

Duke of Cambridge

January 5th 1803

Manover Jan 5th 1803.

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Sir

I have just received the enclosed from Stuttgart which I have the honour of sending Your Majesty, and at the same time of informing You that I returned here on Sunday night. I left my sister in very good health on the 21st of last month, and she had perfectly recovered the pain in her face. I stopped a couple of days at Frankfurt, and one at Gassel to call upon the Landgrave who has always been very civil to me, & whom I had never before visited. I dined with him on Saturday and I set off in the afternoon for Meiningen where I passed the night, and on the following day I got to Hanover. I am I feel very happy at being returned home again, and that I have been able to get back before the departure of the messenger.

I cannot conclude without wishing Your Majesty most humbly joy of the new Year, and may You enjoy, Sir, every blessing which You so richly deserve in the most fervent prayers of
Your Majesty's
most dutiful and obedient Subject Adolphus Frederick.

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Hanover Jan. 14th 1803.

Sir

Your Majesty will allow me to trouble You with a few lines on a subject which I am very anxious to lay before You, and in which I never can nor will take any step without being sure of Your approbation. Last summer before Count Woronzow went to Russia, he, in a conversation he had with Baron Luthe, mentioned the advantage an alliance would have between one of the Emperor's sisters, and one of Your Majesty's sons. He even went so far as to mention the Grand Duchess Mary, and desired Baron Luthe to speak to me on the subject, adding that if I had a mind to enter into it, he would propose it when he arrived in Russia. - My answer was that knowing the Grand Duchess was promised to the Hereditary Prince of Weimar I never could act so dishonest a part as that of taking away another man's bride, and that supposing this marriage was not to take place the Religion of the Grand Duchess seemed to me a great difficulty, that I never could take any step without shewing first to Your Majesty, and knowing Your manner of thinking on this subject. Your Majesty will see by this answer that I looked upon this whole affair as over, and therefore I never mentioned it to You.

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You may therefore judge of my surprise on receiving a
letter from Count Munster (to whom I had never spoke on the
subject, dated the 19th of Nov^r in which he mentions that Count
Worowow had spoke to him in the same style as he did to
Baron Leuthe last summer, but that as he had no instructions
he had not been able to give any decisive answer. He
appears me that the Grand Duchess has a great horror for
the match with the Prince of Weimar, and that the Dowager
Empress was against it. This letter, I own, has struck me
very much, and as much as I know of Count Worowow, he appears
to me too sensible a man to have mentioned this subject
to Count Munster after the decisive answer I gave him through
Baron Leuthe without being informed of the real state of the
case, or authorised to do so. My answer to Count Munster
has been, that I wished to have certain information that the
match was not to take place, and that till then I could take
no steps whatever. Having now informed Your Majesty of
the whole of this affair, I most humbly beg you to give
me Your opinion and orders on the subject. I do not deny, that
after all the good I have heard of the Grand Duchess Mary,

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and the education the Emperor's sisters have received I should
 have no objection ^{to propose} to her if Count Munster should give me
 a satisfactory answer, and Your Majesty does not disapprove
 of it. But you may depend, Sir, I never will take the most
 best step without being sure of Your approbation. Indeed
 this has been the constant study of my life, and it ever
 shall be that of

Your Majesty's
 Most dutiful and aff^{te}

Son and Subject

Adolphus Frederick.

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Duke of Cambridge
January 14th 1883

Duke of Cambridge
Feb 5th 1703.

Hanover. Feb. 5th 1703.

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Sir

The enclosed letter which I have the honour of forwarding to Your Majesty was sent me about three weeks ago by the Landgrave of Hesse Strombouny. The Landgravine wrote to me some months ago mentioning the wish of her son the hereditary Prince to propose to my sister Augusta, and begging me to inform her of the steps he was to take to obtain the object of his wishes. After making every possible enquiry about the character of the hereditary Prince who is very much respected in the World, I answered that I did not know whether Your Majesty would approve of the proposal, but that no step could be taken till she had written to You, and that I would forward the letter if she would send it me. The Landgravine sent me the enclosed from the Landgrave to Your Majesty, and one from her to the Queen which I have not been able to forward before all communication by Lushoven being stopped for these five weeks past. Being however informed that dispatches have been sent off lately by messengers from Lushoven to Helvoet I now think I may safely dispatch the enclosed, and I hope

They will arrive soon.

