

Major H. Heywood to E. Le Grand.

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Dear Sir

Pisa. Nov<sup>r</sup> 22. 1771

Hunter arrived here this morning in  
Perfect good Health, & made us all very happy, as we  
were miserable about the feelings of our friends, &  
apprehensive that in so long a Journey some accident  
might have happened to them upon the Road, to detain  
him.

I thank God His Royal Highness goes on as well as  
we could wish, He arrived here the Day before yesterday  
& really looks very well, He rides out every Day  
& gains strength very fast, He has never had the  
Asthma since our first Landing at Leghorn, He  
had a cough for a few Days, but it was of little  
Consequence & is at present very slight, I don't  
recollect to have heard him cough more than once  
all Day.

He desires his Compliments to you, & hopes you will  
excuse his not writing by this Post, as he has a vast  
Number of Letters to answer, & the Grand Duke is  
arrived which puts us under a little Hurry.



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He is vastly pleased with the Kings Goodness about  
Charleton, whose attention has been very great, very  
Fortunately there was a Surgeon on Board the Venus,  
a most Excellent Man, His Name is Meeker, to whose  
Skill joined to that of Charleton the Duke owes His  
Life, for had not this Person advised the Bark, &  
persisted in the use of it, (the contrary to the opinion  
of the Italian Physicians) He certainly would not have  
lived two Days, Charleton & Mr. Meeker agreed entirely  
from the beginning to the end upon that matter,  
& parted without ever having had the least Difference  
of opinion, & Mr. Meeker Desires me to tell you He has  
all the reason in the world to be satisfied with His  
Skill & Good use, nothing could be greater than His  
attention & Care During His Illness, & when He was  
offered first Money, & then a Present, He positively  
refused both, saying He was amply Paid for  
the pleasure He received from His Duty (contributed  
to the Dukes recovery) The Duke wishes greatly to have  
something Done for Him (being a Surgeon in the Navy)  
& Mr. Meeker has ordered Kainsford to Write to Capt. Harveey  
& Desire He may have a Pension which the Admiralty  
grants, to Surgeons who have served a certain Number  
of years, & which by His service He is entitled to

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Provided He can have Interest enough to procure it, these  
are Different Pensions according to the Number of years  
they have served, & I believe His service gives Him a  
right to about fifty Pounds a year the Duke Desires  
you will be so good to mention this Person to His  
Majesty, & acquaint Him with His application to Mr.  
Harveey upon this account.

His Royal Highness Desires me to say every thing  
possible in favour of Mr. Meeker to whom He thinks  
Himself very much Obliged for His Carefull & willing  
Attendance, He is gone in the Venus to England, & will  
arrive some time in February, as the ship is to Call  
at Lisbon it will probably be the middle of the month,  
the Duke has Directed Him to go immediately to London,  
& I believe you will hear of Him at Mr. Kainsford's  
Lodgings, or at your other House.

Kainsford Desires His Compliments to you, He has a Hurt in  
Leg, which has given Him some trouble, but it is at present  
better.

We shall remain here about a month, & if you will  
believe the least approbation from His Majesty for any little  
services in our Power makes us vastly happy, & I can only  
say I shall never have Happier Moments than those employ'd  
in the service of the Duke or any of the Family.



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They my best Compliments to Mr. Heyland, & believe  
me yours very faithfully  
Wm. Heywood

I ought to tell you, that our friend Steele is the most  
disinterested Man in the World, & so modest that if you  
don't press him you will get very little from him  
when you see him