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Cantonment at Abalyone
24th March 1794

Dearest brother,

Just now I have given the Grey Gelding which I hope You will like as to Frank's law I know no fault, no Vice in him, he is perfectly sound; I feel a great happiness in having something which I flatter myself may meet with Your approbation; God Grant I may soon get over to England & then have the Pleasure of riding him in Your Society. I am under orders for marching for Tuncay which is for me one of the pleasantest Garrisons, as I know almost all the pretty Girls in the Town, which makes up, for the Tranquil Time that I have passed Since my quitting Bruges. But all this is nuncor de; and to tell You the Truth I am sick of War. From the bottom of my Soul I am a Soldier, and by heavens I know no thing else, one can knock but one thing well, & I flatter myself I give my

trouble enough; but when one does not serve willingly that is no Service; in my former Regiment where I was but Lt Colnel I was the happiest of men, I was in a Society of Gentlemen, many Young Noblemen, altogether the 9th was the finest in his Majesty's Service; and now to be put in a heavy Cuirassier Regt; where first of all the Officers are most of them black Guards, where the great at Disharmony what the most disagreeable Thing is origin, all that by God breaks my heart; however I say nothing I do my Duty, the Regiment was in very bad order, it is now getting into good order thank God but it costs me much trouble. I intend as soon as this campaign is over to quit, unless his Majesty gives me the 9th Regt which will be vacant, for I hear that the Field marshall Sho is the worthiest man in the World, intends retiring; if any body else gets the Regiment, I should break my Heart.

I am only very very happy to hear from some body that You dear Brother are my friend remain so, & I shall be very lucky; for as fast I hear, I am afraid I have some Enemies of this side the Water, God knows what I have done to make them so. Mais hélas il paraît je suis né sous une Etoile malheureuse — better times will come, remain only my friend & then am I sure.

What endared me the news of my getting the 2 regiment more disagreeable were the last words the Field marshall told me on his setting out to England "only consider, says he, the 9th Regiment as your own". This flattering idea made me always bear all my toils, which even many last year with the greatest Pleasure, and then to see one's favourite wish vanish — no that is too hard. If You should hear of any thing, put in a word for me. I end with these words. Remain my friend.

Your most affectionate & devoted friend
Ernest Augustus
Colonel of Cavalry

Pl. I cannot praise enough Arnaldi's good behaviour during his stay with me

Duke of Cumberland
24th March 1794.

Duke of Cumberland
29th March 1794

47112

Tournay 29th march 1794

Dearest Brother

Here is the gray Hungarian Horse which Frank takes in this Moment over, I wish I could be so happy just to take him over & have then the opportunity of seeing You my dear Brother, but it seems this Pleasure won't be shared by Me 'till the end of the Campaign if Providence leaves me Health & my life.

Should the Horse meet with Your liking I shall think myself very happy to ride him only, his motions & pace will please You, he will make an incomparable Lady's Horse being very quiet; one favor send me some Thing Whips, & Bequet Collars for the Horses.

Your most sincere affectionate
Brother
Ernest Augustus
Colonel of the
2d Cavalry Regt

Prince Ernest
May 5. 1794

Camp at Cocyme near Courtray
5th may 1794.

Sir

I have led since some time a more unquiet a more troubling life than I ever did when last Year at the Bedposts, of all the members which the Corps of General Clairfayt made Part of the Party, and had the Honor of commanding a brigade consisting of my Regiment and two Grenadier Battalions. The fatigue we have gone through is astonishing; but never have I been under any General's Command more willingly than under Count Clairfayt, he is without doubt one of the first and greatest Men in Europe uniting at once the Gentleman and Soldier; possessing a Sang froid in the greatest dangers. If he has any fault, it is that of being too brave, for he exposes himself very much. I have seen a great deal of fire one way or other lately, but have been very lucky not having been even touched. Of my Regiment I have lost a Captain; he was shot at the Head of his Squadron. We have lost a good number of men at the affair of Mouscron, the Imperialists reckon their loss to be 700 men, & ours certainly equals that number. General Murray had the misfortune to lose his Rear guard & was taken, his Regiment lost about 12 Officers. We are in expectation of a smart battle at the establishing of Courtray.

