Duke of Cambridge
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Hanover Jan. 4/6th 1816.

My dearest Brother

I cannot let Minister leave this without writing you a few lines to say that every thing went off very well on Monday last, and I flatter myself that you will approve of the Ceremonial which took place on that occasion a description of which you will have found in my official letter of Thursday last. You will allow me now that your orders have been fulfilled and that all the knights named in the lists who were at Hanover have been invested I may mention two Individuals who from their Loyalty I believe are highly deserving of a mark of your favour. I mean the Chamberlain Baron Bock, and Colonel Hedemann the Commandant of Hanover. They both are men without fortune, and have invariably ~~exposed~~ kept clear of the French during all the time that they were in

hospitality of the Country. The latter has a large family, and for that reason he was obliged to remain at Warsaw all the time and he has been more than once in danger of his life having been most closely watched and persecuted by the French and Westphalians. – I mentioned these names to Count Munster and he was of opinion that as the Lists were spread it would be best to recommend them to you for the order on a future occasion.

I have had several conversations with Count Munster concerning myself and as he is in full possession of my sentiments I should not trouble you with any further on the subject, but merely add that as above that my whole object has been and ever will be to fulfill to the best of my power my duty to you my Dearest Brother and to the Country. With these sentiments I remain

My Dearest Brother
Your most affectionate and Brother

Hanover Feb. 7/22. 1816.

My dearest Brother

Count Munster having informed me that you had been so good as to allow me the use of the house at Rotenkirchen I hasten to return you my warmest thanks for it, and to assure you my dearest Brother that I do feel most grateful for your constant kindness to me on every occasion. I have also many thanks to return you for having given the order to Baron Bars and Colonel Hedemann. They both leave it and every body is rejoiced here at their having received it. You will allow me to seize this opportunity of naming to you one other Individual who, on some future occasion, is worthy of obtaining this mark of your favour. He is a Monsieur de Wurzerheim, who saved my life in the Campaign of 1793. and who had the honour of being presented to you when he joined me in England after he was recovered from his wounds. He was

appointed Bedford at Wiesbadenhausen where he has been ever since. He has suffered considerably during the ten years that the French were in this Country, His Loyalty and attachment to his Sovereign and his Family have never varied. I therefore can safely recommend him to you, and I am sure you will excuse my name in him on account of the personal obligation I owe him. —

I was very sorry to hear that you have been so long confined with the Gout, and I sincerely hope that by this time you have got rid of it, and that you have been able to settle in Town. The Queen and all my Sisters speak in raptures of their two visits to Brighton and of all your attentions and kindness to them.

I dare not detain you any longer than to add the assurance of my ever

remaining,

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My Dearest Brother

Your most affectionate

Friend and Brother

Adolphus Frederick.

The Duke of Cambridge
July 22d. 1816

The Duke of Cambridge
March 11.
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Hanover March 11th 1816.

My dearest Brother

I received yesterday from Count Munster the welcome news that you had given your consent to the marriage of your Daughter with Prince Leopold of Saxe Coburg, and I hasten to congratulate you on this happy event, and to thank you for your very kind message desiring me to come over. Be assured, my dearest Brother, that nothing would give me more pleasure than to obey your commands, but at this moment there are so many things to be done, which would be delayed if I were to leave my post at the present moment, that I should fail in my duty to you and to the Country were I to profit of your kind invitation. It is therefore with very great regret that I feel myself under the necessity of depriving myself of the pleasure of going to England upon this very interesting occasion, and of witnessing the joy the marriage

will cause to the Nation as well, as to you and the whole family – I hope in the course of this summer to be able to leave Hanover, when I trust you will allow me to pay you a visit, and truly happy shall I be to be able to assure you in person how sincerely I am,

My dearest Brother

Your most Affectionate

Friend and Brother

Adolphus Frederick.

Hanover April 28th 1816.

My dearest Brother

General Bayly who has been here about a fortnight will deliver you this letter, and I trust you will excuse my having detained him some days longer than he originally intended to stay, as I have had some business to settle with him, and I was also anxious that he should see a little of Hanover in order that he might be able to give you such information concerning it, as you might wish to have. It was not till his arrival here that he was informed that you had been so kind as to place him on the Staff, and he would have long left this if I had not requested him to stay.

It is impossible for me on this occasion not to touch upon a subject which has given me one double pain as I fear it must have been unpleasant to you, and I certainly should have avoided it if it had been in my power.

