(From the Comp. of Leberon. Jan. 26 1840.

Dearest Brother

I seize the earliest opportunity of acknowledging the receipt of your kind letter which was sent me from Thenesberg by Dr. Home Hopson, and which he was prevented from delivering himself on his leaving England last autumn. I have read it over with great attention, and though I have not the time at present of writing as long as I should wish, yet I cannot be at ease till I have answered some parts of it; and I trust you will not take ill, my Dearest Brother, if I write as often and as you have done: Do not think I intend to excuse myself, for if I have erred, I certainly have not done so from intention and shall lay from want of attachment to you, for God knows how much I love you, and I should be very ungrateful if I ever could forget the kindness you have shewn me on every occasion, and particularly in my last stay in England. The reason why I did not import ~~that~~ impertinence subject to you, which afterwards has made me very unhappy was what I attached to Lord: that ~~knowing~~ having heard that the King often spoke on foreign matters with Mr. Dundas, I thought he would be best able to guide ~~with~~ the manner in which this subject should be mentioned to

His Majesty; ~~but~~ I did not even write to him myself, but I obtained my friend General Dorsch to do it in my name, and I asked for an order on this subject which would enable me to act in a proper manner. Mr. Dundas, instead of answering Genl. Dorsch's letter, immediately spoke to the King, and I then received the Prince's order not to touch the subject to any body. This is the true reason why I did not ~~write~~ to you; and not want of want of confidence. For had Mr. Dundas written one word that the King could do nothing for me I should have dropped the matter immediately, and then ~~not~~ have not said a word to any body till a more favourable opportunity ~~then~~ had offered itself: I do assure you that I have never touched this subject to any body, except Mary, till the whole was broke off, and then I received so many letters on this subject that I was forced to answer them. And Mr. Dundas persuaded me that I should write to the King, you undoubtedly would have received at the same time a letter from me. I now leave the whole matter to you, and I beg you to judge if after this candid confession of ~~all my actions~~ the different steps I have taken, you can impute to me with justice a want of affection. I do not at all wish to make any apology; and the more

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in which you have expressed yourself in your letter is certainly a proof of your affectionate which you know I value most highly, but nothing could make me entertain the idea that you my Dearest Brother can think me wanting in affection to you — Depend upon it, that I shall never fail of informing you of every thing that regards me, and I hope you will never suspect me of want of gratitude again. Before I conclude I must add one thing that the very long silence you have observed for these last few years, and that you have never answered one of my letters has hurt me a little, and I really thought you had forgotten me. I do not pretend that you should answer every letter I write; but if you would only acknowledge their receipt through Lord Ashburton I should then venture to write oftener. — You will be informed by him that I have asked for leave to come over to England, which but as yet I have received no answer, and I fear, I should be very unhappy if that permission was to be refused me, as I have been six years from home, and certainly must wish to see my family again.

God bless you, be assured I shall never forget the very kind manner in which you expressed yourself on a subject so dear

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Hospodar has written to me about. I am perfectly convinced of the sincerity of the good wishes you make for my happiness and did it depend on me, I am sure you would be so. — I should certainly never have accepted the proposition of St. Home, for I am not about to marry before I know the object, and I will choose my Wife myself, for if I am the not happy I have no body to accuse but myself. I beg your pardon for this long letter, and I conclude I beg you to believe me, my Dearest Father,

Your ever affte.
Friend and Brother
Adolphus Frederick.

Duke of Cambridge
July 16. 1840

All the Hanoverian ~~Troops~~ belonging to the ~~Army~~ army under the Duke of Brunswick are encamped since Twenty days: and we shall probably remain here till the end of the Month. I am writing from my tent, and my fingers are so cold that I can scarce hold my Pen, and therefore I must beg you will forgive this scrawl

Hannover March 16th 1800.

Sir

as the weather has a little changed these last three days, and therefore there is some small hopes of the opening of the Elbe, I take the liberty of profiting of this first opportunity to return Your Majesty my most humble thanks for your two last letters which I received at the end of January. The enclosed were immediately forwarded to Stuttgard and have safely arrived at the place of their destination to the infinite joy of my sister who had been a long time without receiving any accounts from England owing to the irregularity of the posts. We are at present in a much worse predicament twelve mails being at present due; and the thirteenth due to morrow which is the greatest number I have ever known since I have been on the continent. Luckily nothing of any great consequence has taken place between the two armies in Germany.