Sir
Your most dutiful
Son
Ernest Augustus

Prince Ernest
May 11. 1794

Tournay 11th May 1793

Sir

Although I have been in a most horrid fire for some hours, yet I am tolerably lucky, I have got a small contusion in my left Arm since the Wind of a cannon ball, which killed unfortunately Mau's Horse behind me in the instant my hand left the bridle fall I said to my Aide de camp, I am wounded in a fine persuasion that it was a small Ball, for the same ball was so near I did not hear it, but being able to make use of my Arm again I thought it was nothing I touched, however after sometime I found that all feeling in my Arm became gone to my so my brother Surgeon, who found the Arm fractured, but in a manner of days I shall be cured. He said an inch nearer my Arm was off like poor Thornton of the Artillery Green this bad writing, but I am laid with one Arm,

I am
Your most
Dutiful
Kn
Ernest Augustus

Prince Ernest
May 13. 1794

47115

Tournay 13th may 1794

Sir

I take this present occasion of informing Your Majesty, that being unable to serve in this present Moment I have been forced to quit my Regiment, and am come here in order to make use of the necessary Remedies, my Arm is stiff as if it was dead, Except the fingers that I cannot ~~straighten~~ straighten, and my Elbow that pain me much. However I hope soon I shall be cured, and then be able to do my Duty again. I am as a cripple not able to hold the fork in my Hand.

Sir

Your most dutiful
Son
Ernest Augustus

Prince Ernest
May 15 1794

Lunney 15th may 1794

Sir

Your Majesty will I hope by this time have received my two letters, in which I acquainted Your of my Misfortune, 'till now I find no Difference my Leme is to all Intents and Purposes dead which makes me very unhappy as it absolutely puts me out of condition of fullfilling my Duty.

But I must not murmur I cannot enough thank Providence for my miraculous Escape. The Surgeons give me little Hopes of a speedy Recovery, they tell me time will do the rest.

Sir

I am Your most dutiful
Son
Const August

Prince Ernest
May 19. 1794

Tournay 19th May
1794

Sir

Here I am still and without any prospect of getting better, for though the Acme grows thinner, yet till this moment I have no strength or power to cast it. The idea of being in this moment an invalid makes me very low spirited, & yet I am not able to alter it being totally unable to ride. The Surgeon tells me daily it will be better, but God knows when this will take place. We have been very unlucky, I am sorry to say many and many of Your brave Subjects, as all British, as Hanverian have been sacrificed. Heavens great things may

from change for or am almost knocked up,
at least the Hanverians. I never was so
miserable as the last two Days knowing
all my friends were in fire, and hearing
the Commands & notable to serve, a man
must be in my Situation to feel this.

Sir

Yours ever dutiful

Son

Ernest Augustus

Prince Ernest
May 27. 1794

47118

Tournay 27th may 1794

Sir

I am still unlucky enough to be obliged to be absent from my Regiment, and to remain in Inactivity, a thing that for me is a great Punishment. I am really very uneasy, in not being able to do my Duty, I know not when I shall get strength in this Arme, till now I find none, I am rid, but not being able to use my left Arm of no use to my Corps. The Surgeons all agree that time will do the most, in this Moment I have a great Plaster round my Elbow, God knows that it will do. Patience and trust in providence must do the most. I accompanied my brother

last Thursday, in my life did I hear such a fire, I do not believe in the State Wars have had such a bloody Day.

Sir

Your most dutiful Son

Ernest Augustus

Tournay ce 29 mai 1794

Sir

To day I have had a consultation about my Arm which instead of getting better is really becoming worse, all the Surgeons agree. I must make use of Leaches for that there was a quantity of blood shut hindered the cure of my Arm. All I know is that yesterday they fomented my Arm with bitter Water, & I did not perceive the least Sediment on the Cloth. This I only mention to shew your Majesty the true State of my Arm. Hollins one of the cleverest Surgeons, as well as Green, say this State may last still a long time, I hope this may not be the case

however I cannot enough thank Providence
it is no worse, which might very easily
have been the case. I went and saw
the Imperial Guard which really is very
very fine, the Cuirassiers of Duke Albert
and the Uhlans are magnificently
mounted, altogether it is impossible
to see a better Corps of Officers than
these Uhlans, for they are all in
the best sense Gentlemen, which
unfortunately too seldom found in
foreign Service. Their stories being
generally either from Hungarian
Poland, they sustain the Service
though very hard uncommonly well.

