse, and am thereby prevented having the happiness of seeing you at Carlton House, as I had intended. I should however have

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had nothing particular to have communicated had I been able to see you, for I have not had a sight of the R^e— since we met at M^r Fibberbert's. My report however up to last night after the Evening's visit was over, was that, during the airing, a good deal of hurry had appeared, but that in the afternoon a considerable degree of calm had returned. I think the whole family join in considering the Windsor project as the maddest scheme possible, as none of us can see what good purpose it is calculated to answer; however, I suppose time will explain the mystery. On Wednesday at

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or about eleven, you may depend upon ^{my} being at Carlton house, and if, in the intermediate time, you do not hear from me, you may rely upon it that nothing worthy of notice has occurred, or should any thing interesting

take place, I shall instantly write to you. God bless you, with the true homage and fidelity of M^r Fibberbert, to whom as well as little Mimmy, I beg my kindest remembrance, and believe me ever to be with unalterable attachment, my dearest brother,

Your most truly affectionate
and faithfully devoted
Edward,

The Duke of Kent

to

The Prince of Wales

May 26. 1804

The Duke of Kent
to
The Prince of Wales
May 29th

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4, post Colcock Sunday Ev^g May 29th

My dearest Brother,

I am just arriv'd
as your servant came with your kind
note; if you have the goodness to find
your carriage for me here about 9
I shall be ready to come to you. I
will never till then, all I have to say
except just observing) matters have
not mended at all since Thursday
night, on the contrary, they have got worse

I therefore doubt, if, under the existing
Circumstances, another journey to
Windsor will be attempted. In attend-
ance I remain with the warmest
attachment, my dearest brother,
most affectionately and devotedly
yours. Edward.

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Kennington. Sunday Morn: June 3.

My dearest Brother,

As I know you will
wish to know how yesterday Evening passed
off, I take up my pen to inform you, that there
was a wonderful change in the K—g's manner
from any thing I have seen since the Commence-
-ment of his confinement, inasmuch, as instead of
hurry, violence, and ill humour, there was unusual
calmness, quiet, and good nature, and on the whole
his mode of talking, and his gestures were far more

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like his old ways; of his plans without number, he named none, but his intended journey to Weymouth, and that too much in the ordinary way.

Asperity against no person whatever was to be remarked unless in some degree against the Queen

but that also was without ill temper. To the Queen

he was as usual coolly civil, and to myself, and all my sisters particularly kind, but in a proper not in an over way. So far for the fair side

of the Picture; on the other hand, I have to observe that his appearance in point of health was unusually bad; no reddness on his cheek, a livid yellow all over his face and eyes, a tumor in his

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limbs, and at times a very unpleasant lethargic look, his right leg a good deal swelled, and his tongue furrowed half an inch thick: From all this, I conclude there is a great tendency at this moment to bodily disease, by which the head for the time is relieved, for I never saw him look worse.

On Tuesday (should nothing particular intervene before) I will be with you, as we agreed directly after the Queen's breakfast. Till then God bless you, present my most kind and affectionate regards to Mrs. Fitzherbert, and believe me ever to be with unalterable attachment

Your most faithfully devoted
Edward

The Duke of Kent
to
The Prince of Wales
June 3^d

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Kensington Palace. Saturday morning

June 9th.

My dearest Brother,

As I intend being

at the opera after I leave the Queen's House
to night and hope to have the happiness of
meeting you there, I shall not call this morning
at Carlton House, being obliged to go over
to Castle Hill early to meet some tradespeople
there. In the mean while therefore, I just
inform you that the extraordinary change
from hurry to calm, which I mentioned, when

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last I saw you, as having taken place from
the first of the month, still continues, as far as
has come to my knowledge or view: the Evening
before last after driving for two hours and a half
we rested about an hour and a quarter in the
warm room above, when not one word of discourse,
business, or schemes passed, and last Evening
the same, with the exception of once the sub-
-ject of his intended journey to W^g the being
named, but that only casually: the first of these
Evenings, in addition to my sisters & myself;
Lady Ashbury & C. Waldgrave were present;
the latter, with Lady Cardigan were there last night.

