Duke of Cambridge
January 9th 1796

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Hannover. Jan. 9. 1796.

Sir

I can not enough thank Your Majesty for a most kind and Gracious Letter which I had the Honor of receiving last Monday, and I am infinitely happy to see by it that my Behavior has met with Your Approbation; I can assure You I shall always strive to render myself more worthy of Your Affection as there is nothing on Earth which I wish for more than to be in possession of it. — Earnest thinking it his Duty to go to Brunswick before he set off for England asked the Field Marshal on the Subject and he said he thought he ought to go there, and that I ought to accompany him. I mentioned the express Order we had from Your Majesty never to go any where without Gale ~~safety~~

~~Order~~ particular Permission; he said he thought You would have no Objection as the Time was too short to ask leave. I therefore hope that You will not be displeased with me, and that You are assured that I never should have ventured to have done so under any other Circumstances.

I am very happy Your Majesty is so perfectly recovered from Your last Bilious Attack and I hope that in this new Year You may enjoy perfect good Health, peace and tranquility & happy returns of it. I have now nothing more to add than that I ever shall remain

Your Majesty's
Most Dutiful & Affte
Son and Subject
Adolphus Frederick

Duke of Cambridge
Jan 9th 1796.

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Hannover Jan.y 9th 1796.

My Dearest Brother.

I must trouble You with a few lines in favour of a Person who has begged me very much to recommend her to You. Her Name is Plomer, She appeared upon the Stage in England some years ago; and since that She has been in Italy where she has learned singing under Marchesi and David. She has one of the finest, at least loudest Voices I ever heard, and certainly a very fine Method; and I only wish that She may please in England. I recommend her to You as She certainly deserves it, and as I know how fond You are of Music. She appears in England under the Name of Salvini, for some reason the Reasons she says she has —

I will now not trouble You any longer than to wish You sincerely joy of this New Year,

and that the Princess may be happily brought to bed. — Be assured that no one wishes this more than

Yours ever affte
Friend and Brother
Adolphus Frederick.

P. S. Ernest has got leave to go to England [England] and I suppose will set out about the End of this Month; I hope next Summer he get Permission to ~~go~~ come over and then I shall be infinitely happy to see you —

H. R. H.
P. Adolphus.

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Duke of Cambridge
Jan. 16th 1796.

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Hannover. Jan. 16th 1796.

My Dearest Brother

I cannot let the Post go off for England without troubling You with a few lines to express to You my sincere joy on hearing the happy News of the Princess safe Delivery; Hunter the Messenger who passed through here last night on his Way to Brunswick, told me how well she was, and I only wish that Mamma Son be perfectly recovered. The Duchess of Brunswick will now require very much at this News for she was very anxious about her Daughter. I have been lately at Brunswick and have been so kindly received there, that I hope soon to return there. The Duke is certainly one of the most amiable Men of ever, so, but he really embarrasses one by his Civility. He seems to be very low about the general Position of Affairs and I do believe that his Melancholy Disposition makes

him look upon the Affairs of Europe in a blacker light than they really are: he is so very reserved that it is very difficult to get any thing out of him, but the manner in which I heard him express himself on different subjects is so very fine that I should like to have written it down.

I must remind you of a present you made me when I was in England, a Cremonese violin, an Amati which you said you would give me whenever I should be married or settled: as it now seems that I shall not get over to England, if you would be so good to send it me by the Hanoverian Messenger who is now in England.

I will now not trouble you any longer, than only just to add that I ever shall remain

Your most affte
Friend & Mother

Adelaide

Hannover. Febr.y 17th 1842.

Sir

I can not express in Words how much I was shocked yesterday on receiving the News of the villanious manner in which Your Majesty has lately been again insulted on Your Return from the Play. It is not very hard the Omnipotent Hand of Providence that has guided, Guarded and preserved You for Your Nation and Family; and we Your Children can never enough thank the Almighty for this fresh Proof of his Graciousness. May that infamous fellow be found out who threw the Stone at Your Carriage that he may meet with the Punishment he so richly deserves.

