Prince Ernest
19th July 1793

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Advanced Post at Monchau
19th July 1793

Sir

Since a fortnight we occupy this post under the Command of Feld Zeugmeister Count Pallavado, his Corps is composed of two Austrian Infantry Regiments Hohenlohe and Alt, the first Hanverian battalion of Grenadiers, and one Cavalry Regiment of the Imperials. Le Tous, and five Hanverian Squadrons, namely four of the Light Dragoons, and the 2d Squadron of Benhausen. The command of the Cavalry is entrusted to Major General Prince Coburg, & of the Infantry to ~~Lieut~~ Lieutenant General Banjowsky. Last Sunday General Otto who is on our right intended to attack the French Camp near Thirne le Sec, but the French did not wait, they immediately took to flight, they took about 15 Prisoners. Last Saturday I was present when Condé Garrison laid down their Arms, and afterwards went into the Town, the garrison was about 4000 Men, but on contrast to a more ridiculous Assemblage of men, it put me exactly in mind of the play of Students when they preluded to form into Companies. Honour & Rest with a great deal of Impossure. There was little or no Opposition, after that General Ulhen ordered some of these Carmanials who usurped to receive 50 Coups de baton, except

The Artillerymen do refuse to lay down their Arms, but on Prince Wurtemberg's telling them, he should be obliged to use force if they did not comply they did, one thing they tried to Mist o'd Commander pleased me, on his trying to persuade them, they answered, mon Ami vous ne sentes pas comme nous qui est clair d'abandonner ses Armes

During a fortnight have we had cruel bad Weather, but like two Days again very Hot wet and cold Days, if this continues I am afraid we shall get many sick, for we have already many complaining of Cholicks. We wish most heartily that Valenciennes would surrender itself, for we are very tired of this Bustacar the Side of the Escaillon. On the Day that Conde came into our Hands, I saw the famous Regiment Regale Allemand, it is a wonderful fine regiment exactly such a kind of Men and Horses as the Hanoverian Horse Guards, one sees a certain Spirit that reigns in this ~~Regiment~~ Regiment which gives me pleasure to remark

I went and saw the Hessians, as much as I could in so short a time sie, it appeared to me their Infantry are fine men, as also their Cavalry, but the Horses are amazing bad, for the sized Men much too small, and most ~~cruel~~ cruelly pinched, and so pinched that it was half their backs.

Sir

I am Your most dutif.

Son

Ernest Augustus

Prince Ernest
9th August 1793

47090

Bourlow 9th Augst 1793

Sir

Your Majesty's most gracious Letter I received, but had it not in my Power to answer them, being just ordered to march; which has really been attended with the greatest success, I have had the good Luck to have fought hand in hand with the french Cavalry. Meeting with about 50 Horse I attacked them and the happiness with my own hands to make one Man Prisoner, and to save my own life I saw myself necessitated to take the Life of a French Chasseur. We killed about twenty of the Enemy, I have had only 7 Wounded. Providence must have had me particularly under his protection for though I was among the midst of them I cut my way through, I received one cut on my head, but it fell flat and only made a small Impression on my Hat without doing me the least harm. Above 200 Shot fell about me, but all without hurting me, as soon as possible I shall answer the Queen

Sir
Your gracious
Dutiful Son
Ernest Auguste

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His R: H:
Prince Ernest Augustus
Wormhoot — 26th Aug 1793.

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Advanced Post at Wormhoot 26th Aug 93