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But evidence of this wonderful change the dura-
-bility of which, I believe, is much doubted, there
are symptoms of bodily infirmity very visible,
the principal of which are an extreme lethargic
tendency, a great faintness from heat, legs greatly
swelled at night, a very bilious, or rather livid
skin, and eye, and a singular catch in the
throat at times, while speaking, and an uncon-
-mon deficiency of sight, and hearing: indeed
I am apt to think some of the medical people
would be less well of his health, than of the other
complaint. This comprises all the infor-
-mation I can give at present, & I will conclude

with the assurance of my warmest and
most faithful attachment, conveyed
with these unvaried sentiments

my dearest brother,

Your most affectionate
and devoted Edward,

The Duke of Kent
to
The Prince of Wales
June 9. 18

Kensington Palace
 21st of June 1804

Dear Captain Wright

I have now before me your letters of the 11th, 14th, 16th and 20th of April, all received on the 21st of May, for which I have to offer you my best acknowledgements. Doodol, who left this on the 22nd ultimo for Portsmouth, to embark on board of the Ambuscade, got off, I fear, only last night, as the wind, till then, has either totally failed, or been directly adverse; he is intrusted with my answer to Sir Thomas Suggs's letter accompanying this Code of Orders, which is mentioned in yours of the 11th of April. As you have so prepared I wish to see Sir Thomas's letter, I should give Doodol a Copy of it, as well as one of my reply; I believe you will admit there never was any thing, which proved more strongly weakness of mind, than his composition, at least, that is the opinion, not

only of myself, but of every one, to whom I have
shown it; with regard to mine, if I have been
able, without acrimony, to convey my sentiments
upon the total difference between his conduct,
and his reproaches to me upon the state in
which I delivered over the Garrison into his
hands, which were so strongly corroborated
by the very pointed declaration made to me
in his name by General Barnett, my side is
fully answered;

Your account of the manner, in
which the unwelcome tidings of his removal
to Chelsea were conveyed to him in the 19th
of April was extremely interesting to me, I
will not to you candidly, that, as to my
mortification Mr Ladyship may have experienced
upon the occasion, I cannot help rejoicing at it,
for his conduct, as far as regards myself, and
all those to whom she knew that I was
favorably disposed, appears not only to have
been scandalous and shameful, but also
extremely wanton, but as to Mr Thomas, whom I
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I have only consider in the light of a poor superannu-
ated old man, although I highly approve of his
being removed from Gibraltar for the command
of a hill place, I believe he was totally unfit,
I lament, that he should have fallen so very
low as he has, as, exclusive of the deficiency his
genre will suffer, I think it must be
depending to his character. With respect to
General Barnett, I am confident General
Fox will not suffer him to remain long after
he goes out, for he appears to know him well,
but hitherto the Duke of York certainly has been
averse to listen to any thing that has been
said against him, nor do I believe that,
except directly from myself, and indirectly from
our friend Pop, through the channel of
Greenwood, (and from both which quarters
he would receive representations with less
favor perhaps than from any other) any
account whatever of that officers conduct
has reached him. General Fox has not
yet been relieved from the Home Staff

consequence of the number of arrangements,
which the King's indisposition has kept pending,
but he expects that it will take place almost
immediately; I shall not fail, when I see him
previous to his departure, to mention you to
him, both as to the point of your retaining
your Revenue situation, if you chuse to
remain at Gibraltar, and as to your leave of
Absence, if you should prefer coming over to
England, which you are intimated to me to be
your wish. I have duly received the Bate for
£ 2021, 11. 11 which I can assure you was very
acceptable, as so many months had elapsed,
during which I had been unable to draw
any part of my pay. Dodd having
unfortunately left me, before your letter
came to hand, the power of Attorney is
dated in May instead of April, as you
suggested, but I presume, should it be
necessary to erase the one Month and
put in the other, there can be no
impropriety in that, as both Dodd and
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and the mutiny were equally with me at
the prior period also. When you see Mrs Dodd,
I request you will mention to her, how sincerely I
regret all the vexation she has experienced at the
hands of the Fuggis since I took Captain Dodd
away from her, but that I hope the part
will ^{be} compensated by his return to her, (if I
may be allowed to use the expression) with flying
colours, I mean, after having triumphed over
every attempt, that was made by his Enemies,
to keep him out of that situation, for which I
had recommended him. I flatter myself
there cannot be a doubt of all their concerns
going on smoothly in future.

