

Huntington Palace

Sept. 13. 1815

Dear Dadd

The Duplicate of my letter to you, which I enclosed on the morning of the 11th ultimo, having been through inadvertency, forwarded, during my absence at Weymouth, in the form of a Copy. I am not able to refer to it, as I would have wished to have done; therefore am uncertain, whether I acknowledged or not, the receipt of your letters of the 23^d of June & 17th July, which I received on the 9th and 11th ultimo, but, if I did, I am aware, I did not reply to their contents. Having since that, received three others, viz^t one of the 25th of July, and two of the 26th of August, the former on the 4th, the others on the 10th instant, I shall now proceed to answer the whole of them in succession.

The first of these letters intimated the receipt of Exchange for the amount of my Quarterly Pay, and contingent allowance, up to the 21st instant, which I only mention, for the sake of regularity; having, as I perceive, informed you in my last, of the first having reached me safe in your letter of the 17th of June. With respect to Sir James Craig's Expedition, its destination is of course kept a secret, but it is supposed to be left discretionary, with the Commander, to apply it to one of three objects, as circumstances may require, viz^t the occupation of Sicily, the occupation of Alexandria, or some operation in conjunction with the Russians. But, whether the Troops

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accidentally, ^{and} for the one or the other of these
purposes, it is conceived, the seasoned Troops
of the old Garrison of Malta will be taken,
and, those, that went from hence, be left in
their stead. When I was at Weymouth, I under-
stood privately from Lieut. Col. Taylor, who
was the Duke of York's private Secretary, and
is now in the same situation, about the
Kings person (in consequence of the wretched
state of his Eye sight) that Genl Fox had
sent in his resignation, and therefore was
not without the most sanguine hopes, that
our worthy friend Genl Boyer, who was then
just arrived from Lemnos, would succeed
him; indeed I gave him the advice to say
himself not for it; however he learnt from
Gordon, two days since, that, since the Lieut.
Governor got better, he had written to do away
his former application for leave to come home,
and Genl Boyer conceived it would be complied
with. This though, you may be certain of, Mr.
Pitt is fully aware of the state of Gibraltar, in
every respect, which I had an opportunity,
when at Weymouth, of explaining in the full-
est manner to Sir Evan Nepean, who told
me, no later than the day before Yesterday,
that the Minister had expressed himself imperi-
ally obliged to me, both for the information, and
the mode I had taken of communicating
the same to him. I therefore conclude, things
will not be suffered to remain long in their
present disgraceful state, more especially as

Lord Nelson leaves town to day, to resume the
 command, from Cadix throughout the Mediter-
 ranean, and has Carte blanche, as far as the
 Naval Department goes, to put things to rights
ab initio. I saw His Lordship yesterday, when
 he was so good as to communicate to me
 the outlines of a plan, he had delivered into
 Lord Barcham's hands, to be laid before the
 cabinet, for establishing a marine Brigade
 at Gibraltar, to be attached to five and twenty
 Gun Boats, as a permanent appendage
 to that place, which would be the most
 desirable circumstance possible. He was
 unable however to judge what the result
 of the deliberation would be. We conversed
 also upon another most interesting point
 that of combining an attack upon Cadix
 in the Month of April next, together with
 the striking an effectual blow, upon every
 thing the Spaniards have in the Bay of
 Gibraltar. Should such a thing take place,
 I told him that I should be the happiest
 of Men could I be his colleague on the oc-
 casion. With respect to yourself, you may
 rest assured, that I shall bear in mind the
 wish you express of being permanently pro-
 vided for, at home, should there be no
 chance of my return to Gibraltar, nor
 will I suffer anything to escape me, which
 I think would visit you, especially if it
 should bring you within my reach; at
 the same time, be assured, I neither can or

will give up the idea of again resuming
 the command of that Garrison. As, in the
 letter now before me, you make mention
 of Ansaldo, I avail myself of the opportu-
 nity, thus afforded me, of speaking upon the
 subject, to desire you to inform him, that
 his letters of the 12th and 24th of July have reached
 me, that Col. Jones, whom I saw yester-
 day, has promised, if the Lieutenantcy is
 still vacant in the Regt., to get Lord Dal-
 housie to recommend him for it; after which
 I will attend to get him transferred to one
 of the Regts of Colours in the West Indies, in
 the manner, that shall appear to me
 most conducive to his interest, and as
 soon as this is accomplished for him,
 I will send him a letter to Sir Will. Myers
 to take out to the West Indies, which I trust
 will insure him a fine shilling situation
 in one of the Offices belonging to the Military
 Department, under his command, but that
 it must be upon the conditions, that he
 proceeds to the West Indies from Gibraltar
direct, and does not presume to show
 his face here, till every debt he owes is paid
 for so much as he does, he will be put in
 his conduct having been so infamous to
 several People, that it can be considered
 little short of swindling. If therefore, this
 arrangement is not effected, before the Decem-
 ber embark for England, I am of opinion it will
 be right to get Genl. Fox to give him leave for

a few Months to remain behind. In his letter to me, he endeavours to justify himself for getting in to Debt, by saying that his Father had spent his pay during his illness; admitting that to be so, he still owes three times more, than the sum he reckoned upon from that Quarter, together with his pay, could have reimbursed. He also expresses an idea he entertains of having some claim upon the fund, for the relief for the Widows, and Orphans of those, who lost their lives, and whose effects were burnt in consequence of the fever; but in this I differ with him, for, whatever might be granted, must be considered his Mother's, he being already otherwise provided for. Before I quit this subject, I cannot help adding, that, as Arrado is mightily apt to draw a very long bow, I am very much inclined to doubt the truth of what he says concerning the offer made him by Mr. Pitt's Secretary.

The word of your letter, now before me, commences by accounting for the delay in the transmission of my half yearly allowance from the revenues of Gibraltar, up to the 30th of June, which I only notice to have the opportunity of asking you, that I am most grateful for your unwearied attention to my interests. The same letter contains the copy of the highly interesting report, you received from Mr. Haldiday, which I had no time in communicating to Lord Carteragh, who very handsomely and candidly confessed, not only that he considered it

as most important, but that it was the first which had reached him on that subject. I apprehend therefore, that Lord Nelson takes out instructions, framed in some measure thereupon; but whether Ministers have determined, upon giving that authority to the General Officer, commanding the Garrison at Gibraltar, which would enable him to undertake such operations against the Spaniards in the Bay, as may prevent them from bombarding the Town or destroying the Shipping; should such be their intentions, I have been unable to learn; but I dwell strongly upon the necessity of it, being well convinced of the justice of your representation to that effect.