the operations not having yet begun, most probably on account of the excessive wild weather. The Archduke has not yet quitted the army when the last letters from thence arrived, he was however expected to start for Prague in a very short time to the great regret of the whole army by whom he is adored. General Krazy will by this time be arrived at Donaueschingen; Hiesterberg is a very excellent officer and has distinguished himself very much in the last campaign in Italy, and I heartily wish he may have the same success this year. The Archduke has not given up entirely the command of the army which makes me hope that should his health permit him, he will return. This is certainly an event which is very much to be wished for, as he enjoys the entire confidence of his troops, and is very much beloved by all the inhabitants of that part of Germany where he has been; and with such advantages, he can do more

than any body else. The cold weather has prevented
our exercising as yet. All the officers and non-commissioned
have been ordered in since the 5th October, and the 15th of
next month a third of our friends that are in quarters
are to come in likewise, so that about the end of next
month the Battalions will be complete, and I hope then
that the Brigade will be brought together this
year. The proof they are most with for now is a change
of weather, and this I do in a double sense as I sincerely
hope to hear by the arrival of the mails that Your
Majesty is in perfect health for the consolation of
which I offer up the most ardent prayers to the Al-
mighty, and it is with this assurance that I have
the honor to remain,

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

Prince Adolphus
16th March 1800

Hannover April 8th 1800.

Sir

Discretion alone has prevented my returning sooner to Your Majesty my most humble thanks for Your very gracious letter of the 18th Feb.y which I received by the last Quarterly Messenger. Knowing that Colle was to leave Hannover on the 9th I thought it would be better to write by him, and I should be able to give Your some interesting information of the operations of the Austrian army; but hitherto nothing has been done, and each army seems to be expecting the other should begin. The unlucky news of the Queen Charlotte having blown up near Leghorn has been confirmed, and only 150. of the crew have been saved. The letters from Italy also mention the arrival of the Genoese at Finarese, and of the whole reinforcement that was sent to Malta being taken by Admiral Nelson except three corvettes that had escaped and made for Corsica. The only ship now remaining of the fleet

that was heard at the battle of Buckingham the William Tell, which is at Malta, and as there is great hopes that the fort of La Valette, will soon surrender this ship will then also fall into our hands. God grant that Your Majesty's Arms may always be crowned with such success, and I am confident that then the enemy will soon be forced to make such a peace as will be honorable for Your Majesty, and make them give up their infamous Plan of overthrowing the different Governments of Europe. — The very fine weather that we have had for this last fort night has favoured very much our exercising, and we have been able to finish drilling the noncommissioned officers and first Men. As soon as the Easter holidays are over we begin exercising the men, and I trust I shall be able by the end of next month to bring my Brigade together. General Wathmoten has informed me that the Troops should exercise till

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the end of June when the Princess are to be sent on furlough. It is then that I should wish to execute a plan which I have long had, in view but which different considerations prevented my mentioning sooner to Your Majesty. The very long absence I have made from home has given me a desire to see my family again which, I trust, You will find natural. The situation, in which this country has been for these last three years ever since our troops have been on the continent, has made me give up all idea that I had had of asking Your Majesty's permission to come over to England, but after having waited so long, and seeing that there are no hopes of ever being employed in an active way I cannot miss this opportunity of touching this subject to Your Majesty, and I trust and hope You will not be offended at my humble request. I do assure You that nothing but the desire of seeing You and my family has prompted me to this step, as I wish nothing more than to remain settled in

this country where I feel I can be of more use to You than in England. Should Your Majesty be so gracious as to grant my request I beg You will fix the time of my stay and You may depend on my not asking for a day's respite. — I dare now not trouble You any longer, than just to add the assurance of my ever remaining,

Your Majesty's

Most dutiful and aff.

Son and subject

Adolphus Cambridge.

Prince Adolphus
to Queen
April 1850

Prince Adolphus
22nd May 1800

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Hannover May 22d 1800.

Sir

No wonder I can express what I felt the day on receiving the account of Your Majesty's providential escape. This fresh proof of the goodness of the Almighty in preserving Your precious days for Your nation and family is such that every honest subject must feel it, and exult at it; and certainly no one more than myself. God knows, how great my affection is for You: I cannot trouble Your Majesty with expressions of my heart, but I trust Your Majesty will do me the justice not to doubt of them; and that You are persuaded of the fervent prayers I offer up to the Almighty for Your preservation. I beg You will excuse the shortness of this letter, but I really and sincerely cannot trouble Your Majesty with more than the assurance of my ever unchanging

Your Majesty's
most dutiful and
faithful subject Adolphus Frederick

Prince Adolphus
4th June 1800

Hannover. June 4th 1800.