I am not surprised
at what you tell me of the Society kept by
Wellington and Aody, for you ^{know} the old proverb,
Birds of a feather, flock together. After all
the attention and civility I shewed both, and
particularly the latter, in taking him on
board of the Ship with me, it is hardly
possible to account for the mischief they
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strive to do me by the letters they wrote Home
subsequent to the Meeting, could by supporting
them, which I fear is the case, to be void of
every principle of honor, and gratitude.

You will oblige
me by informing Mr Stones, that I have
had the pleasure of receiving his letter of the
14th of April, and that I shall, without
delay, agreeable to his desire, write to
General Myers for the purpose of recom-
mending his son James of the 46th Regi-
ment to his particular protection, which I
trust will have every effect he can desire,
as the General previous to his sailing for
the West Indies gave me the strongest
assurance of his disposition to serve those
of whom I was the wellwisher — I must
also request of you to inform Lieutenant
John Johnston of the Queens, that his
letter of the 25th of December only reached me
yesterday, that I should immediately have
sent in his name for a Commission in the
Royals.

had I not seen, ^{it} very recently, appear in the
 Gazette, for promotion in his own Corps, which
 is far more advantageous to him, as there he
 has but Eleven above him, whereas in mine
 from the late arrangement of the promotion
 of the Officers going through both Battalions,
 he would, even if appointed from this day,
 find thirty one above him; therefore, I
 feel I must give up the hopes of having
 him in my own Regiment, until the
 period when, by getting the next step, he
 can be removed without injury to his interests,
 pray remember me also to his brother the
 Captain, who I know has more than once very
 warmly expressed his gratitude to me, for
 the situation he at present enjoys in his
 Regiment,

As Dodd's will probably reach you
 before this does, I must again refer you
 to him for every information you may wish
 to receive relative to myself, as no change
 whatever in my situation has taken place
 since he left me

I shall probably remain at the Palace till
the last of the Month, and then move to
Castle Hill for the Summer. The King's
indisposition still continuing so far, as to
render constant Medical attendance necessary,
the family do not yet talk of moving out of
Town, but he has been so infinitely better for
the last ten days, that I am in great hopes
his perfect recovery may now no longer be
distant. His kindness to me throughout
the whole of his illness has been unvaried,
and I am perfectly convinced it goes to his
heart, when he thinks of the injustice that
has been done me, for he never omits an
opportunity of saying something consoling
upon the subject, when such offers. Pray tell
Dooler that Captain Guthrie will
about immediately sail from Portsmouth
on board of the Amethyst for Cork, where
the Revolutionnaire will receive him on
board and convey him to Lisbon, from
whence it is now settled that the Duke of
Sussex

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should in the first instance come to England,
the King's sanction to that effect having been
obtained.

Having now nothing further to add,
except the request that you will spare passage
young Dana, and those few, who still
think of me with regard and affection, of
my best wishes, I shall conclude by
subscribing myself with friendship and
esteem

Dear Captain Wright

Yours

Most faithfully

Edward

Captain Robert Wright

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From Mr. Durbey
Sept 11th 1804

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The Duke of Kent
to
The Prince of Wales
June 23^o

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Hennington Palace
Saturday morning June 23^o
Dorset.

My dearest Brother,

I passed the whole
day at New yesterday, ^{from the} morning at nine
till between ten and eleven at night, and
without doubt can assure, that the King was
decidedly much better, than any one day I
have seen him yet. He rode by advice of
his physician, on account of the heat in the
evening, instead of the morning: he was calm

throughout the day, much more like himself,
and in his usual ways, and habits. I asked
Dr Simmonds to state to me candidly his
opinion of his state, and was informed by him
that he felt no scruple in declaring that, from
present appearances his recovery would be totally
completed much under six weeks; indeed from
the wonderful change of the last few days, it
appears very probable.