Your third letter contained the first of exchange for my half yearly revenue allowance, which was a most reasonable supply. I heard, with much concern, your friend Genl. Dummer's fall; pray remember me kindly to him, and tell him, I can never forget the time, when I had the pleasure of knowing him, at the period of his commanding the 43rd Regt, his steady and correct conduct in which situation well insure him my friendship, regard, and esteem through Life. I really believe, a worthier Man does not exist, and what he wants in brilliancy, and activity, he amply makes up for in Steadiness, and Zeal. I trust, by this time, you will have received my letter of the 5th of August, with the Postscript

above alluded to, which will have shown you
the cause of your having been solving without
having from me, and that no blame attached
to the channel, through which I send my
letters, which in future will always be, the ori-
ginal, through Mr. Cooke under Secretary of State
for the War and Colonial Department, and the
Duplicate through Sir Evan Napier, as I
really think, these are not only secure, but
the speediest modes of communication
with you. I fully coincide with you in opin-
ion, as to the conduct of Sir John Bred, yet
you will hardly believe it, it is not intend-
ed to take any notice of it whatsoever, but
to let the matter sink into oblivion. It
is now thought, that Sir Robert Calder will
ask for a Court Martial, since he finds that
he is everywhere so blamed for not bringing
the French Fleet again to action, on either
of the days following that, on which the
Engagement took place, when it was in his
power to have done so; but it is certainly
imagined he had no such intentions, till
very lately. For the sake of all you on the
Rock, I wish that our old friend Castanos
may not be removed from the Chief com-
mand in your vicinity, for you will not
easily get as liberal or as gentlemanly a
Man to deal with in his stead; should you
have an opportunity of communicating
with him, pray assure him of the continuance

of my personal friendship and regard.

In your fourth letter (that of the 20th ultimo) you mention your disbelief of the report of a French Army being about to join that, which the Spaniards are collecting in the Neighbourhood of the lines; in this I conceive your judgement will prove to be perfectly correct, for, perhaps we may, Buonaparte may have occasion for his Legions, in the fullest number he can muster ~~there~~ nearer home; the alliance with Prussia and Austria is certainly fully adjusted, and I believe hopes are entertained of even Prussia taking the right side at least; that inference may reasonably be drawn from the recent Declaration of the Minister of that Power, upon Buonaparte's late assumption of the Sovereign title in Italy. I do not apprehend, that the change of head which has lately taken place in the War and Colonial Department, can, in any way affect me, for there are too many of the same set, still in different Departments of the Ministry, who were accessory to my return in 1803; indeed, until a change of sentiment and measures has been effected at Head Quarters, I have nothing to expect. Had you breakfasted with me yesterday Morning, and, previous thereto, passed half an hour with me, in conversation upon the present state of Gibraltar, so that I was enabled to get a very full and circumstantial account of everything

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from him, and to be sure, nothing more dis-
graceful or more deplorable can exist, than
the state, in which the Garrison must be.
He was to see the Commander in Chief to day,
at his public audience, when I strongly advised
him, if any questions were asked of him, not
to conceal the truth; but I should rather think
none would be put to him, as it is pretty
well known already, what sort of a report
a true one of that quarter must be. I believe
there is no doubt, as far as I can ascertain,
that the opening of the Wine houses to the
Soldiers, by an order from head Quarters here,
arose in consequence of a query sent to me by
the Lieut. Governor, as to the legality of pres-
cribing their entry to the Soldiers, which is
supposed to have been suggested by Mr. Swint-
land, from motives of personal interest, and
was naturally decided upon here, without
considering the difference between Gibraltar
and England, upon the principle that here
by law, no Soldier can be prevented from
going into any public house he chooses.
I leave you to draw the inference, as to
the conduct of the Commissary, Deputy Commis-
sary General, and Paymaster of Contingencies
in making this representation; indeed I
hardly think, that the wickedness of it can
be equalled but by the imbecility of him,
who listened to the suggestion, and who chose
to shackle himself, from sordid motives,
by making the reference. As to the opinion
that is entertained at Head Quarters of Genl. Fox's

talents, and activity, I apprehend, whatever
 it may have been heretofore, it cannot now
 be much to his advantage, for you may depend
 upon it, that the fruits of his command are
 well known here, though they may not be
 admitted. I trust I scarcely need say, how much
 concerned I was to hear the account you give,
 both of your youngest Boy and of your Mother,
 the former however, from what you yourself say
 at the close of your letter is, I hope, now doing
 well, and as to your Mother's catarrh you may
 tell her from me, that, whenever she comes
 to England, she may recover her sight almost
 to a certainty, if she will consent to have
 the operation performed, that it is one of no
 pain whatsoever, that it does not take up
 much above a Minute in doing, and that,
 after a Week, she may expect with the help
 of Glasses, to see as well as ever she did in
 her life. All this I assert, from having myself
 gone to see two Men operated by Mr. Chesler,
 at the time when we all expected the King
 must have undergone the same himself,
 therefore she may be assured, that I do not
 make any Declaration upon this subject,
 but what is fully to the extent of what I
 have stated.

Your fifth and last letter,
 which is also of the same date as the one
 to which I have been just replying, being
 solely written for the purpose of accom-
 panying the remittance of exchange for

L 1400. I name it only for the sake of
regularity.)

