

Duke of Cumberland

[? June 1769]

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Venus Spithead 11 o'clock Wind SE

Sir

I have the pleasure to acquaint ^{you} I got
down to Portsmouth by this Morning I carried
my Orders to Sr John Moore and hoisted
my Flag on board the Venus at Spithead
about 8 o'clock It is now Eleven and have just
made Signal to the Seafoed Capt. Macbride
and the Tweed Capt. Collingwood to go wey and
we are just now under Sail the Wind SE - we shall
Sail thro' the Needles I shall as often as is possible
give you an account of our going on, I have left
the proper Rendezvous for the other Ships that
compose My Squadron to follow me in the hands of
Sr John Moore - it was so late last Night
my Mother not having told me before went to see
and when I from London after calling at Carlton
House got there it was half pt. 11 - She was in Bed
To pray Sir tell her so when you see her on Saturday
Your Majesties most ^{I remain} Dutiful Brother Sir Henry -

Duke of Cumberland.

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Sir

Yesterday evening Captain Berkeley of
Sloop
the ~~Wolf Cutter~~ Sloop joined me off the Dogger
about 3 Leagues having been ordered in from her
Station off Bournemouth to Spithead in order for
Captain Robinson to have taken the Command of
her he not being arrived when the Sloop got to
Spithead Sr John Moore dispatched her off as
I had left the Rendezvous with him for her without
loss of time, he brought me Orders from the
Admiralty acquainting that they had sent to
Captain Watson of the ~~Mermaid~~ Mermaid who is now on the
Irish Station to ~~join~~ come to Plymouth & when
she is ready to join me, I send now Captain Berkeley
to Plymouth with these Orders to Lt. Edgeworth
or the Senior Captain there to be immediately
given to Watson upon his arrival

The Weather has been very cold and Raining but
I have manœvered almost every Morning from Nine
till Twelve we begin now to form our Line of
Battle a Head and a Breast very well and I doubt
not by the time the rest of my Squadron join me
we shall be very perfect it is in our profession like
in the Army, Ships, not being open together they are
a little outboard at first I shall remain here in my
Station about the Dodman and Palmouth for about
16 Days more and then I shall go into Plymouth for
about 2 Days in order to Water and to get Bear for
the Squadron - indeed Sir I can't say enough of Bassingh
diligence in communicating everything to me indeed he
does it so like a Gentleman as well as Officer that
I do not know his fellow I am very sure Mr. Edward will
tell you the same -

I remain

Off the Dodman.

Friday 23^d June 1769 -

Sir

Your most Dutiful Brother

Henry -

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Off the Dodman Sunday 2^d July 1769 -

Sir, I reciev'd Yours and return You many thanks
Captain Holwell of the Glory 32 Guns joined Friday Afternoon
and brought with him Captain Robinson who is to
succeed Captain Berkeley of the Wolf Sloop. Captain
Watson of the Hind 20 Guns joined me yesterday and
Captain Graham of the Fly Sloop - I take it now my
Squadron is quite full, we manœuvre every Morning
from Nine till Twelve the weather till within these
two Days has been cold and rainy - I intend going
into Plymouth about tomorrow evening to recruit
a little Water and Beer for the Squadron, we have
not since I left England missed by one Morning when
it blew too fresh and indeed it has very well answered
for we are very adroit now and perform our manœuvres
in half the time we used -

I remain

Sir
Your most Dutiful
Brother

Henry -

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Sir,

It is impossible for me to describe
the emotions I feel whilst I impart an event
which I never should have kept a moment secret
from you if I had not found myself
incapable of offering you the cruel alternative
either of being involved in any inconvenience
by giving your consent to it; or of pronouncing

my future misery for life by your refusal.

Sir I am married to Mr. Boston Lord
Donham's Daughter and nothing now remains to
make me one of the happiest of Men but your
approbation which I trust the sensibility of your
heart and the amiable Qualifications of the
Object of my Choice will strongly plead for and
fully justify. Tender Sir my most perfect
and I will dedicate my whole life to an
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Sir I am married to Mrs. Horton Lord
Ironham's Daughter and nothing now remains
to make me one of the happiest of men but your
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heart and the amiable Qualifications of the
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This transaction but one Lady and the Clergyman
who married us on Wednesday the 2^d of October
1771. we are just saild for Calais shall go to St. Omer
& remain there for a couple of Days, then proceed to
Arras in Artois where I shall stay till I hear from England
to avoid suspicion I have taken the Name of Thomas
Johnson Esq. as I was oblig'd to have a correspondence
with a Banker.