Sir

Since my last Letter to Your Majesty have I been in very hard Service, but very glorious, from the 21st till this Morning has not passed a single Day without my being in the strongest fire. The 21st at 2 in the morning we broke up, passed the Isel at Rhonesbrugge took the Enemy's Camp by surprise, and advanced to Maisonblanche, I was in a very disagreeable situation being obliged to remain above an hour & half in Common fire without being able to advance. The Grape shot fell among us, but luckily did us no harm. We advanced the 22 to Bischar and here we have had three warm Attacks, in the Afternoon of the 22d the Enemy attacked us but were driven away with loss, the 23 in the forenoon we attacked them in two Places at Eckelsbeck and at Wormhoot from whence we drove them, at Eckelsbeck we left a Grenadier Company to guard it, but Wormhoot we left. The 23 at 6 in the Afternoon the Enemy attacked us at Eckelsbeck with 5000 Men, but were repulsed, however this cost much blood, General Fabri sent me to this Village with a reinforcement of Grenadiers, though I have been now above 36 days in fire, yet such a smart and infernal fire I never met with before, of one Company we lost 2 Wounded Officers, 12 killed & 32 badly wounded, in the moment of the Affair I did not feel but on riding early the next Morning & seeing the spilt blood my heart bled, the worst men fell being wounded out of the

Windows by the Inhabitants, Yesterday Afternoon we broke up at 1 o'clock and attacked Woorthoot again where the French were to the number of 6000, it is even said 10,000 but I must own I doubt that; although I have had the honor of being present at all these Affairs yet as Providence has been his heavenly Protection I have not had the least Wound. These Prisoners I got myself who had concealed themselves in a Ditch; the Enemy have lost above 2 or 3000 Men in these different Affairs. Our prizes are

14, 4 lb Canon
2, 5 lb Mortars
2, strong half lb Amusets
6, Ammunition Waggons
17, Artillery horses
300, Small Arms
9 Colours

Prisoners

18, Officers
2 Regimental Surgeons
300 Prisoners.

This is the Account, General Fabri gave me yesterday; Your Majesty must pardon this Scrawl, but since ten days I am without any baggage, obliged to lay on the cold Ground at night, consequently without the necessary Thing for writing.

Sir

Your most Respectful
Humble Servant
[illegible]
Chief Surgeon

Prince Ernest
September 7. 1793

47092

James 10th 7bre
1793

Sir

Your majesty's gracious Letter dated the 6th I received this Morning & just at a moment when my Heart wanted comfort, for after the many very sorrowful Scenes I have been engaged in since the 5th, nothing but so gracious a Letter could alleviate my Sorrow.

Impossible for any Man to describe what that I have seen, having been always the one who was of the Rear Guard, I could but see what has happened; were it not for the Goodness of Providence & the bravery of your Hanoverian Infantry, we must have been a Prey to our Enemy; nothing could be more agreable for me than to hear brought my Regiment & the a Squadron of the 7th & 1st Dragns who was under my Bros Infn, though I saw the moment that nothing but Swordes hand could have saved us if the Enemy had profited of the opportunity of surrounding us in a Wood near Johnschrot. I am very well, but very fatigued having since the 5th till today not had the time

to change my clothes, still lay to sleep.

One thing however sorrowful this Event has been is that the Hanoverians have rendered themselves immortal through their amazing bravery, for nothing but that has saved us. Your majesty can hear from my brother Dolly that the short time I have had has alone hindered me from writing & thanking the Queen & my sisters for their kind letters. But when we quiet I will not fail to write. I am just relieved from my command at the outposts of Strasbourg.

I am
Your most
dutiful Son
Ernest Augustus

Prince Ernest
October 13. 1793

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Camp fin 13 Br 9br
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Sir

I received just a moment ago Your Majesty's kind and gracious I shall not fail write oftener as I perceive You wish it the reason of my not writing oftener was the fear of troubling You, knowing how much the business must at present be encreased. We are just going to break up to join Prince Coburg's Army, & hope to have it in our Power to give a handsome thrashing to the Cameragnoles. At first I thought I should have had it some days rest here, but at a moments notice we must break up. Feldmarschall Freytag I have seen, and Down I find him much better than ever I had thought it possible after the reports made of him.

I take the liberty of writing to Your majesty on a Subject which till now I have never touched, and I hope You will not find fault at my Journey. Since my Arrival from England I have always received a monthly Allowance of 14 Louis d'ors I am that an Academy and at my Age then was enough, must Now it is now but very small, so I hope Your Majesty will have the Goodness and encrease my Allowance; it is true I get Regimental Money, but on my honour the most I do I employ for the use of the Regiment, I should

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never have mentioned this if I was not sure Your Majesty would never find fault at my addressing myself to You, than by making use of any other Person to speak to You.