Having now answered
every point that is mentioned in your
several letters, I have to acquaint you
with my promotion to the rank of Field
Marshal and my appointment to the
Baronyship of Hampton Court Park, which
have taken place since I last wrote to you.
These marks of His Majesty's approbation
and affectionate remembrance of me were
both unsolicited on my part, and spontane-
ous acts of his own. They were occasioned
by the death of the poor Duke of Gloucester,
who, after lingering for seven Weeks, under
a complication of the most dreadful dis-
eases, departed this life on the 25th of this
month, sincerely regretted by all who had ever known
him. The first Regiment of Guards has,
as might naturally have been expected,
been conferred on the Duke of York, and the
Coadjutant, in consequence of the explana-
tion I had had with the King upon my
refusal to quit the line, on the Duke
of Cambridge, who is made the happiest
of Men by the appointment. My Promo-
tion to the Rank of Field Marshal was
particularly directed by the King, to pre-
vent the possibility of the world conceiving
that I did not stand well with him pro-
fessionally, from the circumstance of my
younger Brother being placed, in lieu of me,

in a situation to which, in general, it is con-
 sidered more honor attaches, and the pen-
 sionary emolument of which is nearly double
 so that you will perceive nothing can have
 been more kind or affectionate than his
 conduct towards me upon this occasion
 The necessary arrangements, that must
 now be brought forward to provide, not
 only for the present Duke of Gloucester,
 his Mother and his Sister, have at length
 opened the prospect for all our situations
 being ameliorated, and we are led to believe
 that Mr. Pitt is at this moment seriously
 occupied upon this business, which is of
 such infinite importance to us, as, with
 every possible care and attention, it is im-
 practicable to go on, while we are so
 wretchedly provided for as in the case at present.

By far the greater part of our
 disposable force as well Infantry as Cavalry
 and Artillery have received orders to hold their
 orders in readiness to embark for foreign ser-
 vice at the shortest notice, but as yet, al-
 though Transports are in readiness for the
 purpose, none have been put on board of them
 Sept^r 30. I had got thus far, when I was obliged
 to leave off dictating, to attend to a volume
 of home correspondence which had again ac-
 cumulated, and which has continued coming
 in so fast upon me, ever since, that until
 this morning, I have literally been unable to

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proceed with this letter. That you may be
able to judge, to what extent this goes, I shall
just observe, that, at this hour, the number
of Notes and letters, written since Perry left
me in April is 1607. — By this delay,
I am however enabled to acquaint you
with my having had a long interview with
Godow, when he showed me the letter, writ-
ten by the Duke of York himself, on the sub-
ject of the Wine houses, which he gave me to un-
derstand was produced by one from the General,
but, that he told me (I conclude from motives
of official prudence) was not on record. He con-
fessed to me, that he had gone so far, when
he saw that letter prepared, foreseeing the
evil it would produce, as to venture to give
his opinion, as to the impolicy of any inter-
ference, on this side of the Water, with the
arrangements connected with the interior
or local policy of Gibraltar, but that it
had had no effect. He added, that my Brother
would not give credit to the report, that
had reached his ears, of the Sicil. Governour
taking the Fees, that were prohibited by
His Majesty's order in the month of April 1803,
and he expressed an extreme anxiety, in con-
sequence, to be able to ascertain the fact, as he
knew, if it could be proved, that he would
sink for ever in the opinion of the Command-
er in Chief. This therefore I will thank you
to furnish me with the proof of, as speedily as

possible, in any manner that will not com-
 mit yourself or Wright; for it is doubly re-
 fers, in Genl. Fox to conduct himself in this
 manner, as he cannot plead ignorance for
 his excuse, having been pointedly cautioned by
 me as well as Lieut. Col. Aing, (to both of whom
 I communicated the copies of every Official
 Document, which prohibited that practice,
 while it fixed the allowance in his trust
 of not to suffer Swattard to lead him into
 the same criminal conduct he had led Sir
 Tho. Sigg. In the mean while, I understand
 that Genl. Brownig, his private friend, has
 been directed to caution him, against such
 a rumour being in circulation here, and,
 I apprehend, Col. Gordon will also convey
 to him the same hint, advising him, if there
 are no grounds for it, to disavow it in his
 next communication with the Duke of York,
 or to prepare to defend it, if the reverse.
 This conversation passed between the military
 Secretary and me, on the 27th, when he told
 me also, that, in consequence of the Lieut.
 Governor having represented, that he thought
 the Queen's 13th and 54th Regiments being remo-
 ved would be beneficial to the Discipline
 of the Garrison, three other Corps would
 immediately be sent to relieve them and
 a fourth Regiment as a reinforcement.
 The Commander in Chief, having, in the famous

interview I had with him two years ago, & drift
 in the course of his remarks against my re-
 turn to Gibraltar at that time, that, till
 the whole of the Troops, that had been present
 at the time of the Meeting, were moved from
 the Rock, it would be highly improper for
 me to go back, & intend, the moment the
 proposed relief has sailed, calling on him
 to remind him of this circumstance, although
 I am convinced before hand, it will be of
 no avail, and that some new subterfuge
 will be found, to evade my application
 now to revive my command; still it is
 incumbent upon me to make the attempt
 and I am determined to do it.

Having now named every
 thing, which I conceive may be interesting
 to you, I shall proceed, as the conclusion
 of this epistle, to request of you to acknow-
 ledge, for me the undermentioned letters.
 Viz, one received from M. Sweetland on
 the 15th ultimo dated the 22 of June, one
 from M. John Smith, Merchant, dated the
 22 of July, four from M. Walker dated the 10th
 of January, 15 and 27 of March, and 9 of June,
two from M. Stores of the 10th of Jan^y & 1st of
 July, one from Lieut. Col. Lyons of St. Roque
 of the 10th of May and partly one from Mous-
 -sieur Sully of the 25th of May.
 M. Sweetlands, which is more properly a Mem

rather than a letter, and which accompanied the answers and explanations, to the queries and observations, sent me by the Auditors of Public Accounts, will require nothing further than a simple acknowledgment of its having been received, as, unless I hear further from the Auditors, in consequence of having transmitted to them, what was forwarded to him by me, I shall have no remark to make upon it.

To Mr. John Smith I wish you to say, that his wishes in favour of his nephew, shall be punctually attended to, and that I will, this day, write to the Duke of Portland, to obtain a strong letter of recommendation in his behalf to his Lordship, which I trust will have the effect he desires.

To Walker I wish you would generally state, that he will ever find me ready to assist him, in everything that is within the compass of my abilities, and which may tend to his benefit, but that the present Barrack Master General, I by no means find as well disposed to forward my wishes, as the former, and therefore I fear, so long as he remains at the head of the Department, I shall not be able to affect much for him; you will inform him

the letter for his eldest Daughter in Scotland
was franked by me as soon as received.