I remain

Sir Your Majesties

most Dutiful and anxious Brother
Henry.

From on board the Packett. Sunday Morn. 5 o'clock
3^d Nov^r 1771.

D. of Cumberland
Arras Nov. 10th 1771.

N^o. 3.

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Sir

I was honored with your message by
Deacon this Morning - You know Sir I shall
always be happy at every opportunity of convincing
you of the sincerity of my attachment, yet Sir the
Terms on which you will see me seem to be of disclaiming
my marriage. I thought that when such leave
of you and that you advised me to go Abroad.
I then said for my part I was ready to do any thing
in the present situation of things that was consistent
with my Character & did not in any way
alter the solemn vow I had made before the
Supreme Being - You Sir know what that
Vow is, mankind knows the Step I have taken

I cannot disown it, yet Sir I do not want to talk
to you on a subject that is disagreeable to you.
Do you Sir pray chauth out the line you would
have me follow, preserve my Honour and I subscribe

I remain

Sir

Your Majesties most Dutiful

Brother

Jerry

Arras Sunday 10th Nov. 1771

P.S. I shall go to Lisle to morrow and stay
there till I hear from England.

King's Commands. I have transcribed them from your
Letter. I am not a Logician enough to be able to
understand this Paradox. She can only be my Wife
or not. I shall be at the Lodge in a very short time
after you receive this Letter where I shall wait his
Majesties Orders.

I remain

Your very sincere Friend

Henry

Little 25th Nov^r 1771

D. of Cumberland
Windsor Lodge Dec. 1. 1776.

N^o. 6

54433

Sir

I am now at Windsor Lodge,
waiting to know when it will be your pleasure
that I may with the most affectionate Duty see
you and inform you, that upon having reconsidered
the last message which you sent me by
Deaken, I am convinced ~~that~~ conformable thereto,
both your wishes, and my own, may be accomplished,
as far as the present state of things will permit.
I feel a joy that I am unable to express, upon
being informed by you Sir, that you do

not, desire me to disavow my Marriage; nor
can I describe the happiness I feel, in the thought
of being able at the same time to share your
affection, and to call her whom I have chosen,
my Wife: neither Place nor Title can render
her more dear to me than she is, and ever will
be. if it can in the smallest degree contribute
to your felicity call my Wife by any Name
which you think political necessity requires,
and give me leave to subscribe myself

Your most Dutiful Brother

Henry -

Windsor Lodge Sunday 1st Dec^r 1771

Duke of Cumberland to Dow. Pr. of Wales. [9. Dec. 1772]

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Madam, I am now at Windsor Lodge, & cannot
help lamenting much the Order I received from
You, thro' Le Grand not to come & see You. I flatter'd
myself that however my marriage might appear
to You in a Political light, that Duty, which I have
always try'd to shew You would have pleas'd for me,
especially if I had ~~been~~ ~~asked~~ ~~so~~ ~~kindly~~
~~after~~ ~~me~~ ~~that~~ ~~you~~ ~~had~~ ~~pointed~~
~~me~~ ~~to~~ ~~some~~ ~~other~~ ~~place~~ ~~where~~ ~~you~~ ~~thought~~ ~~it~~ ~~best~~ ~~to~~ ~~send~~ ~~me~~ ~~for~~
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~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~any~~ ~~inconvenience~~ ~~whatsoever~~ --

Lord Hertford to H.M.

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Lord Hertford begs the King's
commands in what manner the
communication of his Majesty's
intentions & orders with respect
to the Duke of Cumberland shall
be made to the foreign Ministers;

Whether Mr Cottrell the
assistant master of the Ceremonies
shall have discretion to do it;
or whether it be more conformable
to his Majesty's intentions that
Lord Hertford should wait upon
the Spanish ambassador & convey
to him & some of the other principal

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foreign Ministers the orders he
had received from his Majesty upon
this subject. By the latter
method it may not be easy to do
it so soon or so generally, but
whatever is most agreeable to his
Majesty's sentiments & judgment
shall be executed to the best of
Lord Hertford's powers when he
receives the King's commands.