Sir

I am

Your most dutiful

Son

Ernst Augustus

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His Royal Highness
Prince Ernest Augustus
to
29. Octr. 1793.

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Campchin 29th Octbr 1793

Sir

Your Majesty's gracious Letter I received just now, and cannot find Words enough to express my Gratitude for Your Kindness in augmenting my Allowance, it is a fresh Proof to me that You are Satisfied with my Conduct. I am very happy Your Sir, if Your Majesty will only hear the Grounds and enquire of all those who know me, they will tell You that I am a Man who can never go round about to do or get any thing; my Way is straight forward to the fountain head, for I have always found this to be the best and only Means. Last Sunday the 27th I had the Pleasure to lead two Squadrons of the Angels as they charged on the a battalion of Carmagnoles, never did I see such havock and Chopping, we killed about 120, & made about 98 Prisoners but many of these are so wounded they cannot

live; but these fellows fought en desespere, till the last moment they defended themselves, in my own Defence I was forced to take also. General Borros who comman-ded the whole, said it was a very pretty affair, we were 4 Squadrons & 2 of the Queens boys which behaved uncommonly well, Major Crawford distinguished himself very much, they were on the right Wing, the 2 Squadrons of the Royals stood on the left Wing and they behaved also very well. If it had not been for the British Cavalry, the whole would never have succeeded, for the Huzzars of Esterhazy and Light Horse of Farrahi would not attack.

Yesterday was a fresh Attack made, which though it succeeded has cost us a very good Officer Capt. Sutherland, and a gallant young Artillery Officer Thornton who was attached to the flank Battalion of the Guards.

Sir

Your most dutiful Son

Ernest Augustus

His R. H. Prince
Ernest Augustus.

Tournay — 8th Nov. 1793.

47095

Tournay 8th Nov 1793

Sir

I return Your Majesty my most humble thanks, for Your kind intentions in giving me the 2d regiment, but must own I am very my sorry being put out of that Career in which I was brought up in that of the light Dragoons, and it would be very ungrateful in me if I said, that my quitting them gave me pleasure, for all I know in my Profession I learnt in that Regiment in which I then had the honour to serve and the better part of the Prince to commend. I then wrote by his gracious hand to the Feldmarschall, to know his orders with respect to his Regiment, and afterwards I must go I take leave of my old regiment which in truth will be for me the most sorrowful of my life, for never did a man love a regiment more than I do this, & then I shall join the new regiment according to Your orders.

Sir

I am Your most dutiful Son
Ernst August

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His R: H: Prince Ernest
August.
to
Tournay — 26. Nov: 1793

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Tournay 26th 9ber
1793

Sir

Yesterday I went to Menin in order to prepare every Thing for my taking leave of my old Regiment, but this cannot take place till the troops are settled, for all the Accounts &c of the Regiment are with the heavy baggage, and cannot well be examined till every Thing is quiet, the same is with the other Regiments as General Walmoden let me know; so that it must be still somewhat postponed. The 9th Regiment of Light Dragoons which I have till now had the Honour of commanding are in a desperate Situation At the first Duty they have continually had, and had it not been for the unremitting Pains which Major de Linsingen as well as the whole Corps of Officers have taken, it must have been ruined; but believe me on my Word of Honour, (not because I belong to them, but ask all who know this Regiment) there is not a more honourable a more distinguished, and what is more, a more

gentlemanlike Corps of Officers; and the Idea of being soon obliged to quit them makes my Heart bleed. I should have been very happy if Your Majesty had seen the Regiment as I did it the 30th April in this Town, all officers English Austrians, and even the Prussians were astonished at seeing the high Order, Discipline, and Cleanliness which was in this Regiment though it had marched above 500 Miles in the worst Weather and Roads. God grant them all Prosperity and Welfare that is my sincerest Wish, and this he knows, for the last piece of bread I had, I would willingly share with them.