Ever

Your most dutiful
Son

Ernest Augustus

Prince Ernest

May 29. 1794

Brana Ernest.
June 3. 1794

47121

Tonnay 3 June 1794

Sir

I am still as Your Majesty will see obliged to remain here in our Inactivity which grieves me the more, as till now I have no Prospect of Cure. I have tried every possible means, Rubbing in Good Doch, Applying Leaches, and blistering my Legs, but all alas without any Effect, I am in the horrid State possible, & Heavens alone knows When I shall be cured. Since the last trial of a blister have I been cruelly ill with a Retention of Urine which the Surgeons all agree is a very common Effect of a blister. Having at least so much the Snow, the

disagreeable Situation in which I am in doubly felt; but I am so maimed with my left leg that I am totally unable to hold a foot at dinner still less the Princess my Sister. My brother Ernest Dally is just arrived here to celebrate tomorrow Your Majesty's birthday, God grant that many and many a happy one may be enjoyed by the best of Fathers this is the sincere Wish of

Your most dutiful

Son

Const Augustus

Prince Ernest
June 14. 1794

Tournay 14th June 1794

Sir

Having heard the Duke send a Messenger off to night to England I could not let this opportunity escape without writing.

My arm is very high held up, namely the Love occasioned by the Blister, but unluckily without finding any Relief. I am now afraid I shall have a Stiff joint, Stick in my Age would be very unlucky, however Patience must not fret me, the idea of not being able to fulfill my Duty cruelly oppresses me, and to God I was only in a State able to show that nothing have I more at heart than the fullfilling my Duty.

Sir

Your most dutiful

Son

Ernest Augustus

AA.

Windsor 24th July 1794

Dearest Brother, it is exactly as if I poor Dorset was intended never to have a moments pleasure, only think all my fine projects of coming & seeing You dear Brother at Brighton are at once vanished, notwithstanding the Bee thinks Sea bathing will comfort him in his old Days, and then for Weymouth is to be visited, I cannot, without doing myself harm, stir off from this Spot, which however beneficial it may be to my Health, will not be very amusing nothing is in my Eyes so terrible as a Family party; Poore Louis more than I do, for no one was happier than we with the agreeable prospect of passing a short time at the Hague and in the Company of our Sister I know loves me; but I must go on in the old Hum Drum Manner, to day, tomorrow & Evermore.

AA.

You will let that we both of us have often lately talked of, not of the Boys but, but the Parties du Nord of a certain Person, which some grand Revolution takes place I am afraid they will go to ruin; then I see You I'll Explain myself better. I hope You will come here next Monday or at latest Tuesday, donot forget to go to Roeppring for a little more, for I'll have You the Gray Hungarians. On Your birth Day here is to be a Grand Ball, which their Majesties will give, Lady J & Daughter is to be invited, je connois du monde qui ne sait pas encore de cela. All the news here here at Head Quarters is that Pr Coburg has order'd without saying a word to my mother to Maestricht, upon which he is gone to Bergen op Zoom God bless You, remain always dear brother my friend, & believe me Ever

Your affectionate & devoted

Brother

Ernest Augustus

Col.

Duke of Cumberland
14th July 1794

Weymouth 20th August 1794

Sir

Having been desired to sit for my picture, and You having so fully succeeded in Your's of me, I could not balance a moment in my determination, but beg You will have the Goodness to make a copy of the one already made, only with one little Difference; by introducing my left Arm hanging in a black Sling, & the Sleeve laid aft, supplying his the Picture must be of the same Size, & dress just in the very same manner as the one You drew for the Prince. I have book or History I am still reading & shall soon send it back to You. I should be very much obliged to You if You would finish me this as soon as it is convenient to You & send it me down here, but well packed up that it may not be injured by the journey.

Yours
Ernest Augustus

addressed to Richard Cosway, R.A.

not to be filmed.

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(From the Duke of Cumberland to Richard Cosway R.A.)

Weymouth

20th August 1794

Sir

Having been desired to sit for my picture, and you having so fully succeeded in yours of me, I could not balance a moment in my determination, but beg you will have the goodness to make a copy of the one already made, only with one little difference; by introducing my left arm hanging in a black sling, and the sleeve laced up, Excepting this the picture must be of the same size, and drest just in the very same manner as the one you drew for the Prince. Your book on Holyness(?) I am still reading and shall soon send it back to you. I should be very much obliged to you if you would finish me this as soon as it is convenient to you and send it me down here, but well packed up that it may not be injured by the journey.