Mr. Stone's first letter, being only to express
his own thanks and those of the Gentlemen
in the Ordnance Office at Gibraltar, for whose
promotion, in the succession to the vacancy
occasioned by the death of Mr. Pop, I had
interested myself will require no remark
whatever. His subsequent letter being upon
the subject of his Son, whom I had recom-
mended for a Company in the Royals,
but, his appointment to which was not
suffered to take place, after it had been
gazetted, in consequence of a General Court
Martial that was held upon him in
the West Indies, I am anxious you should
tell him, in the strongest terms, that,
although this young Man was certainly
imprudent in the reflections he cast,
in the course of his defence upon the
Officers who prosecuted him, still I thought
it was a harsh measure to deprive him
of his promotion in consequence, when
nothing, but a want of due caution
and judgement in the wording of his de-
fence could be said to his charge. I, in
consequence tried, what I could do to pre-
vent that decision from taking effect,
which returned him to his Subaltern's

Commission in the 14th Regiment, but ha-
 ving failed in the attempt; I sent for him
 urged him to return without delay to the
 West Indies, and furnished him with a
 letter to the Commander of the Forces, in
 those parts, mentioning the interest I
 took in his welfare, and instructing him
 to take the earliest opportunity to recom-
 mend him a fresh for promotion, and
 in consequence I am not without hope
 of seeing him ere long in the Gazette for
 advancement to a Company.

To poor Lyons, whose object is to get, from
 the Spanish Service, provided he can only
 have enough to support him, under the
 protection of, what he justly terms, his
 natural King you may say, that I will
 do my utmost to serve him, but that
 I fear it will be attended with a great
 deal of difficulty. Still you may assure
 him that I am well convinced of the
 warmth of his heart and of the principle
 of honor he has ever professed so that, if I
 am unable to do what he wishes, he must
 not suppose that I doubt him, for I am
 sure, he would prove as faithful a subject
 to my Father, as any in the united Kingdom.
 The purpose of Mr. De Lully's ^{letter} being to solicit
 my interference, in order to obtain for him
 of Government the same allowances enjoyed

by his Colleagues, who emigrated from Toulon¹⁹
at the time he did but which he was depriv-
ed of, being unable from sickness to accom-
pany them when they were sent from Porto
Ferrago to England, I wish you to tell him,
that his Memorial to this effect should
be addressed to the Lords of the Treasury, and
transmitted, with a recommendation
from Gen. Fox, through the Secretary of State
for the War and Colonial Department or
otherwise, that no attention will be paid
to it; if therefore you find him to be de-
serving of this, and can ascertain that
the said Governor will support his Appli-
cation you will oblige me by assisting him
in making out a proper Memorial for the
purpose, and informing me when the
same is sent home by Gen. Fox, as I
would then endeavour to support it by
putting the poor Man's interests into the
Hands of Mr. Cooke who is always disposed
to do what is kind and benevolent. This
completes the longest letter, I believe, you
was ever called upon to read, and therefore
you will think it is high time for me
to conclude, which I shall do, after executing
Madam de St. Laurent's Commission which
is to assure you and your family of her best
wishes and regards, by subscribing myself with
friendship and Esteem,

Dear Dadd
 ever yours
 most faithfully
 and sincerely
 Edward

P.S. You may inform Mr. Oswald, that
 his letter of the 6th inst. accompanying the
 copies of Genl. Fox's orders reached me on
 the 25th instant.

P.S. Oct. 2 Having this instant received the
 Duke of Portland's answer to the request
 I made him of recommending Mr.
 John Smith to His Son Lord William I
 herewith annex it for you to commu-
 nicate it to his Uncle.

Copy of a Note from the Duke of Portland
 to the Duke of Kent. Dated Oct. 1st received
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 The Duke of Portland has re-
 ceived His Royal Highness's commands
 respecting Mr. John Smith, a junior Mer-
 chant on the Madras Establishment, and
 will not fail to obey them by the first
 opportunity he has of conveying them
 to Lord William Bentinck.

From the Duke of Kent

October 1st 1805

Kensington Palace

October 1st 1805

My Dear Major

I trust, that the arrival of the letter I wrote, early in August, to Dad will have fully explained to you, long before this time, the unavoidable cause of my long silence, and therefore, I will not enter into an explanation of it with you, *de novo*, but confine myself to assuring you, that it has long been a weight upon my mind. I am now laboring to wipe off the whole accumulation of my foreign correspondences, which has swelled to a volume beyond all measure, as, excepting the long letter I wrote to Dad in August, and a still longer one, which I concluded yesterday, the only one I have been able to write, since Col. Verey left me in April, has been to Lady Wentworth, per September Packet, and that too upon a business of such moment to her and Sir John, that it was impossible for me to delay the communication; so that I leave you to judge, what a Herculean labor I have before me; I hope, however, if I am enabled ^{to} get through it, I shall never again allow it to increase upon me as it has done for the last six months.

Having said this, I shall now commence, ^{and} assured I will own, by naming the dates of the ^{several}

letters I have received from you, between the
21st of May, the period when the first reached
me after Col^l Carey's departure, and the 26th
Ultimo when your last came to hand. They
are as follows, Jan^y 12th, March 14th, April 1st,
8th, and 30th, May 5th, and 27th, June 24th, July 7th, 17th, & 23rd,
August 5th, and Sept. 4th, in number fourteen, for
all of which I treat you to accept my warm-
est and best acknowledgments, as there is not
one of them but is full of most interesting com-
munication and the most judicious
remarks. As D^od will of course show you
the whole of both my letters to him, I shall,
as much as possible, in the following lines
confine myself to those subjects, which I
have not named in my letters to him, or
if I am drawn in to name some of the
same, which have been touched upon therein,
I shall strive not to be prolix in my remarks.