Now I feel very anxious for letters from
England. Ten mails are due since yesterday, and there
is no prospect of any arriving till the weather changes.
The letters that have come by Stalwood mention Your
Majesty being well, which is the first wish I have in
the world, and that You may long continue so, is
the most fervent prayer of,

Your Majesty's
Most dutiful and affec-
tionate Son and Subject

Adolphus Frederick.

The Duke of Cambridge

March 17. 1803.

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Hanover. March 17th 1803

Sir

I can not refuse myself the honour of writing Your Majesty a few lines by Major Deachen who is sent to England by the Ministry. Not having had the happiness of receiving an answer to my last letter you will allow me just to mention that I received last Sunday evening a letter from Count Munster in which he assures me that the marriage of the Grand Duchess Mary is not to take place unless both parties should like one another, and that the young Prince of Weimar is not expected till Autumn. According to several other accounts the whole negotiation seems to be broke off, but supposing even these to be ^{reiterated} conditional the whole match is but conditional, and therefore not settled. It is for this reason that I venture to write again to Your Majesty on this subject, and to beg you will be so gracious as to mention to Major Deachen whether you approve, or disapprove of it. For should you not be against it there is very little time to lose, and I should think the best step I could take would be a journey to Petersburgh.

Your Majesty, will I trust forgive my dwelling

so long on this subject in favor of the motives which have
prompted me to do so; God knows I never have had or the
wish now to act always in such a manner as to meet with
your approbation, and this shall ever be the study of him
who has the honour to be,

Your Majesty's
Most Dutiful and aff^{to}
Son and Subject

Adolphus Frederick.

The Duke of Cambridge

March 14. 1803

Hanover. March 19. 1803.

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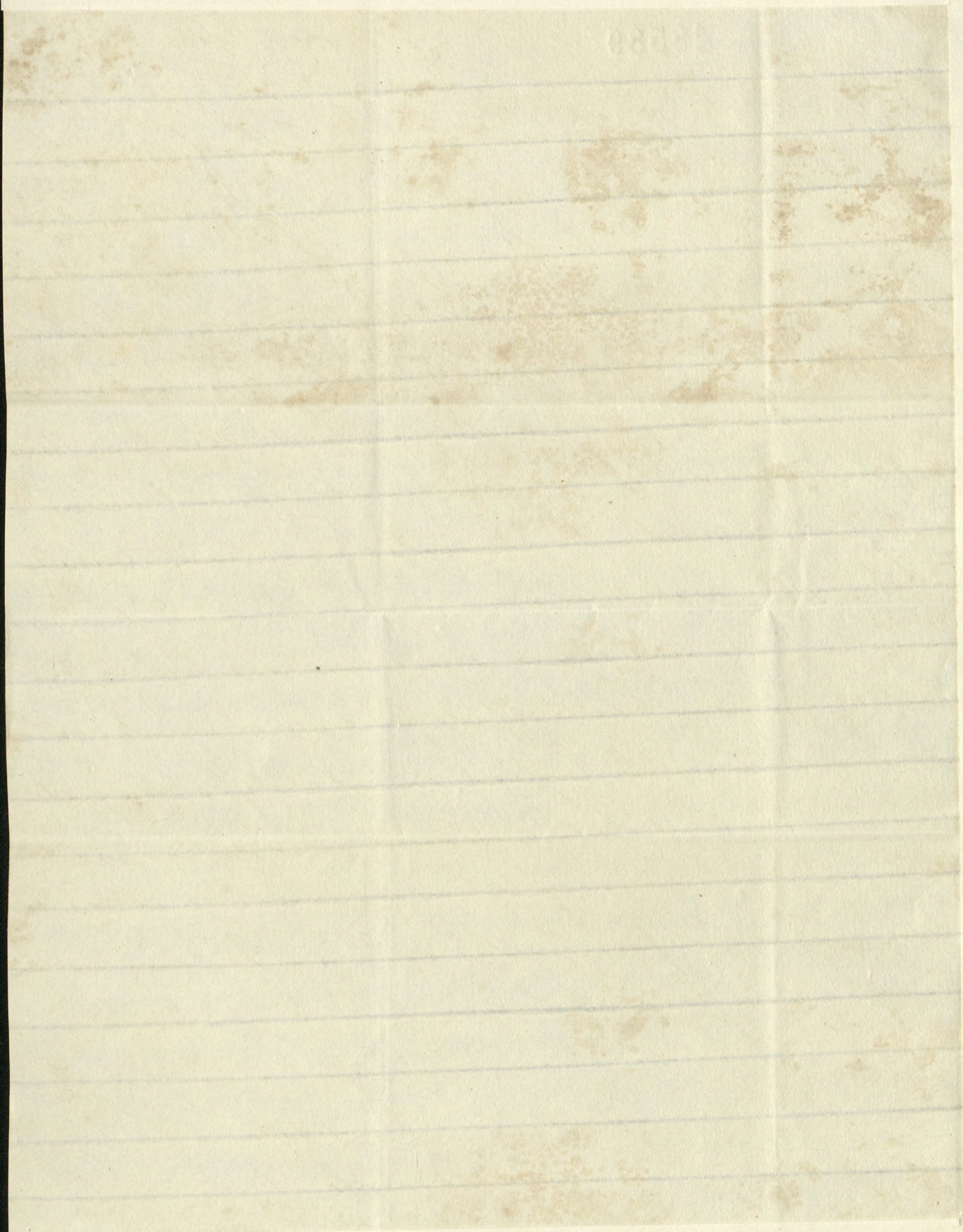
Sir