With the truest attachment
believe me, ever to be, My dearest brother

Your most affectionate
and devoted Edward

The King comes up this morning to see
his Physicians

Kensington Palace
8th of July 1804

Dear Captain Wright

I have now before me your letters of the 5th of May to me, and 6th of the same month to Dodol, both of which reached me on the 21st ultimo, and two others of the 20th and 23rd of the same month, which have only reached me to day. As I have long since acknowledged the receipt of the first of Exchange for the Bill of £2021. 11. 11 being for the three quarters Staff and Garrison Pay due me up to the 24th of March, I shall only notice, the third of the same having come to hand in yours of the 5th of May, for the sake of regularity. In order to finish what relates to money Matters, before I proceed to any thing else, I shall observe having received

in yours of the 20th and 28th of May, the first and second of exchange for £856. 6. - 1/4 being for my Contingent Allowance from the first of May 1883 to the 24th of March 1884, in issuing the warrant for such sum, I cannot help admiring Sir Thomas Phipps' studied mode of wording the same, which only points out, how crabbed and sore he is with respect to me. Agreeable to your hint I will consult with the Clerk who does my business at the Treasury, whether it is necessary I should take any notice of this circumstance or not, and by his opinion shall be guided in the steps I take. The order for continuing the Payment of the Contingent Allowance to me, having been issued subsequent to that which authorized whatever balance was due to me from the Revenue, which that fund could not supply, being paid to me from the Military Chest at Gibraltar by warrant under signature of the Officer Commanding, I am at a loss to

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why that balance up to the 31st of December
 last, has not been remitted at the same time
 with the Contingent Allowance, will be indeed
 it originates in Sir Thomas's ill will to me,
 who seems to study putting me to every
 inconvenience in his power, but I trust,
 upon Dodd's arrival, which I hope has
 taken place long before this, he will have
 taken the necessary steps to collect all that
 was due to me up to the end of last
 month, which includes both the Revenue
 half year, and the Quarter Military Pay,
 besides, I flatter myself, the Bat and
 forage from April to October 1813 provided
 the issue of it to the Troops in Garrison
 at this former period has been allowed
 from Home.

As I write very fully to our mutual
 friend Deal upon the subject of the handsome
 manner in which Castanos had distinguished me at
 the fête he gave the Garrison, in consequence
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my having received the account of it from him,
before I got it from you, I shall only advert to
the subject now, in order to express my warm
acknowledgments to you, for sending the
highly proper letter you wrote to him upon
the occasion, and your attention in sending
him my picture. I had already communicated
viale to convey to him in the strongest
terms the Spanish language was capable
of, my feelings such as I well knew, that
good fellow would judge them to be, but
in consequence of the suggestion contained in
yours to Captain Dodd, I herewith enclose
a few lines to the General, which you will
get Dodd to seal with the Governor's
seal after giving them first to viale to
make out a translation, if he thinks the
General Cartens's knowledge of the
English language is not sufficient for him
to understand them without it. I am
equally obliged to you for your kind relation
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to my old friends the 54th, and will
endeavour to have the piece of plate
ready for them to go by General Fox, who
having been yesterday relieved in the
Command of the Home district here, by
the Duke of Cambridge, would leave
this I should think, by the end of the
Month. I shall not fail to mention to
General Fox my wish that he should
grant you leave of absence in case
your inclination should lead to apply for
it, or if you remain, to continue you in
your situation of Director of Revenue
works; but I would wish you well to
weigh whether, with the certainty of not
obtaining of the Master General, when some
here, any such prolongation of your
leave as would secure you for a length
of time from the necessity of returning
to the Rock, it would be worth your
while to run the risk of losing your
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place, which on your departure will certainly
be filled up by some other person, for the
sake of papers a few Months at Home,
when the inevitable consequence will be
your returning afterwards to your Artillery
duty as Captain. I mention this, as from my
being wholly on the Shelf without any chance
of being removed from it, so long as the
Army is commanded as it is at
present, the excuse of your being one
of my staff cannot be pleaded, as a
reason for your applying for leave to
remain at Home. Lieutenant Colonel
John Smith, a very particular friend of
mine, has been named by Lord Chatham
out of compliment to me to relieve
Colonel Wellington in the Command of
the Artillery at Gibraltar. He has already
written to wish to see me before he
goes out, and I shall certainly mention
you to him in the manner which will
secure his civility and attention to you, as far
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Your letter to your father will be
franked by to morrow's Mail, and that
for Dodd, on the back of which was
mentioned to be burnt should be haul'd
London, has been committed to the
flames; the other to him containing the
truly ludicrous relation of the Lady's
misadventure returning from Castles's
fete afforded me infinite laughter, and
I shall have the story up to bring forward
at a proper opportunity after she has made
her entry upon the Windsor boards.