It is a subject of no small
degree of comfort to me, to find that there has
been no return of fever this season, and I
heartily hope, it may in succeeding years
be kept out of the Garrison; but with the weak-
ed discipline and police, now existing in it,
I fear that can hardly be expected. In con-
sequence of all you have communicated
relative to Dr. North, I have been careful,
in those interviews I have had with him,
to avoid the subject of the fever altogether,

but the unfortunate error, in which he peris-
-ted upon that disorder, to the last, seems to
have operated so strongly against him,
with the members of the Medical Board,
that, although his petition to retire on full
pay was recommended to their favourable
consideration by the Commander in Chief,
they refused to report upon it, in the man-
-ner necessary to authorise the Secretary at
War to make the financial arrangement,
and I am now busily employed to over-
-come the obstacles to his success, in this
view, which certainly, after his long and
faithfull services rendered to the Public
during thirty Years, he is justly entitled
to expect, notwithstanding the mistake
he committed at Gibraltar. Immediately
after the news was known of here, I had
reason to expect, that every possible exer-
-tion would have been made to build
an ample sufficiency of permanent Barr-
-acks, after Repairing the old ones, that
were worth it, and appropriating to
them, the numbers they could accommo-
-odate; but insuperable difficulties
occurred in procuring artificers, either civil
or Military, to go out, and, since the Mal-
-ady has subsided, the zeal on this side the
Water has relaxed, particularly since Genl.
Fox has proceeded upon that most injudi-

erious of all plans, the Erection of temporary
Barracks, which, besides being an enormous
expense in the first instance, and leading
to a never ceasing one afterwards, will have
the double bad effect of affording but a weak
cover to the Troops, and tend to prevent
in all probability the erection of a great
share of the permanent Buildings, that would
otherwise necessarily have been constructed
Before I quit the subject of the Barracks, I
cannot help just recalling to your recollection,
the permission I met with for erecting
the Buildings on Windmill Hill, when
I was directed to prepare for the arrival of
a large force from aloft, and then contrasting
that with the intentions of recommending
favorably to the consideration
of the Treasury, the expense, incurred by
General Fox without the shadow of an
authority, for a House for himself at Europe
which I understand is to take place from
Head Quarters; *verbum sat sapienti.*

You will be happy to hear, that, in consequence
of your very full statements
of every thing connected with the insult
offered to the Garrison by the Spanish Gun
Boats, which, through the channel of Sir
Evan Nepean, I got conveyed to Minister
two and thirty Gun Boats are now getting
ready to be sent out to Gibraltar, where they

are to be regulated by Lord Nelson. This I had
 from Lord Buxham business four days since,
 when that worthy Veteran said to me "Oh
 how I wish we had you again in the Med-
 iterranean, for we want a Man of your zeal
 and activity to cooperate with Nelson, as
 much might be done by a cordial good
 understanding between the Chiefs of the
 Army and Navy on that station, which I
 fear now cannot be looked forward to."
 I answered him, that he must know, it
 was not my fault if I was not at my Post,
 to which he replied "that I am well aware
 of and others too." However I trust a day
 will come, when all this will change, and
 by reference to the letter I concluded yester-
 day to Dodd, you will find, that I have the
 project in my mind of making a fresh push
 to get out. I am quite concerned
 to think, I should have till now omitted
 attending to the case of M^{rs} Pop, but, as
 soon as I have finished this letter, I shall
 take the business in hand, when no exertion
 of mine shall be wanting, to afford her that
 increase to her pension, to which her Husband's
 long and faithful services give her ^{the} strongest
 possible claims. I conclude, the widow of
 M^r Straith will have informed you, that I
 was successful in my endeavours to get her
 children placed on the compassionate list,

which was a subject of no small gratification to me, I can assure you. As to poor Miss Parsonage, all my unremitting endeavours to secure her home, as yet, been able to effect nothing, beyond her being placed on that same list for Ten pounds a year, the promise of the sale of an Ensigny for her benefit, which has not yet been fulfilled, and the recovery of two years interest upon the capital of her poor Father's Quinquennial, which had remained all that time unsold.

Before I received your explanation, relative to the mistake I had made, in conceiving that I had still a claim for Bat and Forge on the Garrison of Gibraltar, I was perfectly convinced of my error, which arose from my having forgot that previous to the issue of April 1803, I had drawn that allowance twice. Your remark upon the sincerity of Lord Melville's profession to me upon the subject of the Deputy Registership to the Admiralty Court at Gibraltar is a very just one, but, after the dreadful fall he has had, one must consider him as morally though not physically dead, at Demosthenes's principal business. On the subject of the total relaxation of your discipline, as well as the order relative to the Wine houses, I have written so fully to Dad, that it remains only for me to repeat, on that head, my wish to be

furnished with positive proof of the point
 of the Brit. Governor continuing to receive
the Wine House, Auction, and other fees, that
 were so jointly prohibited being taken
 in His Majesty's orders, through his Secretary
 of State, bearing date the 3^d of April 1803; for
 the Commander in Chief affects not to believe
 the thing possible, and, I am assured, has said
 that, could he be convinced it were the case,
 he should recommend the Generals being
 brought home, and called to an account
 for it. Respecting Capt. Lee, vide Camp to
 the late Gen. Barnett, who, you perceive
 by the Army list, is now a Captain in the
 fourth Battalion of the Royals, the silence
 you and I had observed with respect
 to him, and a prepossession, which, from
 the first, I will own, I took in his favor,
 induced me to conceive, that, as he had
 every appearance of a steady, plain, taking,
and obedient Officer, he had steered clear
 of the path followed by his General, there-
 fore, as it is a principle with me, never
 to pursue my enemies, as it were beyond
 the grave, I felt I was doing an act conge-
 nial to my own feelings, in proving to the
 World the return I made for Gen. Barnett's
 conduct to me, by taking by the hand his
 only surviving follower, who, I casually learn,
 had arrived in this Country without any

friend whatsoever; however should he now
conduct himself, in that treacherous man-
ner with the Regiment, which it appears
from your account of him he did at Gibraltar,
certainly ^{he} will be too closely watched
by Col. Hardyman, under whose command
he is, and Capt. Cowan, to be able to do any
harm. Had I known, as much of him before
I recommended him for the Royals, as I now
do from your letter, concerning him, I should
certainly have set him sink into oblivion
as the best punishment I could inflict
upon him. Sir Evan Napier, to whom
I shew'd in confidence your letter of the 24th of
June, in which you give me so perfect a detail
of all that pass'd between you and Admiral
Knight, upon the Subject of the projected attack
on the Spanish Flottilla, at the time of the
Troops under Sir James Craig being at Gibraltar
told me that you were perfectly correct in your
remark, upon the Character of Admiral Knight
and than whom he confess'd a proper Creature
did not exist; I am therefore inclin'd to believe that
Lord Nelson was hurried out, in great measure
in consequence of Sir Evan being enabled to
state what he learnt from me, relative to
the supineness of Admiral Knight, to the Board
of which he is a Member of. The circumstances
of the intended meeting, which you men-
tion, is the strongest argument, I could po-
ssibly wish, to prove, were it necessary, that it

