AA.

Duke of Cumberland
Oct. 25. 1794.

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Sittingbourne Oct 25 1794

Dearest George

My Heart ever too full last night to say any thing to you, not that I felt less, for I should be the most ungrateful of men if I did not feel that during my stay in England Your ~~any~~ a father brother & all to me, Happy should I be could ever any occasion presented itself, in which I could shew You all I would do for You, call upon me Shew dear One like, be afraid You ill advised find me ready to obey & fulfill Your Wishes. I shall set off directly from here to Margate is the Wind favourable I shall make said directly, I write to You Mary & Sophia, write also dearest Brother now & then to me.

Remember me most respectfully to their Majesties, & most affectionately to my dear Sisters & Your dearest Brother do I put my entire confidence, and on you I look as my Supporter do not forget to speak to Peel and Dundas.

My best compliments to Lady Jersey, all I hope is that you may be as happy as happy. If you see Mrs. Meggot remember me most kindly to her. Adieu dearest brother believe me ever

Yours most affectionately
Ernest Augustus
Major General

AA

Duke of Cumberland

Oct. 25. 1794

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Margate 26 Oct 1794

Dearest George

A Lucky Escape I have had, ten minutes later at me with pris, there are three French frigates run out of Dunkirk and I in my 24 Gun one could have been caught; I breakfasted to day with Mrs Fitzherbert he received my brother & my self very civilly, & lent us her Phaeton to go to see the Duchess of Rutland. Lord Cholmondeley has invited us to day to Dinner. Mrs F. seems to me to be very low spirited never mentioned your name once but however she was very low at any thing mentioned that have gone upward to you.

Good bye the Post sets off.

Your's
EA

Prince Ernest
October 26. 1794



Margate Octbr 26th 1794

Sir

Since these Days the Wind has been quite fowl, and it was but this morning that the Wind changed; Just as I was going off, Admiral Peyton sent word to Capt Pellew not to take me on board but to put directly to Sea, as three French Frigates had run out yesterday from Dunkirk and were cruising in the high bouchard, half an Hour later I should have been on board, as soon as I can get off I shall, &c

Sir
Your most
dutiful Son
Ernest Augustus

Prince Ernest
Octobr. 27. 1794



Margate 27th Octbr 1794
Monday Morning
9 o'clock

Sir

As there is no Ship, nor troops here it may be dangerous staying here however as I have Your Majesty's particular Orders to stay here I shall not remove, though it has been proposed to me to go to Dover, but as a Soldier I remain on my Post 'till further Orders. By Admiral Peyton's Letter there are six frigates out, he proceeds it is on account of my going over here for this night but God knows. As I should be very sorry to do any thing contrary to Your Wishes I shall not go, unless a Ship is ready to carry me, 'till I have Your Orders if I am to go to Dover or Deal.

Sir
Your
Your most dutiful
Son
Ernest Augustus

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Duke of Cumberland
27th Oct. 1794.

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Margate 27th Oct 1794

Dear George

This is no Ship, nor troops here I am in a damned Situation here, I may be taken, however as I have his Majesty's express orders to stay here, I shall stay this Letter will reach you by an Express Which brings at the same time a Letter to his Majesty asking his further Commands. I may be wrong I may be right, you know how odd his Majesty is if and as I am entirely depending on him, by Gad I might get into a Scrape, as for being taken here is absolutely nonsense Thyse William on the 1st Sheriff for London. Pray write to me a few lines & send him to ~~he~~ ~~peare~~ ~~to~~ ~~send~~ with his Majesty's Answer

Your most affte
Brother
Ernest Augustus
Major Gen

AA

47141

Ashridge House
Oct 30th 1794

Dearest Lynge

In this instant am I arrived here after a very rough and uncomfortable Passage having been dead sick. It is too late to go on to night, but tomorrow Morning I shall set off for the Hague; I hope Mr Pigot will have said every thing kind from me to you at least I charged her not in any manner to forget it.