Pardon me, Sir, for writing all this, but a Man in my Situation who is forced to quit such a Regiment, must feel the most sorrowful and disagreeable Sensations.

Sir

Your Majesty's most dutiful

Son

Ernest Augustus

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Prince Ernest
October 20 1793

[December]

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Gent 20th Aber
1793

Sir

Your Majesty's gracious Letter sent to me by Colonel Spörken I have received, and thank You for this fresh proof of Your Approbation. Being somewhat indisposed I shall remain some few days here, and then shall imediately join the Hanoverians and take command of my Regiment, which Your Majesty may be fully assured I shall take as much pains with as with the 9th.

But I hope You do not find fault with my sincere attachment to the Queen's, being brought up in it, having gained in that Regiment all the knowledge that I have, I should be an ungrateful man if I was not attached to it; however great my affection may be for it, never shall it impede my doing my utmost to fullfill my Duty with the other, as I have not yet seen enough of it to judge I cannot mention in what State it is, but I do not doubt it is in good Order. As I have not been able to go much out, I have not yet seen the Barracks in which the British Cavalry are, but on my going out I shall make the tour of all the different Barracks. I have just got letters from Bruges where I shall be in Garison, has

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I shall get very good Quarters, I sent my Lieutenant Rauendohr, by General Walmoden's Orders to make out my Quarters, and he has wrote me word they are very good, any Lodging sooner which is but clear I am content with. I got a Letter by last Post from Augustus who tells me his health is tolerable, I am very happy at it, I was just as soon he arrived at home it would be so for he long wished it. Being Colonel of my own Regiment I shall have often due to deal with my own Arms; but not having them I should be very much obliged to Your Majesty if You would send them to me.

Sir

Your
most dutiful
Son
Ernest Augustus

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Prince Ernest
January 6. 1794

47098

Bruges 6th January
1794

Sir

I am come here to raise the Regiment
Thursday it will take me to settle the
Accounts, and as the frost hinders the
Men immediately coming together it may
take a few days before I can for the
Regiment. Having heard from Captain
De Luisinyen that he was to quit me, per-
mit me Sir to recommend him to Your
Majesty's care, I have told him, he need not
be anxious about what becomes of him,
for Your Majesty's Goodness is
too well known, and especially to a man
who has not only served Your Majesty
so many Years as an Officer, but also
been so nightly attached to Your family
since eleven Years. Such a man who in both
qualities has distinguished himself and
but met with his Sovereign's Protection

I flatter myself Your Majesty will pardon my mentioning this to You, but my friendship to a man who has always dealt honorably to me, and always with the best Intentions must be my Excuse.

Sir

I am

Your most Dutiful

Son

Ernst Augustus

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Prince Ernest
January 22. 1794

Bruges 22d Jan. 94.

47099

Sir

I am now with my Regiment, but as at present, the men are very busy in repairing their Cloathing and Horse furniture I cannot exercise them, my chief business will be to look after the interior order of the Regiment which seems to be somewhat failing. Your Majesty may be fully assured I shall do every thing to get the Regiment in good Order, and by that procure to myself Your Approbation.

I have one favour to ask of Your Majesty, of which I have already spoken to his Excellency the Feldmarschall; my desire of once embracing my Parents is very great, and as at present for a short time there is not much to do in the Regiment, I should be happy if Your Majesty would give me furlough for a fortnight including my journey to and from the Army, as it is now nine 9 Years I have not seen my Family, I should be very happy to embrace them, and at the same time to shew to You Sir it is not Money makes me ask this Favour wish for 14 Days furlough, just to see You & then return.

I am Your most obedient
Ernest Augus

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Duke of Cumberland
25th Jany 1794.

47100

Bruges 25th January
1794

Dearest Brother

I take the very first opportunity of returning You my sincerest thanks for the beautiful Chestnut Gelding You have been so kind to send to me, the other one we played for and I won it. The Grey Hungarian Horse You will receive is one of the complexion, I ever saw, perfectly safe & handsome, no more but You should ever have got him, I refused 200 guineas for him; but he can be in no better hands than Yours, receive him dear brother I as often as You ride him think on the Donor. She is attached to You for life.