was not my system of discipline, that occasioned
 that, but, as we all full well know, the loose
 conversation and freedom of speech at the Re-
 gimental Messes. — I return you my
 best thanks for the copy of your code of reg-
 ulations; it appears to me admirably calculated
 for the purpose, to which it was intended,
 and were I in the command at Gibraltar,
 I should not lose a moment in carrying
 it into effect. What a fortunate circumstance
 for you all, it was, that the first spray of the
 Spaniards to fire their red hot shot from
 the Gun Boats arrived so ill for them,
 as it is probable, had the reverse been the
 case, you would have been both often and
 most severely annoyed by them.

Having now noticed every
 part of your different letters, which was not
 alluded to in mine to Dodd, except inform-
 ing you of my having regularly forwarded
 to your Father, whatever letters I have receiv-
 ed from you for him, and not recollecting
 anything else at this time, I shall now con-
 clude ^{by} assuring you of my unalterable friend-
 ship and regard and subscribing myself
 with these sentiments

My Dear Major
 ever your's
 most faithfully
 and sincerely
 Edward

P.S. At the period of my leaving Gibraltar
I left in the hands of either Parsonage or
Darling, a Copy of my standing orders for
the Fusiliers; this not having been return-
ed to me, you will particularly oblige
me by causing search to be made for it
as well as any other papers, relating to the
Fusiliers, which may turn up, all of which
I would wish you to forward, as soon as
convenient, having frequent occasion to
refer to some of them, and been already often
inconvenienc'd from not having them
at hand &

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Strensington Palace

October 7th. 1805.

My dearest Brother,

The bearer of
this letter, Baron de Lutgenhoff, going
this day to Brighton, in consequence
of your permission, has entreated me to give
him a few lines for you: I therefore,
in compliance with his request, ^{beg} to recom-
-mend him to your notice, as a man
of rank, family, and talent, who brought
with him to this country the strongest
possible letters of introduction from my
old friend, and, if I mistake not, your old

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acquainted Baron de Grotte. You will find him entertaining, extremely gentleman-like, and I should hope, every way deserving of your protection. To give you an idea of his station in life, in order that you may judge whether he is entitled from that, to be admitted to your table, I shall just mention, that when at his own home, the court of the Prince of Saxe and Saxe, who married our cousin German Prince Theresa, daughter of the Duke of Mecklenburg, alias uncle Charles, he not only dines, *mit feinem fursten* but often has the Prince to breakfast at his house. As I saw Marmaron yesterday, I have nothing to add to the

very little I was able to tell him. He is extremely calm, but unquestionably very depressed in his spirits, and I do not think his sight at all improved. Otherwise all is just as it was. I have been made more wretched than I can express by what I have heard of dear Mrs. Teberbent, pray say to her how anxious I am about her, and how happy it will make me, to learn that her health is perfectly reestablished.

With every sentiment of the most devoted attachment, I remain ever
My dearest Brother,

Your most faithful
and affectionate *Edward*

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P.S. If you would have the goodness to
direct Bloomfield to write to Crskine, who is
one of the arbitrators in a cause that Baron
hutchinson has in Scotland, in consequence
of some property of his that was seized at
the custom house, and afterwards illegally
sold by unauthorised persons, just to say
you interest yourself about him, it would
ensure his attention to the poor fellow, who
as far as I can judge, has been most
unjustly used.

The Duke of Kent
to
The Prince of Wales
Edinburgh 1805.

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Strenuous Palace October 25th 1805

My dearest Brother,

I only trouble you with
this line, to entreat your forgiveness, if I
am under the necessity of detaining Baron
Cben, and Colonel Bennigsen, until Sun-
day, which has been owing to the constant
scurvy I have been kept in, for the last
four days, in attending these vile boards,
and my going unexpectedly to Windsor
to day, which I cannot avoid as all the
rest do selon l'usage coutume de Paris!

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so that untill tomorrow afternoon I cannot
 sit down quietly to talk over our business and
 settle all finally, but every thing is very for-
 -ward & Beningham shall be off as soon after
 he has made his bow at Brighton as you
 please. The only news which came to my
 knowledge yesterday, was an order for Lord
 Hanover going to Berlin immediately,
 I apprehend it is so settled, in consequence
 of the certainty of the coalition being joined
 by the King of Prussia.

I must now conclude with assure
 you of my devoted attachment with which

you know I ever am,

Most affectionately
 and faithfully yours
 Edward

Excuse inausurians for I am writing
 literally an Galsp.

Ben and Beningham will arrive at Brighton
 by the mail that leaves this Sunday
 Evening.

William was pursuant to your injunction
 at New yesterday, and I think the
 vent went off well. —

The Duke of Kent

to

The Prince of Wales

~~Oct. 25.~~ Oct. 25. 1803

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Kennington Palace
Sunday Night October 26th 1805

My dearest Mother,

I avail myself of
the opportunity afforded me by the departure
of Warriner for Brighton, to recall my-
self to your recollection, and to inform you,
that, after having yesterday Evening, dined
with Colonel Bennison, and Baron
Eben, the latter I had recommended that
making, upon the interesting subject, commu-
-ted to the management of the former, and sug-

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gated a trifling addition, I was of opinion that every thing was in a state fit to be laid before you. They therefore quitted me with the intention of proceeding the same night to Brighton, and I concluded have ere this communicated the outline of the plan for your final approbation. With respect to the financial arrangement, intended to cover the travelling expences of Colonel Bennigsen, I expect to conclude the same before his return to town; and, instead of being a credit upon St. Petersburg, as was originally proposed, it will be simply what the Germans term, ein Laufbrief, which will enable him

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to get what he may want to the extent agreed upon, at different principal towns, such as Dresden, Leipzig &c, as that will render it still more difficult to trace his business than if his only credit was upon a house in that very capital, where the principal point he has to work upon, is to be carried. This I believe comprises all matters concerning the commission, in question, and, I trust, will be satisfactory to you. Bennigsen will certainly be off at the end of the week, and I am sure from my knowledge of him, that his zeal, and fidelity may be depended upon. All other matters will be

The Duke of Kent
to
The Prince of Wales
related to you by Marmadon, and as I saw
him this afternoon, and communicated the
little I know, it will be needless for me to repeat
any of them. I shall therefore take my
leave of you now with every assurance of the
most faithful, and warm attachment being
ever with these sentiments,

My dearest brother,

Your most affectionate
and devoted Edward

I request your commands respecting
the present for little Sophie, whose
birthday is Sunday next.