Your Majesty's very gracious letter of the 28th of last month arrived last night, and I hasten to return you my most humble thanks for it. I am very sorry that Major Deuken was already set off before the arrival of the mail, as I certainly should then not have written the letter sent by him. Your Majesty will therefore, I trust, excuse it as I did not know the answer I should receive, and you may depend on my informing Count Münster of it by the next mail.

The very severe winter we have had in this part of Germany has stopped for several weeks all communication with England, and it is only since yesterday that the last four mails that were due arrived. I rejoiced most sincerely to hear by them that Your Majesty was in perfect health, and may you long continue so is the most fervent prayer of,

Your Majesty's
Most Dutiful and Affe.
Son and Subject

Adolphus Frederick.



Duke of Cambridge
April 5. 1803.

Hanover, April 5th 1803.

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Sir

I think it my duty to shew to your Majesty
by this opportunity the very awkward situation
I should be in, if a War took place between England
and France. Your Majesty will, I trust be convinced
that I am incapable of leaving my post without the
utmost necessity, & extremely with great reluctance.
But should this Country come into the same situation
it was two years ago, and be again occupied by foreign
troops it is impossible for me to remain here.
It is in this case, Sir, that I should wish to know
your Majesty's pleasure what I have to do in order
that I may act in such a way as may meet with your
approbation. The present very uncertain state of
affairs will I trust, plead my excuse for troubling
your Majesty with these lines, and they can be
assured that my attachment to this Country has nothing
can engage me to leave it but the most urgent necessity.

I have been employed for several weeks on a
board for settling the new exercise for the infantry

as soon as that is over; I am ordered to call a
new one together for the exercise of the Cavalry
so that with the different hours that are employed
every morning with the exercise of the Troops my time
is at present very much taken up. I feel very hop-
py of the different official appointments there, being
sure by this of meeting with your approbation
which will ever be the chief aim of

Your Majesty's

Most dutiful and Affc.

Son and Subject

Adolphus Frederick.