I cannot say enough of the Politeness of Mrs Fitzherbert, and the Duchess of Brunswick to me during my stay at Marg. Pray when you see the latter to thank her in my name.

My Mama are but a more yesterday, they are safe but I.

have not seen them. I received yesterday a letter from the King but he never mentions a word about the letter I sent him through Prince; pray did he mention any thing about it to you. I have my whole confidence in you, my cause cannot be in better hands than those of my dearest Brother, give my best compliments to Lady Jersey and Mrs Bagot. Write soon

Yours most faithfully
Ernest Augustus

Yours truly Sincerely Augustus Frederick
but I am in an infernal
ale House, notwithstanding Catherine's Wheel
at Colebrook, God save the King but in old England

Duke of Cumberland
Octr. 30th 1794

AA



Hague 1 Nov 1844

Dearest George

In this instant I have received your kind letter, every thing coming from you is a new proof how kind you are to me; by God dearest Brother your letter of today received on Tues. I should be the wickedest Rascal if ever I could forget your Kindness to me, as by God they are so deeply engraven in my heart that never shall they leave thinks of you but with the tendrils and most powerful feelings.

I am just going to sup with the Prince, & have dispatch for the Army, being informed that the Day after tomorrow a general attack is to be made, & you know

AA

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I could not remain about, my first Entry will be in fire, perhaps an opportunity may offer itself for me to distinguish myself, & I shall try to render myself worthy of the red Coat I have now on. If I should remain behind dearest Brother I shall die as a Man of Honor, not as a coward. Shiloh goes off quietly & I shall be back as soon as possible. Give my best compliments to Lady J— & tell her I hope she will not forget me in my absence, but be assured I have a little Right to her friendship, being so sincerely attached to you. God bless you

You believe me Ever

Yours

Ernest Augustus
Major General.

Duke of Cumberland
1st
1. Novr. 1794.

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Duke of Cumberland
Nov.r 4.th 1794.

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Headquarters Cambrai
Nov.r 4.th 1794

Dearest George

Last night at 8 o'clock I arrived here after a very bad journey, my reception was civil but not such as your dearest Brother would give me; the more I am from you, the heavier I feel the Load not having it in my power to enjoy your dear Company. Things do not seem very flattering here, but I am so short a time here not to be able to judge of any thing, by my next Letter I shall be able to give you some humanity. The French fire slowly on Beaumont, Genl. Walmoden encamped but are till now daily repulsed

Dolly Stuart sent for hair
not yet arrived, but shall not
fail to say every thing from
you; in order to have the
Post Sunset out, believe
me ever

Yours

Ernest Augustus
Major general

AA

Duke of Cumberland
Nov. 11th 1794

Hanover Nov 11th
1794

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Dear George

Stephenson has been with me here I send you a letter from him I recommend him to you as being as good a fellow as any in Rotherham. I take this opportunity of wishing you most friendly joy I see in the Papers your family is named. I assure you no one is happier than myself & I get more to be at the marriage; as I shall pay a number of the outposts I would celebrate it by attacking some Russels & God could assist me. It is too late to write more believe me ever your Cordial & affectionate

P.S. Prayers to Sophia.

AA



Lunbecin Nov 24th 1794

Dear George

You have always been my friend, yes and I should be the most ungrateful of men if I did not acknowledge You as such; I now write to You & did so to You dearest Brother how ill I am treated here.

You know last Year I commanded a Corps from 1500, to 3000 Men at the outposts, I flatter myself with some Distinction, so much so that I received thanks from Ds: Coburg; this Campaign I served first under General Clairfayt, who when Ever he himself marched with a particular Corps always gave me a Command and took me with him; the last Time I served under General Busch who gave me the entire Command of the outposts, which was a distract of 12 miles, three days ere I continually in fire before the Army was engaged, & then