I must now trouble Your Majesty with a few lines on a Subject which interests me very much, and which I am sure will not be disagreeable to You as I know how much You esteem the Person. I mean General Malortie who is certainly one of the most worthy and disinterested

men I have ever seen, and to whom I have particular obligations. He was promised on his taking his Dismission that he should have the first vacant Government, and that of Lunenburg has been lately offered him with the express Condition that he should live there. This he has been forced to refuse owing to the Expences which would have attended his Removal from Hanover to Lunenburg. Besides he lives with his Sister and her Family and by their putting their Revenues together they with good Economy are able to live, which after separated they could not. He is also at this moment put to a double Expence as he is forced to maintain his Son who having only 300 Crowns a year the Pay of a Lieutenant is not able to live on it, especially as he he is obliged to have two Horses for to do his Duty in

the Forests. This is certainly a hard thing for a Man of his age, when he obliged to live so sparingly; & it grieves me the more as I know how very disinterested he is. I believe though that this could be very easily remedyed if Your Majesty would add something to his Pension: You would by this render my Happy a whole Family, and save the Life of one of the most worthy Men in Your Hannoverian Dominions. I am sure You will forgive my having wrote on this Subject, but really I have so high a regard for General Malortie, that there is nothing I would not do for him. May the Almighty still preserve Your Many Many Happy Years is the fervent Prayer of

Your Majesty's
most Dutyfull & Affte
Son and Subject
Adolphus Frederick.

Prince Adolphus
17th February 1796

Hannover April. 6th
1796.

Sir

The Messenger's setting off for England renders me doubly happy as it procures me an opportunity of writing to Your Majesty. I should long before this have done myself that Honour, but as I had nothing of any Consequence to mention I was afraid of importuning You. I have lately been at Hameln for to see poor Wangenheim whom I found by no means well: His leg is a great deal better, but he suffers such horrid Pains in his Head that he can scarce bear them, and this as often as ever he exerts himself. The Physicians all say that nothing but time can cure him, & that several years must pass before he will be perfectly recovered: at present it is impossible for him to serve, and I am very much afraid he never will be able to make a Campaign again: for the least Change of Weather and the least Irregularity in his manner of living, which is the

common one in time of War, being on these Heads Acts which render him incapable of doing any thing. Nothing but a very regular Life will do for him, and as he can not find this in his present Profession he will unluckily soon be forced to take his Dismission, and if attending to this would do a pity for a man of his age, and Posts to be living on a Pension doing nothing: Besides he wishes to be active and I am sure he could still be of use to Your Majesty in another Line: I mean if Your would be so Gracious as to give him a Chamberlain's Staff I will answer for his fulfilling his Duty well. He has always been very fond of a Country Life; and as he possesses a very sound and upright Understanding he certainly is very capable to do the Duty of a Bailiff. You certainly connexion

reward a more worthy Man; who has totally sacrificed himself for me; for he never would have been wounded had it not been for to save me. I am sure Your Majesty will excuse the Warmth with which I interest myself for Wangenheim, but I really have such particular obligations to him that I never can enough express to him my gratitude.

I must also ask Your Permission to lodge this Summer at Mon Brilliant which is quite near the Town. This great Castle in Summer is quite horrid. The Rooms in which I lodged one so exposed to the Sun that there is no living in them in Summer. Besides as all the Nobility go to their Estates after the Birthday The Town is exceeding dismal.

I will now not intrude

any longer on Your Majesty than only just to add that I never shall remain

Your Majesty's

Most dutiful & affte.

Loyal and Subject

Adolphus Frederick.

Prince Adolphus
to Queen
6 April 1866

Prussia Adolphus
May 15 - 1796

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Sir

I can not express in words how happy Mr. Lentz's Letter of last Wk made me by informing me of Your Majesty's gracious intent towards Captain Wangenheim in having promised him a Pelisse-shirt. I return You my sincerest thanks for it, and am very happy to be able to assure You that You could not bestow a Favour on a more deserving Person: It is impossible to be more rejoiced, & penetrated with Gratitude than he was on hearing of Your Majesty's Goodness to him; I was the first Person who wrote him word of this good Fortune; and an Officer who brought him my letter told me he was quite gone on recieving it. It certainly is a great loss for the Military and particularly for me at this present moment as I am under orders for marching again: I absolutely must have another Gentleman, and therefore take the liberty of proposing Lieutenant Decken of my Regiment. He is a very excellent well informed Young Man, & I believe will be of great use to me. I mentioned him to the Field Marshal who assured me

could not choose a better subject and advised me to propose him to Your Majesty.