Duke of Cambridge
May 6th 1803

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Sir

Answer May 6th 1803

I have to return your Majesty my most humble thanks for two very gracious letters one of which I received last Thursday evening on Major Deeken's arrival, and the latter by Friday's mail. I thought it my duty to mention such parts of your Majesty's letters to the Ministers which shew'd that there was a greater probability of war than peace, in order that such steps might be taken as should be necessary for the removal of that part of your Majesty's effects which would certainly be taken away by the enemy in case of an invasion. The ministers were all of opinion that some body should be sent to Berlin to try to find out what the King of Prussia will do, & Major Deeken set off this morning on this mission. It appears to me totally impossible for the King of Prussia to allow the French to pass by your Majesty's dominions, as long as he wishes to preserve his own; for at a moment's notice they can march into the heart of the Prussian country without the smallest difficulty. This consideration made me sh-

prone very much of the resolution of the Regency
to send Major Decbet to Berlin who is a very fit
person for such a commission, he being personally
known, & liked by the King. he himself I fear
Majesty may depend on my obeying your orders as
soon as I see them he of no more use to this country,
but as long as the Troops remain together I am sure
you will approve of my remaining on my post.
I need not add, I trust that in every situation however
trying my constant endeavour will be to act in
such a manner as may be most pleasing to you,
as your approbation will ever be the chief aim
of him who has the honour to be,

Your Majesty's

Most dutiful and affec^t

Son and Subject

Adolphus Frederick

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Honour. May 8th 1803

My Dearest Mother

I hasten to return you my sincerest thanks for your very kind letter of the 16th of last month which indeed brought me last week, on his mentioning to me your wish to have one of my musicians, I told him that he might settle with him, & that as you had named the man I would not interfere, in it, for properly in this service every musician must give two years notice before he gets his dismission. The man however on account of family concerns has declined accepting for the present the offer which I made him, and I think it might be improper for me to do so myself as I really have left it entirely to his option to do or not to do. He certainly is a very good Professor and a very well behaved man, and for these reasons I should be pleas'd to have him, but I should not be pleas'd to have you depend on my preventing his going. Be assur'd I shall always be happy to oblige you in any thing that is in my power, and I shall ever feel gratefull for the kindness and friendship you have always shewn me my Dearest Mother.

I am very sorry to have been deprived of the pleasure
of receiving from you by the hand of a friend who
has happened to be in England, not the smallest
remnant of the packet that has been given to me even as
there is no certainty where it went to the bottom.

The uncertainty of peace was not the
turbulence of this country very awkward indeed: The
volatility of opinion seems new for us, but for us
I do sincerely hope the contrary. I have been
to Berlin to see what the consequences in case the Emperor
should declare war, to some extent if possible their
occupying the Electorate. You may easily conceive
Dearest Mother what my feelings upon this subject
and great things may ensue, and believe me

Yours ever &c
Friend and brother
Adolphus Frederick

W. R. H. M.

Duke of Cambridge

May 21st 1803.

Duke of Cambridge

May 12th 1803.

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Hanover, May 12th 1803.

Sir

I cannot refuse myself the honour and pleasure of returning Your Majesty my most humble thanks for your most gracious letter of the 3^d Ins^t. which I received yesterday morning. The accounts from Paris of the⁴ mention Lord Whitworth's departure, and those from Holland speak with indignation of the manner in which the said Consul has suspended the powers of the Batavian Government. This news I trust, will prove true, as in this case I should think, the French can not venture to advance towards this Country without leaving a sufficient force in Holland for fear of an insurrection in that Country, and I think they have not more than five or six thousand men which is but a small force to decide. Therefore ^{where} ~~that~~ in case war should be declared, the army will be able to march immediately, & then the arrangements which are now making will I trust enable us to act in a very different manner than we could this instant. Your Majesty will undoubtedly be informed by this day's mail what has been hitherto done, & I must say that

The spirit in this Country is such that I trust in a very
short time we shall be able to do a great deal more

I certainly shall do my utmost to encourage every
step which we can take for the preservation of the Ele
to the being convinced Your Majesty will approve
of this, and You may depend on my remaining
on my post till I see some better prospect here.
Should I come into this cruel situation I shall
then obey immediately Your orders and set off
for England.