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Sir

This day is much too interesting to me ever to let it pass without presenting Your Majesty my most humble and sincere congratulations on it, and I offer up the most fervent prayers to the Almighty that he may continue preserving You for many years, and that You may see many happy returns of this day. I am just going to fire a feu de joie in honour of the day, and I will answer for all my Brigade's doing it with great loyalty: Indeed I can with truth assure Your Majesty that the joy that has been shewn here on Your late Providential escape has been universal, and that every class has behaved in a proper manner on this occasion: I am convinced it is impossible that a Sovereign can be more loved by his subjects than You are, and I rejoice in being able to say that they are worthy of Your affection: How happy should we all be if ever You were to come here; You would then be able to convince Yourself of the truth of my assurance. — Saturday next my Brigade marches to Camp, we have been exercising for these four weeks past, and I trust that we shall meet with the approbation of General Wallmoden.

Should I be too much employed to write to You from Camp, I shall

certainly not fail to do myself the honour as soon as I return.

I have now not to trespass any longer on Your Majesty's patience than just to add the humble assurance of my ever increasing,

Your Majesty's

Most dutyful & affte.

Son and Subject

Adolphus Frederick.

Prince Adolphus
9th July 1800

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Hannover. July 9th 1800.

Sir

I had intended doing myself the honour of writing to Your Majesty by the Messenger, but being still at Camp I was prevented. I did not return here till Saturday last four days after his departure, and I really was so tired the Evening of my return that I could not write by Sunday's mail. The Camp has succeeded very well, and at least the Field Marshal seemed very well contented with us. He has employed the troops a great deal, and he has made us work with System: Nothing could have rendered me happier than to have shewn Your Majesty my Division, and I believe You would not have been displeased with it. The different changes that we have made in our exercise we have found very good, and our principles of acting in a great line very just. In short, Sir, Your Hanoverian Infantry is certainly at present in such a condition that it can render great services whenever it is called for. The Cavalry has always been very fine, and is undoubtedly still so, so that I can say but very little on that subject. The Field Marshall has made us manoeuvre together several times, first by Divisions, and afterwards the whole together; and he seemed to be contented with the Troops.

Could there have been in Italy on the 14th of last Month, I am General Melas would not have made such an ignominious convention at least I hope I should not have survived it. I never heard of any thing more shameful than the terms of that convention, and I cannot conceive how it is possible for a General to sign them. By this time the Austrians have abandoned all the Fortresses they gave up, and their Army is marched back to Mantua. — My Sister is at present at Erlangen. The Duke has taken a house there, and he intends remaining there till he can return to his Country.

I dare not trespass any longer on Your Majesty's patience, but just to add the humble assurance that I never shall remain

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

Hannover Sept.r 4 1860.

Sir

Your Majesty will allow me to trouble You with a few lines in favor of a petition of my Aide de Camp Captain Hedemann which Baron Lenthe will present to You. It regards the survivorship of a place in the Chapter at Marienwee which is in the gift of Your Majesty, and which will soon be vacant by the marriage of Miss Bussche who at present has it. Your Majesty would render Captain Hedemann infinitely happy in granting the survivorship to one of his daughters, and I can safely say that he would not be unworthy of this favor, as he has rendered me essential services ever since he has been with me, and particularly since I have had my own establishment at the accounts of which he has under his particular care. I must also add that he has a considerable family, and for this reason would this mark

of Your graciousness be doubly acceptable to him.

It is with great joy I have heard that Your Majesty is in very good health, and I offer up the most fervent prayers to the Almighty that You may continue so for many years, and that You may always be able to go through with equal facility the fatigues You have had this summer. How happy should I have been to have been reviewed with my Division by Your Majesty. I will answer that there is not a man in it would not have wished it, and I believe You would have been pleased with the different Battalions. I can not enough praise the good will I found among all the Officers and men, and I should have desired nothing more than to have been ordered with my Division on active service.

To morrow the twelve days notice for the cessation of the truce expire, and therefore next week we

may expect some accounts from the Empire. Those we have of the Austrian Troops are not the best, but I hope they will prove false, and that the enemy will be repulsed. In this case very few will get back to the Rhine, for the manner in which they have treated that part of Germany which they have occupied since the truce is shocking, and has increased very much the hatred of the inhabitants. — I close now not to trespass any longer on Your patience than just to add the humble assurance of my ever increasing,

Your Majesty's

Most dutyful and aff.