I must also now write to Your Majesty on a subject which I have long sought for an opportunity to mention to You. It regards Mr. Sutter who is with Augustus. He formerly was with me, and it is with great reluctance that I parted with him five years ago. However at that time it was but fair, as Augustus had no body with him. Now that I am going to leave this place again I am forced to break off all my lessons, as none of my instructors can accompany me. I therefore ~~should with very~~ very great pleasure ~~much~~ Your Majesty to allow me to have Sutter again, as he certainly will be of the greatest use to me. He was to me some time ago, and wished very much to be attached to me again. I certainly shall do my utmost to employ well whatever time I have to myself, and in this manner I shall be sure of acquiring Your approbation, which is the chief aim of

Your Majesty's
Most Dutiful and affte.
Son & Subject
Adolphus Frederick.

Hanover.
May 15th 1836.

Prince Adolphus
4th June 1796

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Hannover. June 4th 1796.

Sir

Though I am not able to express in Words what I feel on this happy Day, yet still I can not let this Mail set off without troubling Your Majesty with a few Lines to wish You most sincerely joy of this Day, and that You may see still many and many very happy returns of it. God knows that this Wish comes from my Heart, and that there is no earthly Happyness Your Majesty can enjoy, which I do not wish for You from the bottom of my Heart.

Yesterday Mr. le Lièvre told me that the order was come for making my Equipage so that I hope I shall be ready to march in a very short time. The second Batallion of my Regiment, which is to march with the second Division, is now compleat; it only wants horses, and as these are furnished by the Chancellery of War, we only wait for them to be perfectly ready. Withall this I do not believe

that the ~~other~~ second Division will be able march before five or six Weeks, for the other Regiments will not be ready: The Merchants in the small Towns in which they are quartered cannot furnish them so quick, and they obliged to get the Cloth and Linen from several Place that where ~~those~~ Regiments in garrison at Hannover can get every thing immediately. – I can assure Your Majesty I shall apply myself as much as I can to Your Duty well, as I know it is the only way to prove You my Gratitude for the Goodness You have always shewn me; No one feels this more than

Your Majesty's
most Dutiful & Affte
Son and Subject
Adolphus Frederick.

Hannover, June. 29th 1796

Sir

I was rendered infinitely happy by the Receipt of a most gracious Letter from Your Majesty which Major Back brought me, and for which I return You my sincerest Thanks; I should certainly have done myself the Honour of writing imediately to thank Your Majesty for it, had I not lately wrote to You so that I was afraid, that my frequent Letters would importune Your Majesty. Besides I have been for a Week absent from this Place on a Commission the Field Marshal gave me to look over the different Cadr of the Regiments ~~from~~ who are in Garrison between this Town and Minden: I have also been at Gelle & Wendhoff for the same purpose; and I am very glad to be able to say that I have found every thing in great Order. I have also seen some of the Regiments, who are all of them very fit for Service; and in much better Order

than I expected to find them. This commission has been doubly agreeable to me, as I have had an opportunity of seeing by this means several things which I did not know before. To-morrow I go to Hameln for to see the two Regiments in garrison there and then my commission is over. The Field Marshal has also given me the order to take the 10. Regiment from General Diepenbrick; as he has received the N.R. this I shall not be able to do before next week, for I must first look over all the accounts of the Regiment; and these are exceedingly detailed so that it will take me some time, before I can get this done. — Yesterday the Duke of Brunswick passed through this Town on his way to Minden where he has taken his Head Quarters. He is grown very thin since I saw him last, but he is now quite recovered from the yellow jaundice of which he had been very ill. — The first Division of Hanoverians is marched

but the second has as yet no orders. I am perfectly
ready to depart the moment I get my orders; and I
hope that in a few days Your Majesty will send
me the order. I take the liberty at the same time
of mentioning again Lieutenant Dockendorff my Regi-
ment whom I proposed to Your Majesty some time
ago, as an aide de camp in the place of Wangenheim.
You will render me infinitely happy in granting
this Request, as he certainly is a most worthy
man, and good Officer, and one for whom I have
the greatest Regard. Be assured, Sir, that
should there an opportunity of coming to any affair
with the Enemy, I certainly will do my utmost
to defend Your Dominions, and Sire I am
I may answer for the Bravery of your troops.
May the Almighty long preserve You for
Your ~~Dominions~~ People, and Family is the most fervent

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Your Majesty's

Most Dutiful & Affte

Son and Subject

Adolphus Frederick

To

His Royal Highness

Prince Adolphus Frederick

at

Hanover — 29 June 1796.