Intended to have wrote to You already a long time but my Situation has been so disagreeable that my thoughts were too distract to be able to write. You know I have this now moved five Years in the Light Dragoons

from the pille I am in hopes say, for these months
I served as a simple Dragoon; in this temporary
the opportunity afford itself twice that I could
signalize myself, the one time with my light
Troops, & though I neither formed Danger, nor
Fatigue I am determ'd to enter into the heavy
Cavalry, a service I am not made for I think &
hate. I have wrote to his Majesty for a fortnight
furlough in order to have it in my power to speak
with him. My request I hope he will not refuse
I then I shall not fail to let you immediately
know their Issue.

Dearest Brother
I am
Your ever
affectionate
Brother
Ernest Augustus
Colonel

P.S. I have a favor
to ask of you, to procure
me a steady good looking
Lad for a Groom, get him
clothed in one livery, with
Buttons with E.A. engraved.
the sooner you can send
him, the more agreeable it
will be.

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Prince Ernest
6th February 1794

47101

Gart 6th Feb. 94

Sir

Your Majesty's gracious letter I received by the last Mail, and cannot find expressions to shew You my Gratitude for Your kindness. I am happy to see that You was not angry at my demand of coming over to England; believe Sir it was nothing but the desire of once seeing my family which in 9 Years I am now deprived of, led me to this request; and the idea that another Campaign might perhaps deprive me for ever at least in this World of this happiness, for though Providence did wonders for me in the late Campaign, I cannot be sure that it may go so luckily in the Ensuing one. However I am content in seeing Your Majesty will find an Opportunity of granting me "that" my Wishes may be fulfilled.

Sir
I am
Your most dutiful
Son
Ernest Augustus

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Duke of Cumberland
6th Feby 1794.

47102

Ghent 6th Feby 94

Dear Brother

My hopes of coming over to England and of seeing one dear family are vanish'd, by the last Mail I received a very kind letter from his Majesty, but in which he refuses my Request, only hopeing he had weighty Reasons for not granting my demand. It is impossible for a father to write a more affectionate Letter, but at the same time I see clearly I am born to be the most unhappy of men all my projects, all my Wishes I see generally fail; it is hard that I should be the only one of the whole family who has not been at home in 9 years, but my complaints help no thing, but at your & mine alone is redress. The bearer of this letter is Jack Murray I recommend him to your friendship, he is the honest & best fellow that I know, none of your monkeys whose only thoughts are spend whether they shall wear a yellow or black sword belt &c.

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but he is a brave and clever fellow, with an amazing desire of perfectioning himself in his profession, as he was Aide de camp to the Fieldmarschall I have made the whole last Campaign with him & consequently have seen him in very critical moments. I wait for a letter from You in order to send Frankover with the Hungarian Horse, but by at the same time You will send me my groom over.

I have one request to make to You, I understand You will get the blues, do contrive that I may be Your successor & become Colonel of the 13th & 14th Dragoons, for no man can hate them their Circumfat Tories than I do.

Yours
Your Ever affectionate
Brother
Ernest Augustus
Colonel of Cavalry

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Bruges 12 feb 1794

Dearest Brother

Your kind Letter I found here on my arrival from Ghent; how can I express my gratitude to You for all the brotherly and affectionate terms You have made use of, your declaration about the little I have done in this Campaign will make me strive to encrease it and encrease it; but here is a hard thing for me my being put out of the way of signalizing myself. Had I the Pleasure of seeing You only one hour, to be able to pour out my Heart to You, I could explain to You many things which You don't know. Perhaps it may turn out my greatest Misfortune

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that his Majesty has not thought proper to expect so my country over; for as he is not seen since 9 years; it is just as if he never knew me; and his not knowing me may be of great mischief to me as things may happen. However it can't be helped, God knows my heart is not bad I hope you dearest brother will always grant me your friendship & can't express to you my feeling on Hedwig's letter, I think how happy he was to see in his few hours all his dearest friends & this same pleasure was denied me and why? now God knows if ever we shall see one another again. To the grey Polish Horse I shall send you over as soon as I can and my boy, but I cannot think trusting such fine Horses as those you have sent me into the Hands of such fellows as German Grooms. I want a steady quiet fellow who knows his business, you is gentle with the Horses I am so depended and is well looking. I wish you would get him no livery but a great coat, but like those of the Bulges Grooms, but no coat must be livery.