The King, thank God, is at length
recovered beyond my most sanguine
expectations, indeed if he continues so well
after leaving New, as he has been almost
the whole of the month he has now
pass'd there, I think he may be pronounced
to be perfectly well.

For Political News I refer
you to the papers. A Spanish War is
talk'd

of, and with the people at present in office,
I own, I think it not an unlikely event,
but as yet, I cannot speak of it with
certainty. Should it take place I shall
certainly leave us Stone unreturned to get
out again to my Post, provided I can do
it upon terms that are not repugnant
to my principles, but I am apprehensive
that there is little chance of my attempts
being effectual

Having now nothing further to
add but the commission of being remembered
in the kindest manner to Dodd and
those friends whom I have named in
my former letters, I shall conclude by
expressing you of my inalterable friendship
and regard, and subscribing myself with
these sentiments. My dear Captain ought
to come
Most sincerely
Edward

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I herewith inclose three letters for Dodd
which I have received at different times &
P.S. 11th of July. Since concluding the above
I have been favored with yours of the 7th instant,
and add these lines on purpose to acknowledge it,
Dodd being in hourly expectation of a summons
to go down to Portsmouth when the Mail of May
16th was made up, will account for his not
having written himself by that opportunity, and
my having no letters at that time from you by
me, will have in like manner been the
occasion of my silence. I am obliged to you for
the information relative to the *Bar & Forge*,
and assure you that your friendly observation
which accompanied it, is not lost upon me.
No information has yet been received of
Lord Nelson's supposed action, which of course
redoubles our anxiety to hear from the Medi-
terranee. Parliament it is supposed will
be up within a week, after which, it is
probable the King may take a trip to
Weymouth

I move to morrow to Castle Hill, with
the intention of returning here or to Knight's
-bridge early in November.

Tell him that I have duly
received his letters of the 29th of April, 11th, 11th and
16th of May, and that I hope to be able in the
course of the next week, to find time to reply
to them. In the mean while, I will request
of you to send him the inclosed Estimate from
my Apothecary of what he will make use
according to his own discretion in his future
communications with Lady Fitz

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The Duke of Kent
to
The Prince of Wales
July 13th

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Castle Hill Lodge
Friday - Morning July 13th

My dearest Brother,

Andrew having called
in here by your order, I embraced the opportunity
to acquaint you that the day at New yesterday
passed pretty much as every other one has for
the last few or six weeks: if there was any differ-
-ence it shewed itself in rather more agitation
than was observable when the medical atten-
-dant used to be present, for none appeared
all day except the son, who followed us when

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we rode out, but was to all intents, and purposes
altogether a Cypher. The plan of Weymouth
is still spoken of, as one upon which his mind
is bent, and according to his present intention
will not be delayed above a fortnight. With
respect to you, I find all that has been said
is a repetition of what I told you, as having
been expressed to me, that is, that he would not
suffer any of his family to interfere in
the business, but that he should give the
C^{or} order to communicate with Lrd M^{rs}
upon it; indeed this he again repeated to me
as we came home, saying, as I understood (for