Hannover. July. 30th 1796.

Sir

I am just returned from Pirmont where I have been received in the kindest manner possible by the King of Prussia. He enquired very much after Your Majesty's Health, and seemed very happy on hearing You were well. I have also had an Opportunity of seeing the Gentlemen of his Suite, where of the first and chief Particular is General Bischoffswerder. With him I very often spoke of the Affairs of Europe and particularly of the present critical Situation of Germany. I said that it appeared to me that a ~~partitioner~~ Partition of Germany would take place or at least that some of the Bishoprick would be sequestered: To this last Point he owned he thought it would be very good as they did nothing whatever for the Defence of the Country. I then said that should this be the case it would be but very just that the Elector of Hannover should have for his share the Bishoprick of Hildesheim; and the Alternative of Osnaburg abolished: He said that according to

the Situation of the Bishopprick it was natural it should fall to Hannover's Share. This Thought of such consequence that I resolved immediately to write on it to Your Majesty. There is undoubtedly some Partition going to take place, for the King of Prussia has already taken Possession of the Territory of Nuremberg, and part of the Bishopprick of Eichstadt, and will without doubt not leave Hildesheim untouched, should a general Secularisation of the Ecclesiastical Dominions take place: it certainly would be of the greatest Consequence to the Hannoverian Country as it would serve to strengthen it a great deal, besides it would be a great Advantage to the Country of Hildesheim itself should it have the Happyness to belong to Your Dominions, for every Calvinistical Government does nothing but try to negain for its Master the Sums he has spent in buying Votes for the Election. Nothing but my firm Attachment to this Country has prompted me

* And it would be a very dangerous neighbour to this Country.

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to touch this Subject to Your Majesty, and I can assure
Your it is not at all a Desire to mix myself in Business
which does not in regard me; but merely my Desire to
be of use to a County which certainly will not be a loser
if ever the Bishopprick of Hildesheim be joined to it.

I will now not trouble Your any longer than
just to add that I ever shall remain

Your Majesty's
Most Dutiful and Affte
Son and Subject
Adolphus Frederick.

His R. H. P. Adolphus Frederick

Hanover — — — 30 July 1796.

Hoya. Sept.r 14.th 1796.

Sir

I was rendered infinitely happy last Week by the receipt of Your Majesty's gracious Letter in which You mentioned You approved of the Conversation I had with General Bischoffswerder. Indeed, Sir, nothing can render me happier than when I here You are contented with me, and I certainly will always strive to act in a Manner which shall please Your Majesty.

I arrived here about a Month ago, and have been ever since at this Place. I have been totally employed with learning the Service of the Cavalry under Major Schulte of the Life Guards to whom I have great Obligations for the Trouble he has given himself to teach it me. I have also continued my Lessons in Tactics with Major Schornentorst so that my Time is pretty well taken up here. As soon as the last 5000 Men arrive which I suppose will be about the end of the Month I shall then get a Brigade; but with the very new this

place, I hope to keep my Quarters, on account of Major Schoverhardt's Loss on which I should be obliged to give up, and which certainly is of the greatest Use to me.

Yesterday we received the great News of the Austrians having beat the French near Marenbery and so completely defeated them that the whole Army of the Sambre and Maeze was retiring to the Rhine. In consequence of this affair Frankfort is evacuated and the Blockade of Mainz is raised. The Austrians who are closely pursuing the Enemy are expected to be the 5th of this Month at Frankfort. Should the Duke Charles be so lucky as to beat the Rhine Bergander General Moreau, which he intended to attack, as soon as the affair of Marenberg succeeded, Mother may think go on well: at least Germany is saved for the present. It is inconceivable that after 18. consecutive advantageous affairs the French have retired without

making some any resistance from Prussia to the whole, having only suffered one Check: – The Disorder in which they retreat is so great that the Peasants have assembled, and kill all that come in their Way: This Retreat shews the ~~Difference~~ Advantage of Disciplined Troops. Had the Austrians not been like their Enemy the Prussians would now be at Vienna. – God grant that at last Matters may go on well, certainly no one wishes it more than

Your Majesty's
Most Dutiful and Affte
Loyal Subject
Adolphus Frederick.