I do not now trespass any longer
Your patience than just to add the humble assurances
of my ever remaining,

Your Majesty's
Most Obedt. and Dutiful
Son and Subject

Adolphus Frederick.

Hanover. May 14th 1803.

Sir

I feel most happy at being able to give your Majesty on account of the arrangements that have been made for the defence of this country, and which I trust will meet with your approbation. Every preparatory step has been taken for putting Hameln in a proper state of defence by embodying the Invalides for to strengthen the Garrison, and by furnishing it with the necessary provisions. The Regency has this morning ^{unanimously} decided in a council at which I assisted with the Field Marshal in consequence of an assurance from the latter that he would be able to defend the Electorate with thirty thousand men; that such a number as would be necessary for to compleat the Troops should be furnished out of the country. Orders are to be given immediately that the names of all those who are fit for service are to be marked down, and out of these a certain number is to be taken which are to join when ordered the different Regiments. The fine example which has been given by the states of Saxeony and Guelphens who are now assembled, and who unanimously come forward, and

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offered to do any thing that was required of them for the defence of the country, will I am sure, be followed by all the other states, and this will undoubtedly facilitate very much all the measures hitherto taken, and I do not doubt that in a very short time we shall be able to prevent or at least check the hostile operations of the enemy. Your Majesty will, I am sure, not doubt of the joy & zeal at being able to give you this account, and I now trust that should the war take place I shall not come into the cruel situation to leave a country for the defence of which I am ready to sacrifice the last drop of my blood.

I have still to return Your Majesty my most humble thanks for your most gracious letter which the Messenger brought me this morning, and I am sure you will approve of my remaining on my post as long as possible. Should therefore a frigate come, you will excuse my not obeying immediately your orders which in every other time it will be my duty and pride to do.

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I now dare not trespass any longer on your patience
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Your Majesty's
Most Dutiful & Obedt
Son and Subject
Adolphus Frederick.

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The Duke of Cambridge
May 14. 1803.

Duke of Cambridge
May 19th 1803.

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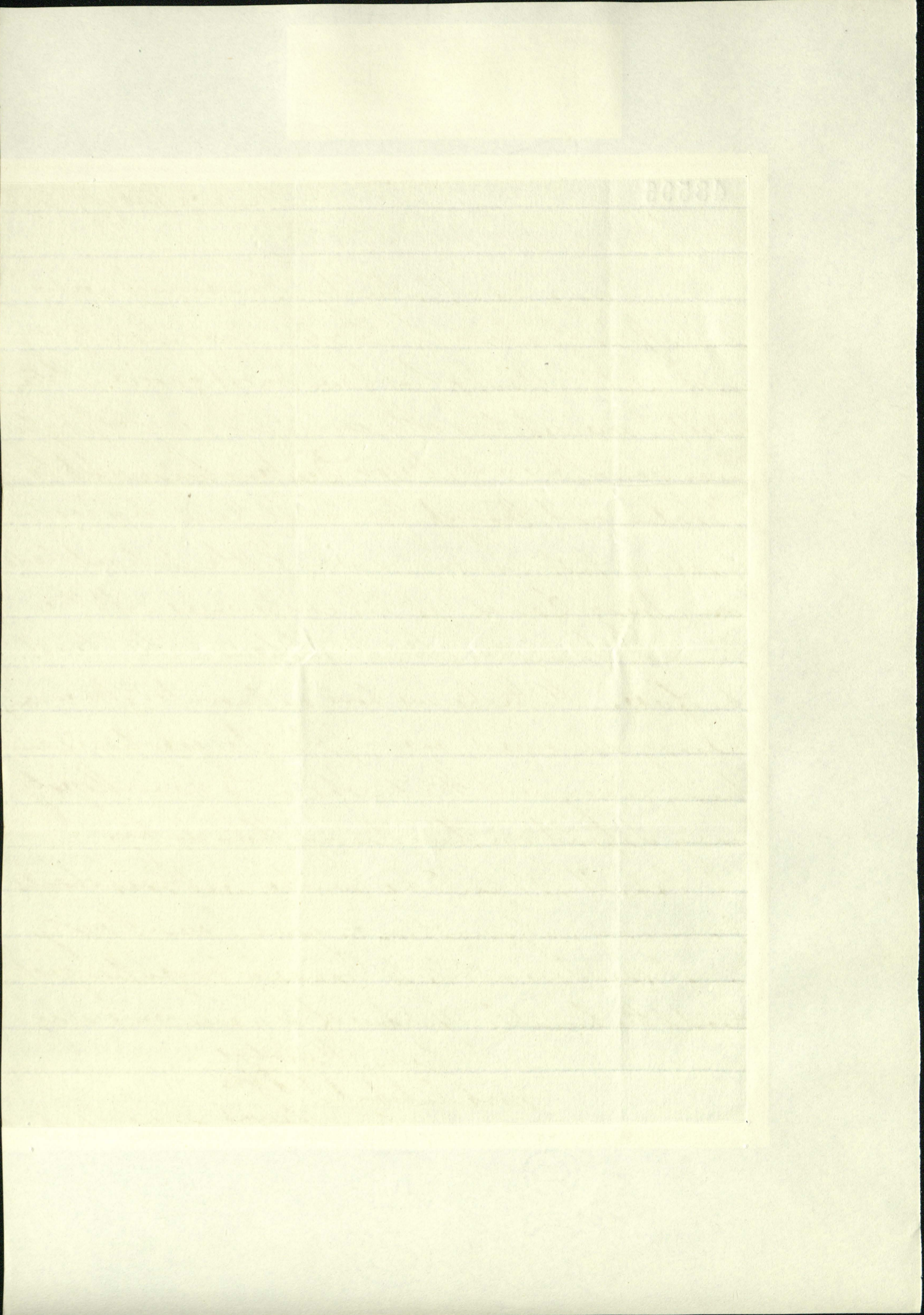
Honour. Major Genl. 1803