I am very happy Dolly is so in good spirits with you, he is no doubt as fine a lad as ever breathed, & is very much attached to me, but he knows I am the same to him. I am only sorry he found it necessary to take my part; between us I am afraid some damned good natured friend has played me some bad trick; if I only

know who it was; he should be a fellow who does not understand soldiering.

Shall I send you with the Polish Horse a good Hungarian Saddle such a one as we Light troops are accustomed to use, believe me they are the only ones for Light troops. For you may let them lay as we have done 10 Months day & night in their backs without their burning sore.

You must must excuse my Letter if you should like one; I would every Friday Choose which you could like you may depend of believe me ever

Your aff.te brother
Eng.d Anyesey
Colonel of the Regt
of Cavalry

Prince Ernest
18th February 1794

47105

Bruges 18th feb 94

Sir

As Captain Ende has just received orders to set off for England, I could not deprive myself of the Pleasure of writing to Your Majesty, on a Subject which I flatter myself You will pardon me, it is in behalf of my Friend Leisinger who has been now very near 9 Years with me, to whom I owe a good Deal for all the Care he has of me during the time he was with me. Considering he is the Youngest of four brothers, has a Wife and two Children, may I humbly entreat Your Majesty to grant him some Small Pension, however Small it may be, it will prove to the World that You were content with him. I can assure You he is a good and very Serviceable Man, I need only say he is of the Family of Leisingen that's Saying enough, for the whole Family have distinguish'd themselves in the Service.

I am at present busy in exercising the Regiment, which though is pretty good Order, is in this point only deficient, but at bottom I am glad of it, for I give myself pains to get them into good Order, but Your Majesty knows

it requires time to get a Regiment in order;
I have the misfortune of having very bad Captains
and a Major who may make a good Adjutant
but is totally incapable of being a field Officer
the Fieldmarshal knows that very well & has
promised me to assist me in getting rid of them

Lord Johns has made me very happy in telling
me Your Majesty would have the Goodness of sending
me two Saddle Horses this Spring, a Gift which
will be the more agreeable to me as one of my best
Horses I shall never be able to make use of again
having received a Shot in the knee at Pontin
at Le Zennes.

Sir

Your Your most
Dutiful Sn
Cornet Keegan

Prince Ernest
February 22. 1794

47106

Bruges 22 Feb. 1794

Sir

As I have received Orders to march tomorrow with my Regiment in the Environs of Bonsplaer as an idea is of our being attacked in that Quarter, I cannot think of quitting my Quarters without writing a few Lines to Your Majesty, all I hope is that an Opportunity may offer itself that I may signalize myself and by that preserve Your Approbation, The only Excuse for my writing so that a Letter is the amazing Dirt I have to do about the Ensuing March, for the Regiment being not prepard to march, was busy in repairing the Cloaths &c, but I have done all in my power, and shall be able to march off tomorrow Morning at break of Day.

Sir

I am Your most dutiful
Son
Ernest Augustus

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Prince Ernest
February 25. 1794

47107

Cantonment at Hornubeck Wesel
25th Feb. 1794

Sir

Just as I quitted yesterday my Quarters at Hoyhlede, I received Your Majesty's gracious and valuable letter which You was so good to send over by Captain de Crespigny. I am very happy to see You did not take amiss the liberty I took of recommending Major Dörring to Your Majesty. Since the 23 have we broke up from our Winter Quarters and approached the Frontiers to hinder the Attacks of the French; notwithstanding all the Reports of their intending to attack us, I do not see how they can pass with their Cannon on account of the badness of the roads, except they go on the Causeys, which they will certainly not be so simple to do, as in such a case they are to all intents and purposes lost.