The L^d. Governor's allowances

At present contain
pay

Salary p ^r annum	£ 720
Contingent allowances	— 950
Staff Pay	— 2.927 - 5
Bat. & forage	— 912
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	£ 4609 - 5

are contained in calculation
rather moderate

Auction fees	— 7000
Wine house - Tavern and spirit fees	} 2400
Pratique & weighing fees	— 450
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	£ 14 - 450 - 5

At present you
and allow since —

Duke of Kent to Col. J. Mac Mahon

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St. James's Palace
July 1. 1806

The Duke of Kent presents his most
friendly regards to Col. Mac Mahon,
and herewith transmits a letter he
has this instant received from the
Bishop of Exeter, for the purpose of
its being laid before the Prince,
at a proper opportunity. At the
same time he requests to be favoured
with an answer to the last par-
agraph of his note of the 30th Ult^o
in which, by the desire of Genl. Harcourt
he inquired whether the Prince had an
idea of visiting the establishment
of the junior Department of the

Col. Mac Mahon

Carlton House

Genl. Thackeray

Royal Military College at High Wycombe
leave on Tuesday next as was re-
ported.

Bishop of Exeter (Fisher)

[Enclosure]

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Warwick house Jan: 31st
1806

In obedience to the Commands
of the Prince of Wales so graciously
communicated to me by your Royal
Highness, I immediately despatched
Letters of application to all my friends
who have either votes or interest in
the University of Cambridge.

Your Royal Highness is, I am
sure, fully aware of the very delicate
situation in which I am placed.

And I am persuaded you will do me
the justice to believe, that my utmost

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wish is, - to be able to discharge the
important duties of the charge entrusted
to me, - conscientiously, uninflu-
enced by any party considerations, or
interested views whatever.

The duty I owe to my Sovereign
& the gratitude due from me to my
great Patron & Benefactor, to whose
goodness alone I am indebted for the
high rank I hold in the Church,
demand my first attention.

But in all cases, which do not militate
against these superior duties,
it shall ever be my endeavour most
readily & cheerfully to forward the

Bishop of Exeter (Fisher)

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wishes & obey the commands of the
Prince of Wales.

I trust to that
friendship which your Royal High-
ness has honoured me with, for so
many years, — to make known these
my sentiments to his Royal Highness
or to any other branch of the Royal
Family, — should an occasion arise
to make such a step necessary.

I have the honour to
subscribe myself with the utmost
esteem, & most dutiful attachment

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Your Royal Highnesses
most devoted & most faithful
humble servant

J. Exeter

Prof Exeter

Jan 31. 1807.

Duke of Kent

Feb 2. 1806.

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St James's Palace
Sunday Morning February 2. 1806.

Dear Madam,

A very heavy cold confines
me to day to the house, I just scribble
these lines to you, to say, that if you
think it would be gratifying to the dear
I to learn what were my operations
upon what paper yesterday, at the
D. S. House, by calling here any time
between this and three you will be sure
of finding me at home, and I will endeavor
to make you completely master of
all that struck me. Of course he will

have learnt the whole from my brother last
night, who undertook to see him, but perhaps
at such a time, a relation from a second ob-
server may be acceptable. You know
that, if you think it, you can see me, even
before the 1st is stirring, and I will
under the chance of your coming early,
remain from Chapel on purpose.

God bless you and rest assured
at all times of my friendship and regard
believe me, my dear Ma

Most faithfully yours
Edward

St. James's Palace
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 March. 14. 1806

Dear Madam

Having just received
 the letter, from which the enclosed is an
 extract; from Col. Wetherall of my family,
 who is Adjutant General in North Amer-
 ica, I have judged it right to inclose
 it to you, for the Prince's information,
 as it may perhaps be useful, for my
 interest, that he should be apprized, that
 upon the death of Lieut. Genl. Gardiner,
 there will be three vacancies, in
 the Military Department, in North Amer-
 ica viz^t the chief command of the Force,
 the Command of the District comprising
 Upper & Lower Canada and that of the District
 comprising Nova Scotia, New Brunswick
 Newfoundland, Cape Breton, and Prince

Edwards' Island in the Gulph of St. Lawrence
The first of these has ever, except in any
single instance, been held together with
the civil Governor Generalship of all
His Majesty's North American Provinces,
and with the permanent local rank
of General, and the two latter have
invariably been filled by Lieutenant
Generals. At this present moment
there are only two Major Generals in
all North America, viz^t Skerret at
Newfoundland, and M. Hunter at
New Brunswick.

Returned from Windsor late
Yesterday Afternoon, from whence I have
nothing of any interest to communi-
cate, and therefore do not intend stir-
ring out till tomorrow, when I first
call, ^{will} of course, be at Carlton House. In
the mean while pay a few Mr. Prince

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of my faithful, warm, and devoted
attachment.