Sir

I seize the opportunity of an express being sent off to London of returning your Majesty my most humble thanks for your most gracious letter which I received this afternoon. I am very happy to hear you approve of Major Deuben's being sent to Berlin, and though you will find by his dispatches that Prussia is very little inclined to do any thing for us, yet his conferences with the Russian Minister Mr. d'Alaples will, I trust be of use. Hitherto we have no accounts of the success being advanced, every possible exertion is making to augment the troops, and your Majesty may depend on their doing their duty.

I shall not fail to write next post should I have any information to give your Majesty, and I do not keep you any longer than just to add the humble assurance of my ever remaining,

Your Majesty's
Most Obedient & Affectionate
Son and Subject Adolphus Cambridge



Duke of Cambridge

May 23. 1803.

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Hanover. May 23^d 1803

Sir

Your Majesty will see by the dispatches from Berlin that Major Deeben has some little hope that the King of Prussia will do something for this country. At least he seems to feel the danger of the French occupying your dominions, and he has desired Major Deeben to say what he had decided of the steps he would take of which he should be informed immediately. Mr. D'Alton the Prussian Minister has certainly done all he can for us, and as he seems to be very well with General Haugwitz I shall hope that by his influence something may be done for us. There is however very little time to lose for the accounts from Holland mention that the French are assembling a corps of new thirty thousand men, ^{new} ~~new~~ ^{forming} ~~forming~~ that they intended forming a camp between Bonn and Lingem. Every possible exertion is making for to bring up if possible still the Troops to the Rhine. The difficulty is to get the sufficient number of horses to make the Regiments marching as fast as they otherwise would, and I do not believe that this Garrison will be able to march off before Thursday. The little time is

Some body will present the plan of augmentation, the troops
being executed, I think it might be mentioned in this manner
that Your Majesty may not expect more from the ^{Corps} [Corps]
than what they in their present situation can do. The spirit
is excellent and I am sure they will do their duty
I must now conclude in subscribing myself,

Your Majesty's
Most dutiful and affec.
Son and Subject

Adolphus Frederick

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Honover. May 23. 1803.