was the last. We with my Bulports covered the retreat, in this retreat I was unluckily wounded. Now in my letters here to the Army, I was yesterday told by the Duke I should join my Regt & take the command of it; a Colonel commanded 3000 men, & now a Major having sacrificed health & every thing for the good of my country to be put back to the command of a Regt, when ~~there~~ Young Major Generals have brigades & corps is a thing by God I cannot bear; I had yesterday a very serious conversation w^th the Duke & told him if he absolutely ordered me to return to my Regt, a thing uncustomary for a Major General, I should under to put it out of his Power to say I disobeyed orders, but that immediately on joining my Regiment I should throw up my commission & retire. For this was an Affront and Dishonor to me. Did my health, I was wounded! and forced to quit the Army; had I done wrong, so let me be tried; but never can I once surprized. You must see this treatment is not kind; as Dalby has at present a corps of four battalions and a Regt of Cavalry under his command. Pray entreat Your dear brother try to get me into Your British Service; do or I must by God get into another.

If You had been the commander I am convinced I should have a Post, & tho I would do my Duty or perish in the attempt; my whole Trust is in You.

My Sweet & I wish to be made Free Masons, but unless You give a

proven no Lodge can be held. I believe my Father has wrote to You for the same Purpose. They do not frank but think sometimes neither broken Boot. I flatter myself soon to get a letter from You.

Your most affectionate
Brother
Cornwallis

Windsor Castle
Oct: 24th 1794

AA



Cambridge Nov 29th
1794

Dearest George

Hyslop arrived here Yesterday & brought me so many kind Messages from You, I am very very happy to find You approved my conduct, Your opinion that it would have been better for me to have an Heir forthwith put, & nothing else I regret more than having omitted that. I have just received a letter from my father who wished me furnished to go to Bonnrin but his letter was very civil that I must say; I am very sorry not to have had it in my power to pay my respects to the Prince, but hope soon to be back in England & there

AA

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be so happy to be with You shall
I look on as my best and only
friend. Highly flattering is it
for me to be petted upon by You
as Commander of the Ernest which
is to attend the Prince, for this
is a fresh Proof how dear You
are to me. Your Kindness,
Civility & Brotherly Behaviour
to me has bound me for Life
to be Yours make use of me, &
be assured that all Your Wishes
I shall look on as the most
Sacred Commands. I am no
Liar, Pure are the real Sentiments
of a heart which is attached
for Life to You. Yours
Ernest Augustus

Keep this Secret to Lord Jersey

My heart by God is ready to burst
the Ill treatment I have met
with will never be forgotten; how
different can brothers be.

Duke of Cumberland
Nov.r 29.th 1794

AA

Duke of Cumberland
Dec. 2d 1794.

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Antwerp Dec 2d
1794

Dear George

This morning I received your kind letter; how happy do you make me with ~~proper~~ giving me hopes of being at the Wedding no one ~~more~~ will be happier than I when the Day of our meeting will be. I profit of the Duke's going to England to send you this; I wished Matters he comes back, I doubt it. If the Duke of Bouillon would accept the Command I hope you will recommend me to him. Pray do manage that we come over, for here is nothing to be done, pray for God sake let me know as you hope always do not

Commandant in Chief, now this is a thing that I must warmly beg for Ashburnham's sake, my best compliments to her J. & tell her that it was impossible to forget something so amiable.

Yours
faithfully
Ernest Augustus

AA.



Contrexeville Dec^r 3^d
1794

Dear George

I seize a favourable opportunity sending to You by Colonel Gascoyne of the Guards, who goes to England for 3 Weeks; I have much to say to You, & by very earnestly Your Advice, knowing how much You have always shown Yourself my friend. My Brother Leopold for his Whole family to England is a certain Sign that he does not return; this is a critical Moment either a fresh Commander in Chief will come, & we shall begin afresh, or our Troops will be united; in this latter Case I am firmly decided to return to England, nothing shall persuade me to go elsewhere as Hanover; should this happen I beg & entreat You will give me timely notice, for I shall directly

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vite for leave to return home, and it would be hard if my Demand unrefused. Dearest dearest George pray do try to get Money Establishment, You can now do much, pray do not neglect this Thing which so much concerns our future happiness. You must standup for me and insist on my returning home. I would rather be damned than remain as I am now, if I cannot get a Lt Drag: Regt with the Rank of Major General in the British Service which I seek so much I'll chuse my own private life rather than enter into a great foreign Service. Pray dearest Arthur consider this & answer me in consequence.