Be assured, my dearest Brother that no one can more respect more than I do, the principle upon which you act in deciding not to appoint any one to a high station unless you are fully convinced of his competency to it; and I should think myself deficient in the respect I owe to you, as well as guilty of a most absurd act if I could pretend to contest that point. All I request of you is to read that part of my official letter in which I positively recommend to you that the Seniority of a General Officer should not entitle him to the command of the Troops, and I think you will find that the difficulty which will then might have weighed upon your mind, is removed. My sole object has been to preserve for your service a man whose abilities have been of the greatest use to me, or to the Country, and who has certain to do very laborious and arduous duties to fulfill. According to my proposal this can be

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done without binding you to any thing eventually which you might not like to do. As General Decken's chief duties would be to attend at the War Office, he never could clash with Count Alten; and as General officers, it is very unusual on the Continent, and I believe it has never been the custom at Berlin to give him the Command of the Troops whatever his rank, might be so that I must frankly own to you, I cannot conceive the difficulties that still seem to exist according to an letter I have lately received from your Minister on the subject of General Decken.

In the situation I held I must have people under me whom I can depend upon, and I should be unworthy of the Trust reposed in me if I remained here one moment longer than I thought I was really of use to you and to the Country.

Having now fully explained myself to you, my dearest Brother, ~~that~~ I will not detain you any longer than to assure you that far or near you will ever find me

Your most Affectionate
Friend and Brother
Adolphus Frederick.

48686

Hanover. May 9th 1816.

My dearest Brother

I can not let the mail go out without wishing you most sincerely joy of Princess Charlotte's Marriage which, I have been informed by the Mail which arrived this morning, has taken place on Thursday last. I thought I was unfortunately prevented from being present at the Wedding. I am sure you will do me the justice to believe that my hearty wishes for the happiness of your Daughter are full as sincere as if I had been there; and I trust that in a few Months I may have the comfort of seeing her in the enjoyment of that Satisfaction and content which I wish her from the bottom of my heart.

My great Object is to be able to go for the 12th of August in England; and I shall work very hard to get things in such a state that I may be able to leave Hanover about the

end of July. I presume your intention is that General Linsingen should have the command of the Troops during my absence and as I have still by me the Rescript which Jurs to have given him if I had left Vienna some weeks back, it will only be necessary for you to signify to me your pleasure on this head through Count Montesquieu, and I shall give the orders to General Linsingen whenever I go.

By the Quarterly Messenger which sets off next Thursday, I shall send the patterns for the Clothing of the Army, and as soon as I receive your orders I shall have the Regulations published.

I have now only to add the assurance of my ever remaining,

My Dearest Brother

Your most affectionate
Friend and brother
Adolphus Frederick.

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Hanover June 24th 1866.

My dearest Brother

I must trouble You with a few lines to day to say that having found that I can leave Hanover for a short time without any detriment to the Service I have taken upon myself without asking Your leave to go to Berlin for a few days to pay my respects to the King - I mean to start on Wednesday and to be back at latest by the 10th of July.

By that time I hope I may receive a letter from Frederick on the subject I wrote to You, which I have been led to expect for some time according to the information Count Münster gave me. - I shall give directions for all my letters from England to be forwarded by express to Berlin so that I shall get them but three days later and if after the receipt of the answer I

see any possibility of my being in England for Dearest Mainy's Wedding. You may depend on my getting off without loss of time. — At all events I hope to have the pleasure of celebrating the 12. of Aug. with you, my dearest Brother, and of expressing in person the assurance that you will ever find me,

Your most Affectionate
Friend and Brother

Adolphus Frederick.

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Berlin June 30th 1816.

My dearest Brother

I shall only trouble you with one line to say that I have already received your kind letter of the 18th and ordered it to be forwarded by a Messenger to Gotha. In case however the Mail by Cuxhaven should get to England first I mention that I leave this on Tuesday for Hanover, and that I shall in conformity to your orders set off for England on the 10th of July where I hope to be on the 16th or 17th at Stanley Calais.

For God's sake, dearest Brother, do not fix the Wedding day before the 20th for it would be death to me to arrive there the day after.

Now I will not keep you one moment longer than to add the assurance of my ever remaining

My dearest Brother

Your most Affectionate

Adolphus Frederick.

Berlin July 4th 1841

My dearest Brother

I hasten to return you my warmest thanks for your very kind letter of the 18th of last month which I received yesterday, and to assure you that I shall obey your commands, and do my utmost to be in England by the 20th Inst. I shall leave this on Tuesday and I hope to be at Hanover on the 6th when I must be there three or four days to settle some business I could not conclude before I set off for Berlin. As I mean to travel night and day I hope to be at Calais by the 16th and 17th and in this case there can be no doubt of my being in Paris on the 18th or 19th. All I dread of you is to set off the walking till the 20th for it would break my heart to arrive in England after it was over.

I need not I trust assure you my dearest Brother how happy I feel at the prospect of seeing you again, and I trust that when we meet I may

be able to convince You that my Conduct has solely been guided by an anxious wish for Your Interest, and that of the Country. I will not trouble You with any further remarks on the subject of Your letter except to repeat the assurance that I am full sensible of all Your kindness to me, and that my constant object in every situation of my life will be to render myself worthy of it.