Yours

Ernest August

Original bought by his Lordship from Lt. Col. J. G. Birch

AA

Weymouth 28 august 1794

Dear Brother

I take the very first opportunity of writing to You & thanking You for the Desire You have of seeing me established, to You alone I shall have it owe, I therefore beg & entreat You to speak again to Dundas that when he comes down here, he may speak seriously to the Duke; in this case the old French Proverb must not be neglected, better be for longer at sea than; now by the Ship you are going to take, You will have everybody, the whole Nation on Your Side. Dundas is both a disinterested humble Servant, so do I hope the Kindness for me in Every Case You poor brother and settle with him, pardon me dear brother for talking to You so much about my own

AA

Affairs, but no one in the World is so much my friend and has shown himself as such to me as You, and to whom then can I open my Heart so well?

Something is afoot in agitation God knows what, but the honoured Letters of our Days have had Yesterday a very busy Innovation
Lits a Life
which seemed to be very boisterous, for though the Wind was a humble Wife, one could hear them perfectly well talking; but what the Subject was exactly I cannot tell but I suppose; You are; the King was in remarkable good Spirits, but his Counter-part the Bay Horse; dare not last night to the Play, the farce was the Romp among other Things there comes in a Million who says she had been bringing the Coffeeness for her Majesty, which naturally set me a laughing; this laugh occasioned a hurried quietly Grin more like that of Medusa than of Venus. But I observed the Grenadiers Motto, Nunquam retrorsum

God bless You dear brother write to me soon that me know when You happy Wife me will enliven Weymouth.

Yours most affectionate
Brother
Cornwallis

Major General

P.S. Have a favor to beg of You, do then You come bring me sma of Dumergues Tooth Powder.

Duke of Cumberland

25th Augt 1790

AA

Weymouth 14th Feb 1844

Dearest Brother

Yesterday afternoon I received the two enclosed letters, but too late to be able to send them by the mail, should any more come, they shall be directly forwarded.

I have had a long letter from Leopoldus dated the 20th last month, he desires his best Love to You & has given me a list of Statues he wishes You to have, which as he says are unique in their Way, I have answered him, but said I could not answer him on this Point till I had spoke to You.

He has a very fine Barb Stallion, but when I see You the 27th You shall read his letter which is a very fine one, & record me to the Stars & then knowing Your

AA

47129

Your Intentions I will answer him directly.
The newspapers of yesterday mention
Ld Southampton being intended to be
sent as Ambassador to fetch the Princess Caroline, oh
for God's sake send Things, so that
She may be here the latter end of
next Month or the Beginning of
November. Tomorrow this Majesty
go to Milton Abbey; would to God
only Saturday Sennight was arrived
then I shall be happy enough to
see You again. The Duke of Gloucester
is still, & will stay still another week
Monday 15th

I was forced to leave off last night
my letter, there being an Alarm of the French
arriving, it seems Captn Drury of the Amity
a 50 Gun Ship had seen four Ships continually
following him which proved afterwards to be S^r
J Somerez, he made all possible Signals, but
the wind blowing not enabling answering he put
in for Weymouth, gave a Signal that unknown
Ships followed. This gave the Alarm to the Whole
Town, I for my own part could not refrain
laughing when I was told of the French
coming, being convinced the idea of landing
at that time of night was ridiculous.
From 7 till 9 this rumor lasted, then
Somerez arrived & said that the 4 Indiamen
horrible Vessels were his, that the Reason
he had not answered Drury's Signals
was that the Wind blew so he could not
distinguish what Signals the Captn made.
however the People cant yet be convinced

If I do not conclude my letter it will be too late for the Post
God bless you, let me know how
something of you & believe
me ever

Your most
affectionate

Brother

Ernest Augustus
H G

Duke of Cumberland
Hanover 17 Feb 1794.

Sept.

AA

Windsor Wednesday
Sept 8th 8ber 1784

Dear Brother

Though I am so tired I know not what to do, I cannot think of going to bed without writing to You a Conversation that has been held.