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he did not speak very plain) that he had
already mentioned the matter to the C^{or}
on Wednesday: but he evidently avoided any
thing that would give an opening to entering
into conversation upon it, or that would lead at
all to discover his further ideas as to the
subject: however it was clear that there was
no acrimony in his manner, and as far
as any one can judge from appearance, I
cannot help forming the opinion that he
looks forward with satisfaction to the idea
of Reconciliation. The Queen, and all my
sisters without exception, Adolphus, to a very

-tainty, and Earnest, at least to all appearances
letters are full of nothing but the urgency
of bringing you together, without delay, but
how far this will, or will not influence the
King in his measures, it is impossible, from
the guarded manner, in which he ever names
the subject, to ascertain.

I have a million of thanks from poor dear
Amelia to offer you for all your kindness
about her horse: I have desired Anderson to
send him out to this (any time before twelve,
that he may be taken over to New to go
thro' the required form of trial over by Charles

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Saturday, and old Pranger, before he is pro-
-duced to the King's view, ^{for} as you know of
it, upon the suffrage of the f-v-r of the
day will depend his decision. Adolphus
goes up to Town tomorrow to receive over the
district from General Fox; if he is able to
return on Sunday, or I can ascertain that
Ernest will be at New for the Evening, I
shall certainly have the pleasure of
meeting you at Bushy.

Tell them therefore Farewell
accept the assurance of my devoted and
warmest attachment, with which to the

last hour of my existence I shall ever
revenir de cœur et d'ame

Your most affectionate brother
and friend Edward

Pray remember me most kindly in Tilney
Street, where I shall not fail to call before
Mr. Fitzherbert leaves Town.

Your commission to Dumouriez has been
faithfully executed as you will perceive
by the enclosed.

It is rumored that the K. will go himself
to the House to prorogue Parliament, at
least that Ministers mean to propose to him

Duke of Kent

10. July 1854

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Castle Hill Lodge
18th of July 1854

Dear Ma Mahon

The Prince having been good enough, when we dined together at Busby, to express a wish of taking his dinner here some day before he set out for Brighton, I trouble you with these lines (in order to avoid him the necessity of answering himself) to ask, whether Sunday the 22nd would suit him as the day for favouring Madame de St Laurent and myself with his Company, or if that should not be agreeable to him, to desire that he would name any other he may prefer. At the same time we are anxious to know what hour will be most agreeable to him whether five or six. If he does not express a wish for more Company, we intend asking only the Duke of Orleans and General

General Drumouire, but if any one else
should be agreeable to him, on receiving a hint
from you to that effect, his wish will
instantly be attended to. Of course we expect
you. Pray tell the Prince I have nothing to
communicate, since we met, that is worth
mentioning, I dine, and pass the evening to
day at New, should any thing then occur worthy of
being noticed, I shall in that case not fail to
write —

With my best love to the dear Prince,
and a thousand kind regards to yourself, I
remain dear MacMahon

Ever yours

Most faithfully

and sincerely

Edward

Colonel MacMahon }
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Castle Hill Lodge
Friday Morning
July the 20th 1804

My dear Mac Mahon

On my return from New
last Evening, I found your favor in reply to
mine of the preceding day, and would instantly
have complied with the Prince's wishes, which
indeed it was my intention to have forestalled,
by sending to the Duke of Clarence to desire him
to come over here on Sunday, had I not, to my
great mortification, on getting home, found
a very principal personage in my Household,
namely my Cook, hors de Combat, with a
violent feverish Complaint, which compels
me, very much to my regret, to intreat the
Prince to suspend his kind intention of
dining here for a few days, until Monsieur
Verrea is again able to wield his knife, which

our Doctor says, towards the middle or latter end
of next week, he trusts, will be the case. Had
this contré temps not occurred, - I believe, I
should have been equally under the necessity
of proposing to the Prince to defer our party
for a day at least, from the circumstance
of an intruder having bon gré mal gré
edged himself in, who would have spoiled
it altogether, both you and he will understand
me without my saying more