This doubt ~~did not~~ occurs
him last night or this morning,
& he flatters himself his desire
of conforming his conduct to
the King's intentions will succeed

H.M. to Lord Hertford.

Queens House Dec^r 2^d 1771.

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of the property of
 Lord Hertford I cannot have a doubt ~~but~~ your directing
 Mr. Cottrell to acquaint the Foreign Ministers that as the
 Duke of Cumberland declares He is married I cannot receive
 Him nor those that acknowledge ^{the King} as such, that therefore
 the Foreign Ministers are desir'd not to go to Him; as I understand
 that always leaves room for a comment
 or, at least, that you are this evening to go to Brissot & Melchior
 I desire you will in my name acquaint Her Majesty ^{of the resolution} that after
 I come for this very disagreeable ^{the affair}
~~the Duke of Cumberland has put on my family I cannot~~
~~receive Him, nor those who are his adherents I did not choose to put~~
~~in your mouth for the Public, but to His Majesty I am certain~~
~~it will be the most agreeable that can be thought on.~~

Lord Rockford

20. May 1773.

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Sir,

I was ordered by the King to wait on your
Royal Highness to morrow to deliver a message from
his Majesty but finding that your Royal Highness
is at Windsor, I am under the necessity of giving
your Royal Highness this trouble to acquaint you
by the King's order that his Royal Highness the
Duke of Gloucester having requested of his Majesty
to have his Marriage authenticated as the Dutches
of Gloucester is near her Delivery, his Majesty in
Council will give orders in consequence of that
application, that the Archbishop of Canterbury the
Lord Chancellor and the Bishops of London do
forthwith enquire into the Legality of the said
Marriage and certify their opinion together with

The proofs to his Majesty in Council in order that
the same be recorded in the Books of the Council
office. His Majesty will at the same time direct
similar steps to be immediately taken with regard
to authenticating the Marriage of your Royal Highness.

I have the honor to be with the most
profound respect Sir,
Your Royal Highnesses
Most Obedient and
most humble servant

Berkley square

20th May 1743 at night.

Rockford

Duke of Cumberland

April 3. 1770

54439

Sir

Notwithstanding the Misfortune of
having been so long denied Access to Your Majesty
permit me Sir to assure you I feel myself
deeply interested in every Event that concerns
Your Majesty's Happiness and Honor.

The Publick Declaration of the Court
of France and Private Intelligence I have had
relative to the Disposition of other Powers
determin'd me to return Home immediately &
renew the Application I made to Your
Majesty thro' Lord George Germaine upon a
report which then prevailed of immediate

Hostilities between the two Countries that Your Majesty would employ me either under a Senior Officer or in any manner which might be thought most conducive to your Service His Lordship assured me that my Message was graciously received and that Your Majesty at that time had neither considered of nor named any Admirals to Command your Fleet.

May I hope Sir tho' many have been ~~recently~~ appointed I shall find myself so fortunate as to be on Your Majesty's List for Service on the Earliest Occasion -

I am

Sir

Your Majesty's Dutiful Brother

Cumberland House

Henry

3^d April 1778 -

Not to be filmed.

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Henry Duke of
Cumberland

The King

3^d April 1730.

Sire

Notwithstanding the Misfortune of
having been so long denied Access to your
Majesty, permit me Sire to assure you I feel
myself deeply interested in every Event that
concerns your Majesty's Happiness & honor

The Publick Declaration of the
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immediately and renew the Application I

made to your Majesty some time since
tho' Lord George Germaine upon a report
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Friday - 30 April 1778 -

Lord North to H.M.

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Sir

May 8th 1780.
rel. to the Duke of Cumberland
Duke, & his family, & others
from N. A. H. to the King

On Saturday last I was in-
form'd that His Royal Highness the
Duke of Cumberland intended to write
to your Majesty, & to send his letter
by the Duke of Northumberland,
but that he thought it would be

more respectful & more agreeable to your
Majesty, that you should be apprized
of his intention before you receive
his letter. In obedience to his Royal
Highness's commands, I undertook to
inform your Majesty of his intention,
but suggested, at the same time, that
it might be convenient to let me
send a copy of the proposed letter to
your Majesty, that you might be
apprized not only of his Royal Highness's
general intention, but also of the

Lord North to H.M.