I am charged by a French Lady of your acquaintance a Mde de Vaudreuil, whose Husband I believe probably will answer to You, to recommend him to You for some Charge. Verily I believe

is to be given away in the Regiment of Royal Emigrants; there is a report that a 2d Battalion is to be raised & whether he has hopes to become Major if You recommend him to Sidney, he thought he would as it is civil will surely strike a Thing just here.

You amazingly do I say, and will be come over to England, pray for Gd sake try to get me leave to be at Your Wedding; it would be hard that we should know at first of it should not be at the moment of the accomplishing Your Wishes. I hope indeed You will [illegible] me on this Subject. I shall say yes in a few Days that fine Smile Dearest Anne You gave me last Year, I shall by Your side put him somewhat to rights, in order that he may entirely Your. My fair brown Anne, keep still as true 'till I know a little more

things are settled; it must be
now shortly. Nothing do I wish
for more sincerely than to return
Old Windsor & share those pleasures
You have always had for me
Dearest dearest brother I
beg You will answer me on this
Believe me most faithfully

Your affectionate
Ernest Augus

P.S. I dined yesterday at Tatten
with his Duke de Choiseul, I think
and You perhaps by remembering
Count, a very accomplished man
which You must take for Your
Regiment shan remember; I hope
it will meet with Your approbation. Pray give me some
comments about Frederic, how all
this has happened; for it is so
entire enigme here. mysterious

AA

Duke of Cumberland
Decr. 7. 1794.



Cantonment Decr 6th
1794

Dear George I suppose by this time You will have received a long letter I wrote to You by Colonel Gascoyne of the Guards; this Letter I write to You by Major Childers of the 11th Light Dragoons Aide de camp to Indie, he is the only one of them all I do goes regretted by his friends. I wish I could say as much for the rest; he begged me to give You a Letter & I could not refuse him. Believe me Ever most sincerely

Your affectionate
Ernest Augustus

AA



Dunster Jan 19th 1795

Dear George

My last Letter was so confused I was almost ashamed sending it, but I had been the whole preceding Night a marching over fatigues such that I am afraid it will take some time before our Men will recover their Strength again for during the last three Weeks we never had a moment rest. Though my Health is not so as it should be, I hope this last fatigue has not been of the best Service, yet As I cannot have rest but by giving home I will directly. Nor again, as nothing is yet settled I am not sure where my Station will be, but I flatter my self part of the Corps on the Foot

AA

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If I was to say, it was not my most sanguine wish to return home, I should lie most terribly but if this blessing is refused me I wish to have the next better part, as otherwise the life here is so tiresome given one's mind & thus. I heard to day a piece of news which I am ashamed to say I am so unlike a Christian to wish may be true. Poor fuddlemars shall Conway is like to die, in that case I hope you may get the long wished for Blues, & Your humble Servant ~~the~~ 2d Dragoons as long wished for. As every thing it seems now will be in a bad state I doubt if Prince Oberstein his Majesty can have for my promotion & my coming over to England, by God I think we deserve it, having certainly not been idle this two Campaigns. I am told the Princess Sandis Schoff met Thursday for Hanover very happy should I be could I find time to pay her my Court. Adieu dearest Brother my only hope is of seeing You again & thanking You for all Your good Offices to him. I remain ever & ever

Your most Dutiful & affectionate
Brother
Ernest Augustus

P.S.

Remember Your Promise to propose me as Member in the Grenadier Club, Gen. March promised to second the Motion next Thursday is 9 first Meeting.