I arrived here on Friday afternoon having been detained near twelve hours on the road from an accident with my carriage. The King of Prussia had the goodness to call upon me the day before yesterday morning, and he expressed much satisfaction at my visit. I dined with him yesterday at Charlottenburg, and I am invited to a ball there this evening. To morrow there is to be a grand Review of the Garrison, and in the evening I shall set off for Dessau where I mean to stay one day to see Leopoldy and to meet my old friend Prince Schwarzburg

who has promised to come over from Leipzig; and on Thursday I shall proceed to Hanover.

I have now nothing more to add than the assurance that you will ever find me,

My dearest Brother

Your most Affectionate

Friend and Brother

Adolphus Frederick.

1 July 1816

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Calais Aug.st 19th 1846.

My dearest Brother

I must write you just one line to say that I arrived here at eleven o'clock this morning after an excellent passage of three hours, and I am going on this evening to Lille, and to morrow to Cambray. The Captain of the Packet who brought me over returns this evening, and I avail myself of this opportunity to give you this information and at the same time to return you my dearest Brother my most grateful thanks for all your kindness to me. Be assured that I never can forget it, and that you will ever find me

My dearest Brother

Your most affectionate
friend and Brother

Adolphus Frederick.

14 Oct 1910

Paris Nov. 4th 1846.

My dearest Brother

I am just returned from the opening of the Chambers, and as the Mail goes out this evening I could not resist any longer the pleasure of writing to you a few lines which I should have done long ago had I not been afraid of being troublesome. Nothing can have gone off better than the whole of this ceremony which is really very imposing and very fine. The Chamber of the Peers is a very fine saloon fitted up very much like a Theatre with Benches round it, ascending to a Gallery which is supported by Columns. The Peers in their new dresses à la Henri IV. which are the Spanish Velvet Cloak with Ermine Cape over a rich embroidery of Gold at the Bottom. The coat of blue with the Cuff and Cape embroidered in Silver Lace, looked beautiful. The lower part of the Dress in white Satin Shoes in

the Shoes with a velvet Band and three White feathers. All the Deputies in Blue Coats with the same embroidery on the Cape & Collar in Silver. There were about four or five hundred of them and all the Gallery filled with Ladies & Gentlemen, the Ladies dress of the latter full dress & had a very good effect. There was a very considerable Cortege attending the King. He was the only one of his Family whom not dressed in the Peers dress. He had a very gorgeous embroidered Uniform, with Epaulettes very like those of the Guild Marshalls which becomes him very much. He was received with great Acclamations on his entering the Room which lasted till he was seated on his throne. He delivered his Speech admirably, and though he for one moment hesitated towards the end he very soon recovered with himself without having recourse to the written Speech which he had in his Pocket. This his Cockaw to com-

have heard a speech which he communicates in
in Council to his Ministers, & which he sometimes
alters according to their suggestions. Nothing
can be finer than the style in which he writes,
and there were passages in it very affecting,
by the manner in which he delivered it. —
He was attended besides the many officers of
his Household, by four Marshalls, four
Cordonnaliers, & a deputation of Peers and
Deputies. The Cortege consisted of twelve
Carriages with eight horses, with an immense
number of Footmen, halfmoulay & Superfluity, and all
the streets lined with Troops from the Tuileries
to the Chamber of Deputies. — He was alleged
to go early to the Chamber & would not see
the Procession, but I saw him go to Notre Dame, entering
and I really never saw a finer ~~Procession~~
sight. — The Church during the high Mass was
very fine and I much enjoyed the orchestra where
is generally very superior to those in England.

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Nothing can be more gratifying than the re-
ception I have met with from the King
and all the Royal Family. I arrived here on
the 24th and was presented the following day
on the Sunday I dined with the King and
his family who always dine together. It is
impossible to have better than he does, and
he said I have in speaking in the highest terms
of you, my dearest Brother, and of all your
kindness and attention to him, till the Prince
Regent that I shall be happy to see him here,
and I think he will find my table not much
inferior to his own. After dinner he sat with
his family till eight o'clock; and before I
left the room he gave me in the most friend-
ly manner a invitation to come to dinner whenever
I liked it, and without even announcing
myself. I have been there three times, for
I really feel myself as much at home

with him and his family as if I were in England.—

I had originally intended to leave Paris on Thursday last, but upon finding that the Chambers were to be opened today I deferred it, and I am marvellously glad of it as I should have arrived at Stuttgard just at the moment of the Kings death. The accident was brought by a Messenger from Brook Taylor, and he has promised to let me know if any Letter will reach me at Stuttgard or Grandfeeth.— I return you the enclosed which you had entrusted to my care, and in case my Sister should not wish to see me I request you will have the goodness to let me know through Wodson what I am to do with the letter you have given me for her—

I cannot conclude without expressing my joy at the good accounts I have heard of your health, and that you may long continue to enjoy it is the most fervent wish and prayer of him who will ever remain,

My dearest Brother

Your most affectionate
Friend and Brother

Adolphus Frederick.