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I only got orders the 21st to march the 23; which was no easy thing, when one comes to consider, that half the Guns Waggons, and Horse Equipage were in the Hands of tradesmen to finish & repair; but I did not wait a moment, I bustled so long that I got every thing in readiness, that is to say in the best order I could get it, for the 23 at 6 in the Morning when I marched out of Quarters. I have the misfortune of having only my 1st Squadron, for the 2d is since the 6th on duty of the Outposts at Newport & Fleurus; but I hope soon to have them again join me. My Uniforms and Cloaths I shall only get at the end of next month. 57 Horses, & 28 Privates are failing, which to our little number, makes a great Vacuum; but though we are small in numbers, we are great in Spirit.

I return Your Majesty my most humble thanks, for the promise to lend me this Spring two Saddle Horses, & shall strive to preserve Your Approbation.

I am your most dutyfl Son

Ernest Augustus

Prince Ernest
March 14 1794

47108

Cantonement at Jennebek
14th March
1794

Sir

Till within a few Days, I had the honour to command a brigade of Cavalry, which was vacant by General Wurgenhiefs being at the Outposts at Menin; but on Major General Abercrombys getting that command, the former returned and took the command of his brigade & that of my Regiment. I am waiting every moment for an order to march & go to Bolegne about 6 miles off Courtray, for as I am told the 5th Dragoon Guards are to take my quarters. I am in great hopes of getting in three Days the 2 Squadron of my Regiment to be relieved at Newport, where they have been doing the outpost Duty since the 6th of February, which is for heavy cavalry a very fatiguing & irksome Duty. At this very moment I have got the news that the fourteen Escadrons of the V Dragoon Guards are arrived at Bazelaer, when one of the Squadrons are to be quartered & that those for this Village will soon arrive.

I spoke afresh to his Excellency the Field marshall with respect of my Major and I am in hopes soon of getting a new

one, whom I have already proposed to his Excellency & whom he approved of, it is a man well known in our Army to be a most excellent officer, and a man to whom I can fully trust the management of the Money business of the Regiment for which purpose I am powerful. It is Major Thiele who is titular major in the Army & Captain in the Regiment of Major General Oxenstiern.

Sir

I am

Your most dutiful

Son

Ernst August

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Prince Ernest
March 24 1794

47109

Cantonments at Aberlgine
24th march 1794

Sir

No Words can express my Gratitude for the very handsome, and very gracious Present Your Majesty has made me with those two Charges which arrived safe at Courtray, as I must pass tomorrow morning through that Town on my March to the Garrison of Tournay, I thought it was better to let them as they appeared to be fatigued, remain there the night.

What makes me so happy is the idea that Your Majesty has approved of my Conduct, & I shall continue to do all my Endeavours to preserve the Approbation of the best of Fathers, & by that secure my self the greatest Bliss. Colonel Garth I have as yet not seen, but am told he will be tomorrow at Head Quarters, and in that Case I shall try to see him as I pass through.

I shall be obliged in these Days to go to Bruges where my Depot will arrive, which I am told is extremely bad, & which distresses me very much, but by all that I have mentioned to his Excellency the Feldmarschall, he knows how necessary it is

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to make a change in this Regiment,
for my Predecessor General D. Stam-
-mustian let every Thing go as it would, but I cannot
my Endeavours are to get the Regiment into as fine
an Order, as my old favourite ones the 9th. but it cannot
be at once, little by little, I do not despair, the Men
are of the very best Will, & when we come to know
one another perfectly, every thing shall go well; my
greatest pains has been to get Harmony in the Reg-
-ment which I am sorry to say is not perfectly the
Case, and which is very prejudicial to the Service, however
I flatter myself it shall by degrees be rooted out of it.

Daly is ordered to day to garrison at Spinspshire
he will find a very pleasant Garrison, at last I thought
so Steps I immediately a part of the Advanced Corps
in the neighbourhood.

Sir
I am Your most dutiful
Son
Ernst Augustus

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