Prince Adolphus

September 14. 1796

Prince Adolphus
Hannover Dec 31.
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Hannover. Dec. 31st. 1796.

Sir

The gracious Manner in which Your Majesty has always treated me emboldens me to write to You on a Subject which I look upon of the utmost Importance for Your Service: It regards the New Plan of the Infantry which Your Majesty has lately sent out. All the Generals of the Infantry on the Staff were summoned at Nienburg for the consultation the manner how the Plan could be executed the best to Your Majesty's Wishes, but we were all unanimously of Opinion that the Execution of it was impossible or at least would be attended with such pernicious Consequences that we thought it our Duty to lay our objections before Your Majesty: For this reason each General gave in his Opinion separately to Prince Ernest who was charged by the Field Marshal to shew us the Plan: all these different Reflexions have been sent to Baron de Lenthe and I suppose will present them to Your

Majesty.

The Plan that the Peasants delivered from the Country should form but one Batallion is, in my opinion, not advisable, on account of the Esprit de Corps which will suffer so much by it; The Disharmony which will subsist between the two Batallions and which it will be impossible to alter and on account of the Bad Influence which it will have on the whole Service. — The Esprit de Corps which ought to subsist in every Regiment as well among the Privates as among the Officers and uncommissioned Officers and without which all Military is nothing must suffer by this New Plan: Forces the Second Batallion will have so decided a Superiority over the First. no Officer or uncommissioned Officer who has the least ambition will come in the first with Pleasure: They will look upon it as a Depot Batallion and for this Reason will do all they can to be part of it: This I can assure Your Majesty

Prince Adolphus
Hannover Dec 31.
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I know by Experience, for during the last Campaign whenever the Depot Company became vacant I had the greatest Difficulty to find an Officer who would accept it, on account of his being deprived of an Opportunity of distinguishing himself. On this Reason the first Batallions will be composed of nothing but sick or the worst Officers and uncommissioned Officers which are in the Regiment, by which means the Service in the Batallion will be abominable and the Recruits ill drilled. The natural Consequence of this will be that the first Batallion will be despised by the second, and the greatest Disharmony will prevail between the two Batallions which the strictest Discipline and Activity on the part of the Officers will not be able to hinder. The Regiment at Nienburg will also suffer very much by this new Plan for the Men who have but six Weeks to serve will never learn their Garrison Duty properly, and the Officers who have also nothing to do as soon as the Batallion is on

furlow will fall into all sorts of Follies for want of Occupation, at least it is a Wonder if they don't. These Batallions will really be worse than our Militia was formerly; at least the Spirit will not be so good on account of the Soldiers living continually with the Peasants and never seeing their Officers and uncommissioned Officers but in the Time of their Exercise. The Soldiers of the Militia used to assemble every Sunday after Church, and then exercise for a short time, by this means a kind of Spirit though it was certainly not a very good one, was kept up whereas the Soldiers of the new Batallions never seeing one another as Soldiers but the 6. Weeks they exercise will have none at all; They will be nothing but a Set of Peasants dressed in Uniform instead of their Peasant's Dress, but ~~without~~ entering into the Pli a Soldier ought to have. All these Disadvantages could in my Opinion be avoided if the Peasants delivered from the Country

were divided among the different Companies of the Regiments so that they served together with the enlisted Soldiers. they would then learn their Duty properly and be full as good as the enlisted Men; and Your Majesty will then have 15. Batallions more fit for Service.

These Reasons joined to the Affection which I have for Your Majesty's Person, and for the Country in which I serve have prompted me to write on this Subject to Your Majesty: The firm Conviction that Your Hannoverian Infantry Service would be ruined by this new Plan, and the Pride I hold in it will I hope excuse the Liberty I have taken: God knows I wish nothing more than that the Hannoverian Service should always deserve the good Name it has made itself in all Europe: This Service is undoubtedly composed of a Corps of Officers which no Service in Europe can have better and it would be a great Pity if this Spirit were not kept up.

I seize also this opportunity of wishing Your Majesty most sincerely Joy of the Marriage and that Your may see still many and Many very happy returns of that Day is the true Wish and fervent Prayer of

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