With sentiments of the most friend-
ly regard I remain

Dear Macmahon

ever yours
most sincerely

Edward

Col. Macmahon

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Duke of Kent
March 14. 1802

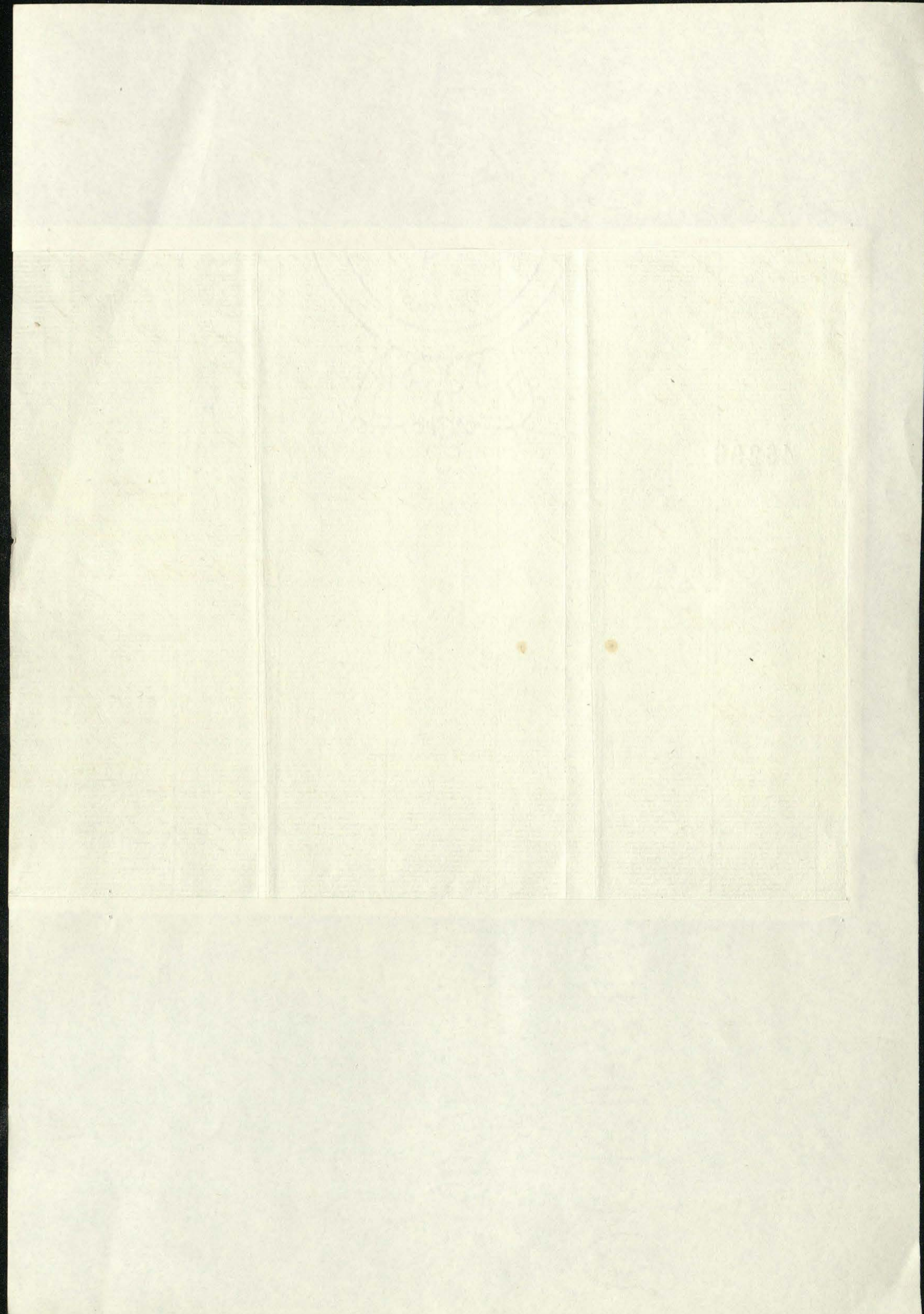
Col. F. A. Wetherall

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Extract of a letter from Col. Wetherall Adjut.
General in North America to His Royal
Highness the Duke of Kent dated Halifax
Feb^{ry}. 14. 1806 received March. 14th

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I am truly concerned to inform
Your Royal Highness, that the death of
poor General Gardiner appears inevitable.
I have just heard from Dr. Halliburton,
his Physician, who says he cannot live
four and twenty hours. I send this
letter by a Brig bound to Glasgow and
now under weigh, in order that Your
Royal Highness may have the earliest
intelligence of this melancholy circum-
-stance



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Kensington Palace
Sunday. May 4th: 1806.

My dearest Brother

Just as I
was going to take up my pen to inclose to
you the copy of a letter from Cochrane
Johnston, which he put into my hands
this morning, and to request of you to
speak to Lord Morda upon the subject,
as he proposes leaving England for the
West Indies on Friday, the little Ba-
ron called with a letter for you, which I

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now inclose also, as well as his to me, as
the purport only) goes to express his grateful
thanks for all your kindness, and to follow
your order to Hubert to enable Eben
to conclude with him pursuant to your
instructions, as he is anxious to be off. He
begged me to add that, if you would
permit him just to make his bow to you
any day this week, as you are getting
into your carriage, *à la comblentous*
for name, as he could then inform his
Furst that he had had the honor of
an audience de congé, which would
insure him infinite consideration on his
return to Praterbonne. I hope therefore
you will condescend to give your orders

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to Eben upon these points, which will
put an end to your ever having any fur-
ther trouble on the subject.
I avail myself of this opportunity
to add a memorandum of the business
of the Globe insurance Company's me-
morial for their charter, which I named
to you about two months ago, and
in which a recommendation, ^{of it} from you
to Fox is anxiously solicited, as the
favorable if you would afford Lord Gren-
ville the means of essentially aiding
William, Augustus, and me toward
paying off our debts.
I am quite ashamed at having taken
up so much of your time already, and

therefore will not now take up more of it,
— than is necessary for me to assure
you of those sentiments of warm and
faithful attachment, with which it is
ever my greatest pride to subscribe myself

Your most affectionate
and devoted

Edward

May 4th 1806.

Mr Prince of Wales

to

Mr Clerk of the Council

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Please insert
into check
L.S.

Remittance from the Duke
of Devon
July 5th 1766

1st Total L^{rs} that of the Duke
of Gloucester James continues of
allowance for children here to be
set in writing the sum 18,000
he would propose 6000 more
5000 additional.

2^d Consider Value of Money
imposed on the D^{ns} of S^{ts} - which he
got his -

3^d ~~Debit~~ Debit Debit