I shall myself be in town to-morrow,
and certainly call at Carlton House at some
time between twelve and two o'clock. The
family are all to leave New, and move to
Windsor altogether to day, I understand the
King comes up Tuesday se'ennight the 31st
to prorogue Parliament in person. I
passed last evening at New, as well as
the preceding one, but, upon that subject,
which of all others is most interesting to
me, as well as to you, My good fellow, and I

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scarcely not to say of the first national importance,
nothing more has transpired than that a letter
was received from the C- in consequence of a
message understood to be delivered from the
G- through Lord M- a, which was
satisfactory, and that the K- expressed his
intention of speaking as yesterday to the C-
upon the subject of it. But so guarded was
M- M- as to his plans, that it has been
impossible to find out what they are,
indeed I think in many points there is so
much confusion, that I doubt if he himself
knows what he means to do.

Do not fail to offer the assurance of
my warmest love and attachment to
the dear Pance, and accept that of those
sentiments of the most friendly regard and
interest for yourself, with which I ever
remain

Dear MacMahon

Most faithfully
and sincerely yours
Edward

P.S.

P.S. I am going to use over to them to catch the family before they go off, so that to morrow the Prince will have from me the last accounts of them. —

The Duke of Kent
July 26. 1804

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Castle Hill Lodge
Friday Morning July 27th 1804
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My dearest Brother

I take up my pen
to inform you that I returned last night
from Windsor, after having passed the day there
as well as the preceding one. I found the King
generally, much the same as he ever has been
since the improvement that took place pretty
suddenly, about a day or two before his birth-
= day, indeed, if there was any change, I
am apt to think it was rather for the worse,
as there was an inclination to irritability

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and flurry, considerably more visible at times than was the case at New. Took every possible pains to discover what he had suffered to escape of his intentions related to you, and I found that to all my sisters he had held the same language he did to me on the Wednesday morning, which was that the Chancellor had persuaded him the last day he saw him in Town about seeing you, and had urged him again subsequently by letter to the same effect, to both of which representations he had said, that till Dr. Symonds was removed from about him, he did not chuse to do that, or take any other Step: but he certainly has not said the least unkind thing about you that I can fend out, and the delay about

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his sending for you, I firmly believe, arose altogether from the cause he has himself assigned. I do, I have reason to believe, is not at all in favor: I understand the removal of the Hannoverian Infantry from Weymouth has been the great cause of offence. He was yesterday at W^{est} for a couple of hours, and saw the K^{ing}, but I did not see him, nor have I any knowledge of what passed at the interview, except what our F^{ather} himself dopt, viz that Trigg was instantly to be ordered home, as an evidence on the trial of Colonel Cochrane Johnston, and the command of the Garrison of Gibraltar to be left in the hands of Major General Bannett (upon which you will enter into my feeling.) Fox

Having two months leave to settle his private
affairs. Spence has declined succeeding White
lock at Portsmouth. Clinton of course, you
know, goes Quarter Master General, to Ireland,
and Gordon succeeds him in the Duke of
Yorks office; but who succeeds Gordon as De-
puty Quarter Master General is not known.

All our sisters, and especially Fanny,
Sophy, and Amelia are quite crazed about
seeing you, and have charged me to give
you a thousand Loves: but it is only justice
to the Queen, and the two eldest, vizt. our
Augusta, to say they are very, very anxious
indeed to have the happiness of again beholding
you. This is all my Budget. My
Cook is about joining me again, and the

The Duke of Kent
to
The Prince of Wales
July 22^d. 1804

[of date on
letter]

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workmen, will, in two or three days at latest
leave the house, so that whenever you come
back from Brighton, and will only give me
a days' notice of your intention of taking
your dinner here, I shall be most happy
to receive you. Pray say every thing
most kind and affectionate from me to
Mr Fitzshubert, and rest assured that
to the latest hour of my existence my
greatest pride will be to prove, as I ever
profess myself to be, with the most faith-
ful, and warm attachment, my dearest
brother,

Your most truly devoted
and affectionate Edward

Madame de St Laurent has come to offer her
last wishes.

{ Forget to observe that my
-mamma is in the house, but
is never seen.