Duke of Cumberland
Jan^y 19^th 1795

AA



Hannover Feb 4th 1795

Dearest George at last have I some lines out of dear England, but alas from you whom I love so dearly I had hoped you would have written once if only one line knowing the many Dangers I had to go through & the little part of this campaign has cost me. Even this little reproach this nothing but my Sacrificing for you. My family & my Brothers have both written to me & they say the K. said he had spoken to the Ministers but that now he waited for this proposing of to him. Dear Brother as my return to England depends entirely on my getting my Establishment, I beg you to insist upon it & speak with Pitt, so that I may have my Establishment by be able to return this Spring to

England, my Establishment is now fully in Your Hands, pray speak to Pitt, make him propose something for us & by God's blessing & the Life we lead here it too bad, & the Hardships very very great. Send for him, and tell him fairly that we know all of us that his Majesty had already spoke to him, & that now it depended on him. If You have a Mind, I will write myself to the Marquis of Lansdowne, Sir James sick of living in this Way and near 24 Years old and Establishment, You are my but, my only friend do take pity on me & manage that I really may get my Establishment & that I



may get home again.

The Prince I am told is very ill, but no doubt very long, let being forced to remain at Hanover. She is pretty beloved there I am told, I should be very happy to be able to go & pay her a Visit, but I shall not get Furlough. Jackson is a few Days a Stager and he may come over with the Trumpeters only let me know that are Your Conditions. I intend You should Further answer me so soon as possible after the receipt of this Let me know what Pitt says about me Yours

Yours most affectionately
Porter
Cornet & Adjutant

The Duke of Cumberlan

to

The Prince of Wale

Feby 19th 179

Prince Ernest
28th Feb.y 1795



Munster Feb 28th 1795

Sir

At this present Moment I am not employed, but do not doubt it will be soon my State again to go as before; I must own my being not employed at this season is very agreeable as my health is somewhat impaired by the amazing fatigues & Hardships I had to undergo the last three Months my wounded Arm causes me immense pain from Rheumatisms, which has grown lately much worse from the badness of the Weather.

Probably in a very short Time it will be my Duty to enter the field again, before I do, I have an Favour to ask of Your Majesty in case Providence grants me my life, that at the End of it I may return to my Country and family; and also that if I am unhappy enough to be again wounded, that is to say seriously so, I may retire to my Country, in short Home I have been wounded.