My Dearest Brother

I must trouble you with a few lines by this mail as I am sure you will be anxious to hear from me. Deeben has been sent about a fortnight ago to Berlin on the first news of the probability that the negotiations would be broke off at Paris in order to see what the King of Prussia would do for us. His last dispatch which arrived on Saturday evening some little hope that the King will interest himself for us, and he has desired Deeben ^{to do} till he would inform him what he can do. Our accounts from Holland which we received yesterday, mention that the French are assembling near Genovaler, and that they are to have a corps of thirty thousand men between Breda and Ghent. A great number is marching from all points towards the Wezer, but I am afraid owing to the difficulty to get behind the Regiments will not be assembled ^{yet therefore} the beginning of June. Our Garrison will I trust be able to march off on Wednesday or Thursday. A Marshal has been sent off yesterday to Berlin in order to engage the King of

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to try to copy the skin of Puerpia to do something for
You know, Dearest Mother my affection for you
therefore you will not doubt I am sure of the person
that ~~is any of the kind~~ ^{is any of the kind} you will also be kind to me.

Your most affec.
friend and brother

Adolphus Frederick.

H. R. H. Mr
Duke of Cambridge
May 23rd 1803.

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Hanover May 30th 1763

Sir

Since I last had the honour of writing to your Majesty
three English mails of the 17th 20th or 24th arrived, and I return
you my most humble thanks for the very gracious letter
you have been pleased to write to me. I shall not fail
to mention to day to the Guild Marshall and to the Minister
your Majesty's having approved of every step which has
been taken, and I am sure I shall make them all very happy.
Major Geuken sent a Messenger from Berlin who arrived
here with a dispatch that will be sent to day to England.
By it your Majesty will see that at last Count Haugwitz
has promised to propose to the King in a conference which
was to take place last Friday at Rymitz near Magdeburg
that a Messenger should be sent immediately after the
conference to the Prussian Minister at Paris to propose a
negotiation under the guarantee of Russia and Prussia to
keep off the occupation of the Electorate by paying a sum
of money, that a Prussian officer was to be sent to the Court
to negotiate with the General, and different corps of
Prussian troops to be formed to accelerate the negotiation.

As all our accounts from Holland mention that the French
have already ^{entered} the County of Bentheim, and were expected
to march ~~to~~ ^{to} Coesfeld. In the County of Amshoven, it
was thought necessary to send off yesterday a detachment
to the French General to enquire what his intentions
were, and to try to prevent their occupying the Electorate
it being impossible to have any despatches from Major
Deeken before this morning. I had written thus far
when Major Deeken arrived and brought the account
that a Meppenger had been sent on Friday to Paris to
propose a negotiation which was to be carried on with the
French General. As your Majesty will need the dispatch
I will only add that it was resolved in consequence of
this notice to send a Meppenger to the gentlemen who were
off yesterday afternoon to inform them of this in hopes
that this might engage the French General to make
a Military Convention till he received orders from
Paris. I own, I do not believe that this will succeed
but in our dreadful situation every attempt to save
the County must be made, and for this reason the
your Majesty will approve of it. The Garrison marched

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off this morning, and the Regiments will get to the Weer to
morrow. The Ministers having wished me to remain till the
last moment I shall most probably not leave Hanover before
Wednesday when I shall go to Kenilbury. Captain Fomphell
has sent me word of his arrival at Lushoven, and your
Majesty may depend on my obeying your orders precisely
as soon as I see I can be of any more use to this country.
I shall write word to Capt. Fomphell to wait
till I can give him certain intelligence when I can come,
and should be obliged to set off soon I shall at least
have the comfort of seeing your Majesty, and of
renewing the acquaintance in person that to the last moment
of my life I shall ever remain,

Your Majesty's
Great dutiful and affec^{to}
Son and Subject
Adolphus Frederick.

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The Duke of Cambridge
May 30th 1883.

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His Royal Highness
the Duke of York

[Cambridge]

Weymouth, 13th June 1803.