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Majesty would receive; I received
yesterday the copy which I have
the honour to inclose; It was, at the
same time, signified to me, that his
Royal Highness had no expectation
that, in consequence of the latter part
of his letter, your Majesty would im-
-mediately send for him, but that
it is the warmest wish of his heart
that your Majesty would, in a less

formal manner, (such as an occasional
meeting in a ride or a walk) allow
him to repeat verbally to your Majesty
these sentiments of respect, attachment,
& duty which he has endeavour'd
to express in his letter. I beg leave to
subscribe my self, with the most dutiful
attachment,

Sir. your Majesty's

Downing Street
May 8th
1780.

most obedient, faithful
Devoted servant
W^m Pitt

H.M. to Lord North.

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Queens House May 9th 1780.

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23 p. 7. A. J.

Lord North will easily believe that I am well pleas'd
at the fate of the two Motions that took up the time of
the House of Commons yesterday, though not at the delay
it has occasioned by postponing all the various
Matters that were to have come before the House

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9 May 1980

H.M. to Ld. North.

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Levens House May 9. 1790
on 36 p. 2. P.M.

I am much distressed at receiving a letter from Ld. North enclosing the copy of one I am to receive from the Duke of Cumberland through the hands of the Duke of Northumberland. The whole political ^{sentiments and} conduct of the Duke of Cumberland are so adverse to what I think ~~right~~ that any intercourse between us would only be of a cold and distant kind, and consequently very unpleasant, I shall therefore if such a letter comes return no kind of answer.

H.M. to L^d North.

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Queens House May 9ⁿ. 1740
on
36. 1^h. 2 P.M.

I am much distressed at receiving a letter from L^d North enclosing the copy of one I am to receive from the Duke of Cumberland through the hands of the Duke of Northumberland. The whole political sentiments and conduct of the Duke of Cumberland are so adverse to what I think right, that any intercourse between us could only be of a cold and distant kind, and consequently very unpleasant. I shall therefore if such a letter comes return no kind of answer.

Henry, Duke of
Cumberland

to

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His Majesty George
the 3^d.

Sir

As Your Majesty has been
pleas'd to receive very graciously the
professions of Attachment & Loyalty of your
Subjects I trust your Majesty will not be
offend'd that I take the ~~Liberty~~ only Method in
my Power to assure your Majesty of my Duty
& Affection personally Interest'd as I am in
everything that may promote the Honor of the
Crown, it might seem unnecessary to say as your
Majesty's felt Sentiments so Natural, but it is
some relief to ~~that~~ ^{the} Anxiety occasion'd by being
deny'd access to your Majesty's presence for more
then eight Years to remind your Majesty that I
~~never can separate my Interest from yours &~~

~~of my soul & happiness & that I~~

~~that~~ ^{that} I have nothing so much at heart
as to obtain ^{the} permission of a seeing your Majesty
in person of the zeal & sincerity ^{with} which

I remain

Sir

~~to~~ Your Majesty

Most Dutiful Brother

Henry—

Henry, Duke of
Cumberland

May 1785.

to
The King

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Sir

I cannot remain a daily Witness of
the Goodness with which Your Majesty is graciously
pleas'd to receive the Professions of the Loyalty
& Attachment of all Ranks of your Faithful Subjects,
without entertaining some Degree of Hope, that Your
Majesty will forgive me for embracing the
only Method in my Power, of assuring Your Majesty
of my steady & most affectionate Duty, which my
unfortunate want of Access to Your Majesty for
more than eight Years, hath not in any Instance,
or at any Period, impair'd or diminish'd. Personally
interested as I must be, in every Circumstance
that can eventually affect Your Majesty;

it may appear officious and unnecessary, to lay
at Your Majesty's Feet, Sentiments so natural,
as my entire Disapprobation of every Endeavour
that may, from any Quarter, be attempted, to viola
either the Dignity of your Crown, or one
Moment of your private Happiness; but your
Majesty will have the Goodness to permit me
to assure You, that I have no one Object so anxious
anxiously at Heart, as your Permission to respect
to you in Person, the Zeal, Sincerity and
Affection with which I invariably remain

Sir

Your Majesty's
Most Dutiful Brother.

Henry

May 1780