I am Your most dutiful Son
Ernest Augustus

Prince Ernest
March 8. 1795

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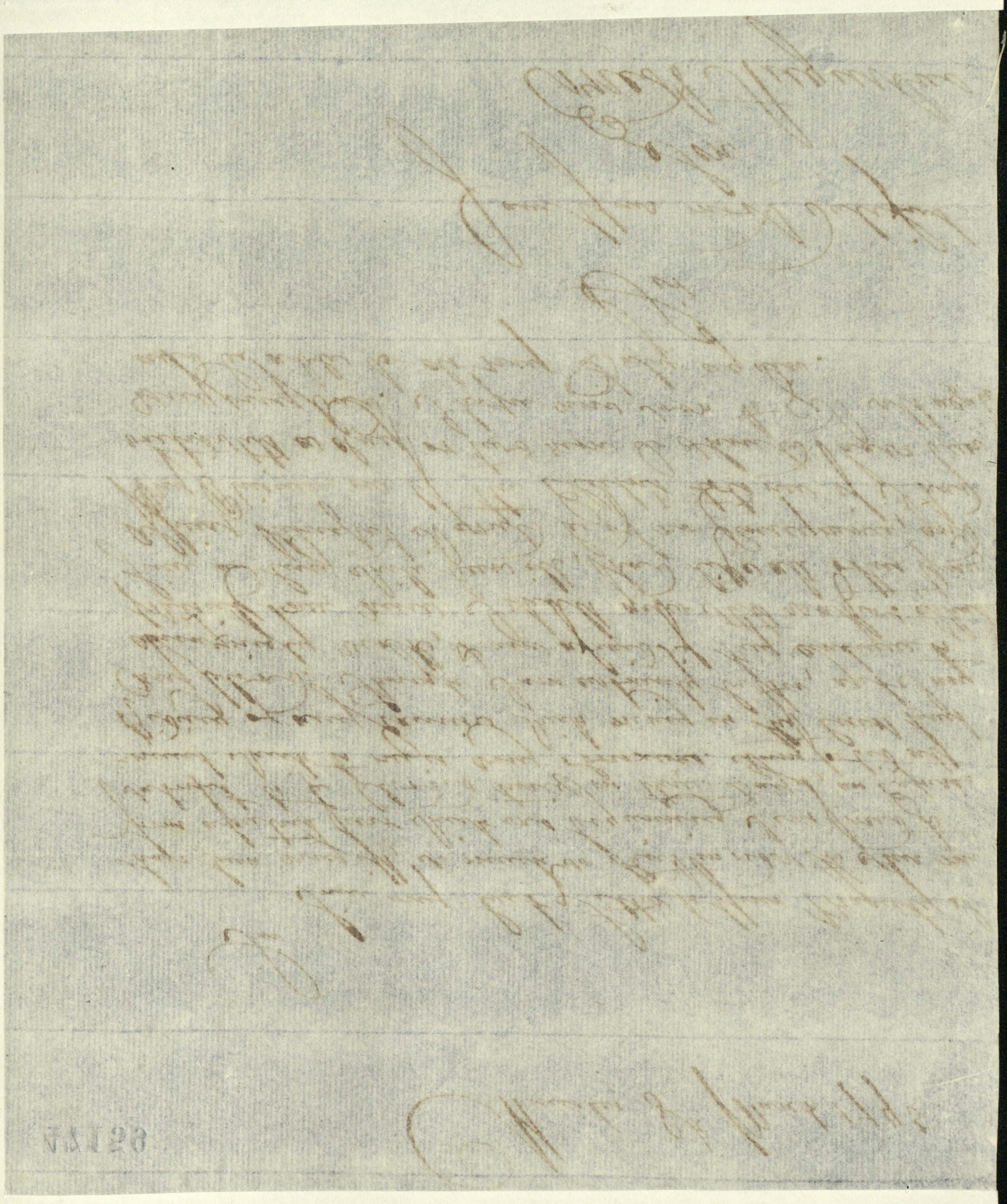
Munster 8th March 1795.

Sir

Since my last Letter to Your Majesty I have been very ill, so much so that in order to stop me from a putrid fever which was beginning I was forced to submit to be bleeded twice in three Days, an Experiment which to me is very obnoxious. Pray forbid all Bleeding or any Remedy which may in the least hurt my blood. Though I am extremely better, yet I am amazingly weak, & am afraid if they endeavour to physick me more I shall grow still weaker. I had since a day which been ill, I had like all other Gracious affairs thought it would be of no Consequence, and Any Physician one of the Elder's told me if I had waited still a day or two more I should have been very much bad. I hope now soon to get well again and be able to do my Duty again.

Sir

I am Your most dutiful
Son
Ernest Augustus



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Duke of Cumberland
March 16th 1795