Weymouth June 13th 1803.
for Lord the Fourth of York.

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I seize this opportunity of a Messenger setting
off for London of informing your Majesty that
I left Hannover on Friday the 3rd Inst. in consequence of
a Convention which had been made between the
King and the French General. According to it the Prussians
were to be contained in the Duchy of Saxe-Coburg, and
to remain there till they were exchanged. They were to
take their arms, and the guns attached to the Battalion
with them, and ten boys were allowed them for their march.
It being impossible for me to join in this Convention
I set off immediately on hearing of it, and I arrived
at Frankfurt on Thursday last. Mr. Dambrecht soon came
in a boat for Leipsic where I arrived on the 10th Inst.
on Wednesday morning. The wind having been
most contrary against us we could not arrive sooner,
and I hope this evening to be able to leave Leipsic.
I am so sorry I shall not be able to set off before
tomorrow morning, when I shall proceed immediately
for London, and I trust on Tuesday to have the honour

of presenting my respects to Your Majesty. I need not
add, I trust, how happy I feel at the thoughts of seeing
you again, and it is to that moment that I must put off
explaining to you the reasons why I believe that the Con-
vention was the only thing we could do in our misera-
ble situation.

I dare never not trust to any longer
on Your Majesty's patience, than just to add the humble
assurances of my ever remembrance.

Your Majesty's
Most dutiful & affec-
tionate Son and Subject

Adolphus Frederick.

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48602

Windsor July 3^d 1803

Dearest Brother

I was very sorry to have been prevented
 calling upon you the two last days I was in London, but
 I really had so much to do that I could not get to Paulton
 House. I delivered your message to General ^{Admiral} about the
 review, and he delivered me the way, it was a fault of the
 Adjutant ^{General} who has order to give you notice of every
 mis-review that takes place, and he has spoke to him on
 the subject. Yesterday four Lt. Generals were sent
 on the staff, General P. Willson, Hornington, & others.
 The great loss is he has his head thro' out Gloucester
 the sword at Liverpool, and the two lost in London.

This is all the news I have to write. I must now
 beg you will send me word if you go on Wednes-
 day the 10th, and at what o'clock I am to be with
 you as I shall be very happy to attend you. And
 now bid bless you, Dearest Brother, all my sisters
 desire their kind love, I hope by a thousand thanks for
 the paper. Believe me,

Little Charlotte
 desires her Duty

Yours ever &c
 General & the
 Adolphus Cradock

W. R. H. M. Duke
of Cambridge
July 3rd 1903.

48603

St James's Sept 15th 1803

Dearest Brother

I am advised by buyers from whom I heard about a fortnight ago ^{to inform you} that the boxen by the Diana Brigate Captain Myling a pipe of Malaga Sherry for you. Not having read in the newspapers the arrival of this ship, I should advise you to have an enquiry made about it at Portsmouth or Plymouth and to give your order as to where the wine should be sent to. Since I have had the pleasure of seeing you I have been to fine logs in Lymington where I have seen some very fine Brigades. Some of the militia were very happy fire men and very well drilled for the time. The last fortnight I have about of Windsor where every body is well except your uncle whose recovery goes on but very slowly indeed. I hope very soon to be able to write you word when I come to Brighton. Till then God bless you, and believe me, Dearest Brother,

Your ever aff^r
 friend and brother
 Wm Pitt

H. P. H. M.
Dean of Cambridge

Sept. 15. 1003

His Royal Highness the
Duke of York, [Cambridge]

St. James's 27. Sept. 1803

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St. James's Sept. 27th 1803.

Sir

I have the honour of informing Your Majesty
that Your horses were disembarked this afternoon
at Berry's Dock, and that they all arrived safe
at nine o'clock this evening at the news. The best
gauge is to be disembarked to-morrow morning
early, and to be sent immediately to the Coach
according to Your Majesty's orders. Being
desirous that you should receive this account
as soon as possible I have taken the liberty of
writing these lines, and I have the honour to
remain,

Your Majesty's

Most Obedient and affec^t

Son and Subject

Adolphus Frederick.