She said that she had resolved never to talk, no never to open her Lips about Your Marriage, so that no one should say, she had any Hand in any Thing though she never liked the Intrigues of Brunswick, Yet she should treat the Princess very well, her opinions she could not give, as she never intended to speak about it, she hoped She could be happy, & all

AA

this she said with Tears in her Eyes; God knows what is the matter, but with her, but she is fretted, I scarcely her to night about You, but no Apology sooner was made. I could not rest quietly without writing this to You, as it will go off tomorrow Morning at 8 o'clock. I drive tomorrow with my father to Richmond should any Thing about You be the Topic, Tomorrow's Post shall relate it A Thousand Thanks for your Kind recollection of me at your Stage, I pour Devil cards nothing for You, but may being Grateful for your Goodness; at least can I be of the least service only command I am ready to do by God there is nothing I would not do for You, Never Have broken there are no more Words, but the real sentiments of a Heart, which I hourly feel what it owes to You.

Yours most affectionate
Ewell Stuart
Major General.

P.S. The King is in amazing good Humour tonight.

Duke of Cumberlan

S.th Oct.r 1794.

DA

Windsor 9th Nov
1844

Dearest Brother

According to my Promise I write, this Morning I drove to Richmond, & Gw to my great Surprise entered a little on Conversation, he said he hoped You would be happy, that he should be at first alittle as his Grace, if he found the Princess was all behaved, he would certainly do every thing in his power to make her & You his agreeably; he did not talk to me how soon it was to be, & I dared not ask him, all I said was that I heard she was very agreable & handsome, he seems so happy, & spoke

AA

very kindly. He again spoke of my going away, & I am afraid it is my sorrow, for God sake, dear brother let me know if you are Sunday or today, ~~let~~ write me only two lines, for on that one I will ride off at ~~Six~~ Six in the morning & at 8 I am in Sutton Street.

Would you send me a Stick to meet me at Ramsbow I should like it, if you can be meet be at Seven o'clock at the George Inn, otherwise I will ride mine the whole way; pray answer me immediately. I am almost broken hearted at my going away; but do not think I am afraid no Ernest is no coward, however I am very sorry. Pray answer me immediately.

Yours

Ernest Augustus

Mayer Green

Duke of Cumberlan

9th Oct. 1794

AA

Duke of Cumberland
11th Oct. 1794.

47134

Windsor 11 Octo 1794
at 8 o'clock in the morn

Dearest Brother

This moment is Fitzroy arrived, many many thanks for the kindness of sending me Your Portmanteau, with readiness do I believe Your offer of coming tonight to Town & then for at 10 o'clock shall set off from Windsor This Letter will a Servant bring to Town. Have I have just taken as Valetde Chambre, he being recommended to me by Griffiths as a clever Servant. I have ordered him to meet me at Your House tonight at 12. I long for the moment of seeing You, in this moment do I go to my Sister in Law to enquire what Ld WM. has spoken with her about

your Marriage. The King was yesterday in very good Spirits. God bless you

at Half an hour after 12 at Cabet

Hope to see you tonight

Yours

Ernest Augustus

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Prince Ernest
October 24 1794

London 24th Octbr 1794

Sir

Though it is not only my Duty, but still more my inclination that makes me desirous to return to the Army I cannot quit this Country without feeling the greatest regret at leaving Your Majesty, whose Affection and Kindness to me are most deeply impressed in my Heart, and I hope that my future Conduct will shew that I am not undeserving of it, for nothing can be more desirable to me than Your Approbation. And this I may also say for my brother Adolphus; we shall both endeavour to do all in our Power to merit it still more and more, and by that we shall be amply repaid for the fatigues and hardships, we are in duty bound and most willingly undergo.

Permit me Sir as I have once begun to write, to intrude a little longer upon Your time, and to state most respectfully to Your Majesty, that my Situation at present with the Army has run me into very heavy Expences, I hope, Sir, You now found me Colonel, at the very same time speaking for my brother Adolphus, who feels on this Subject as I do; and to shew us as well as myself an Addition of Income would be very welcome, especially as we know that Augustus is upon a much more easy footing. We will not be unreasonable in our Demands, but I hope that Your Majesty will

think of making some Establishment for us.

Your Majesty's fatherly Goodness to us all induces me to make this request for this Memorial I should make many Apologies. but more I must thank You Sir for all Your kindnesses to me which shall never be forgotten.

Sir

I am

Your most dutiful

Son

Ernest Augustus