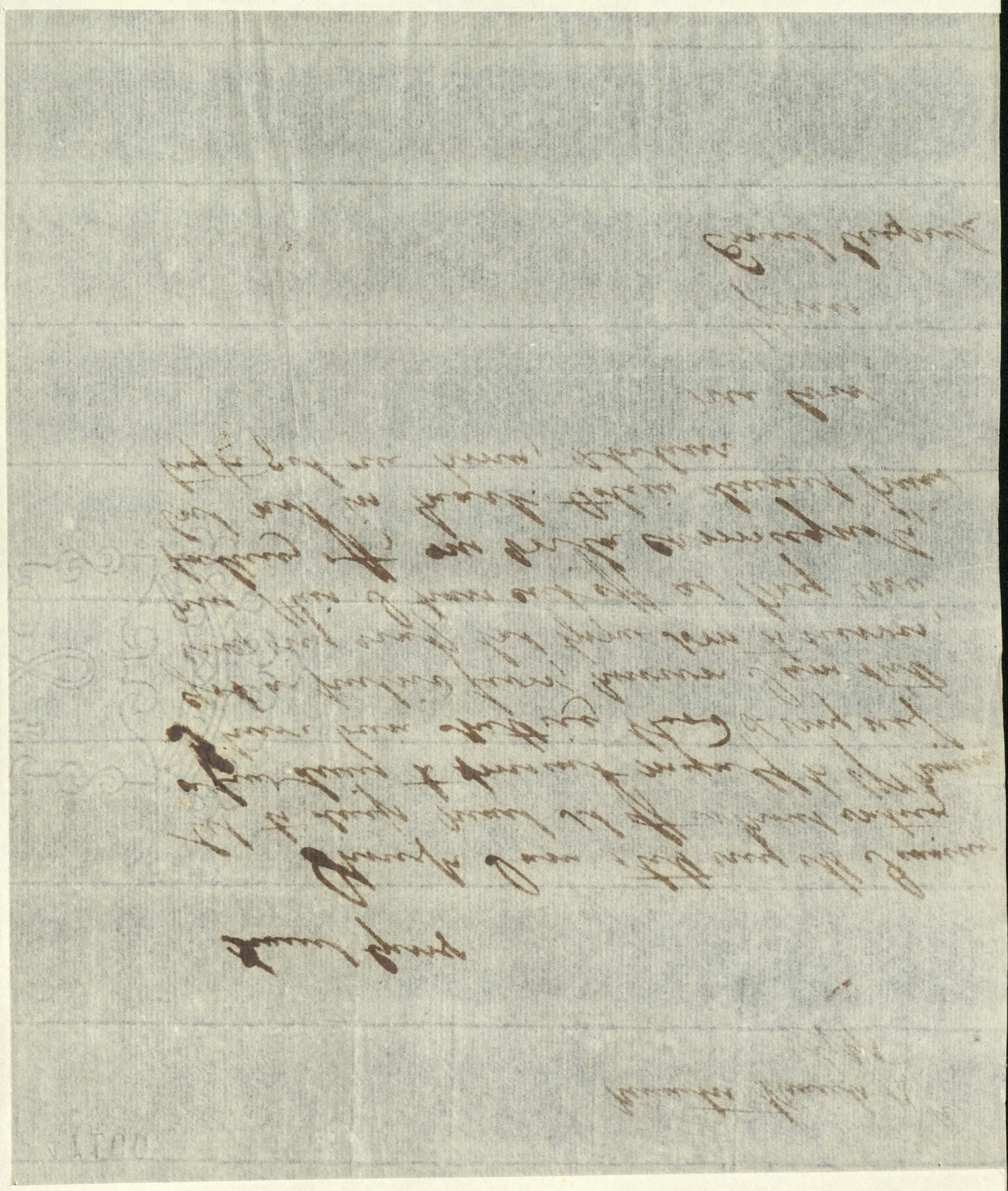


Kensington March 18th
1795

Dear George

Though I am still very ill I cannot let this day's mail set off without writing a few lines to present myself to Your Memory. I have been spitting blood & my neck got a pulled fever, however I am still very very weak but hope soon to recover, my this I have cut off as they are falling off, we will a carriage, but not in haste. Adieu dearest friend trust get me home, & believe me ever

Yours
Ernest Augustus



Prince Ernest
24th April 1795



Cantonments in Rauch a Village in
East Friesland 24th April 1795.

Sir

I am now here in Quarters in the most abominable, the most unhealthy Country I ever was in in my whole Life, not a Tree to be seen Six Miles from my Quarters, & one risks to break one's neck every time one rides out, as there is nothing but bogs all round this Country. We lay here as quiet as if there were no such things like War, for my part I would rather fight every day than stay in this Grand place; report says the Prussians intend coming here themselves, I shall not be sorry for this country will kill me, as I suffer so with the Rheumatism in my left Arm. Dolly is still confined at Oldenburg & is about from Rheumatism, but he is getting better.

Yrs

Your most dutiful
Son
Ernest Augustus