Loyal Subject

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Adolphus Frederick.

Prince Adolphus
to
6th Sept. 1850

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Hamburgh Oct. 9th 1840.

Sir

I can not let the quarterly messenger arrive in England without sending him a letter for Your Majesty, and it is for this reason that I write from hence.

I had done myself the honor of mentioning to the Queen that I was going to make an excursion into the Country of Bremenford I begged her to mention it to You. I should certainly not have failed to do it myself, had I not been afraid of troubling Your Majesty too often with my letters. I left Hannover about a fortnight ago, and after passing through the Duchy of Bremen I went to Hamburgh where I remained some days. Being only twelve miles from Eutin I could not refuse myself the pleasure of calling on my friend the Bishop who was very glad to see: He kept me several days with him, and after passing through a part of Holstein and my road

back I arrived here last night. I shall set off the day after to morrow, and I shall be at Hannover on Sunday. On my return I suppose the board, which has been commissioned to examine several matters relative to the artillery, will be able to set to again. Various experiments that have been necessary to be made, and the result of which the board must be informed of before it goes on, have stopped the sessions for some time, and it was of this moment I profited for to make a little excursion which I trust Your Majesty will not disapprove of. When this board has finished, another will probably then be commissioned for the regulating of the exercise of the Infantry and I hope You will approve of the alterations proposed as I am convinced they are perfectly calculated on, and suitable to the modern Tactics without which the enemy never could have got the better of almost all the regular Infantry in Europe. Before I conclude I must con-

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gratulate You on the surrender of Malta, and that Your arms may always be attended with the most decided success both by land and by sea is the most sincere wish and fervent prayer of,

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

Prince Leopold

to Queen

9 October 1860

Duke of Cambridge
November 12. 1860

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Hannover. Nov. 12th 1860.

Sir

I must do myself the honour of troubling Your Majesty with a few lines to inform You that I have lately been at Brunswick, and that I found the Duchess in very good health and spirits. She was exceeding kind to me during the three days that I spent there, and she seemed very glad to see me. I should certainly not have failed to have written Your Majesty word of this little excursion, but as I had lately written and trusting You would have no objection to it, I postponed my letter till my return to Hanover. This trip to Brunswick was occasioned by a visit I paid to Count Schwiche Mare of Your Chamberlains whose estate is but ten English miles from that town. I therefore could not refuse myself the pleasure of calling on the Duchess whom I had not seen for three years, and

I hope Your Majesty will approve of what I have done the more so as the Duchess reproached me for not having been at Brunswick for so long a time. I cannot express what I felt on seeing my aunt on account of her love to Your Majesty; and she rendered me very happy in talking of You in a manner as did my heart good to hear. I hope that soon the time will come when You will allow me to go and to England for a short time, and I do assure Your Majesty that nothing can render me happier than to have the opportunity of waiting on You, and of assuring You in person of my ever unremoving

Your Majesty's

Most dutiful and affte

Son and Subject

Adolphus Frederick

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Hanover. Dec. 31st 1800.

Sir

I can not refuse myself the honour and pleasure of presenting Your Majesty my most humble congratulations on the beginning of the new Year and Century. That You may pass many and many very happy Years in it, and enjoy at the same time the most perfect health is the sincerest wish, and I join with many thousands of Your subjects in offering up the most ardent prayers to the Almighty for Your preservation. Your Majesty will also allow me to renew here the humble assurance of my never striving to act in such a manner as may meet with Your Approbation; and that I wish for nothing more than to be successful in this point. — I rejoice in being able to inform You of the arrival of the Prince Charles on the 16th Inst: there was yesterday a report that he had attacked and beat the French on the 19th or 20th; but as the post from Frankfort is not yet

received I am unable to answer for its authenticity.
The affair of the 18th near Mirambroy between the Corps
commanded by General Lagerdey, and that commanded
by General Elenon has been confirmed. The French
have retreated to Romberg and the Siege of Thorn
bourg has been changed into a Blockade in consequence
of this affair. Happy should I be to be able to
write Your Majesty some good news by to day's post.
It would be a fine end of the century. The arrival
of the Duke Charles to the army has caused an
universal joy among the troops, and I am convinced
that they will act very well under him.

I dare now not trespass any longer on Your
patience, than just to add the humble assurance of
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Most dutyfull and affte:
Son and Subject

Adolphus Frederick.