Patrick Copland to Duke of ?

Mar. 2 1784

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My Lord Duke

I am extremely sorry that another seven Astronomical cold & fever have confined me to bed for these two days past & prevented my answering Your Graces Letter in course.

I did not keep a regular register of the Thermometer during the continuance of the snow on the ground, but I thought the cold so remarkable on the two last days of the year 1783, that I observed it frequently, & have indorsed a copy of the diffs thereof at which it stood, particularly on the night between the 30 & 31st. I learn from Glasgow that on the same night the Thermometer stood at 1° below zero or 83½° below what it stood at here, and I believe Your Grace knows that at the Macfarlane Observatory there in 1780 it sunk to 23° below zero, when laid on the Snow. Yet unusual as such a degree of cold is in our Islands, it is moderate, when compared to what is frequently experienced in Siberia. The Abbé D'Auterroche assures us, that at Selihamoki

on the Western boundaries of Siberia, he in 1761 saw the Mercury sink in the open air as low as 150° below zero, which is very nearly the degree at which the quicksilver freezes. His breath froze on his lips and beard, & the density of the air was so much increased by the cold that the smoke of the chimneys immediately fell to the ground. The reason by the bye is not very Philosophical.

Since the beginning of the year the cold has never been very remarkable save that from about Jany 6th to the 14th the Thermometer kept almost constantly during the night, from 22° to 25°.

I have to return Your Grace many many thanks for Your Goodness & attention in sending me the Pamphlets I have received, particularly those on Air Balloons. I have filled my small one more than once with inflammable air, & find it answer perfectly well. I hope to be well enough to send it off altogether from the Observatory on Friday next if the day be favourable, & I doubt not but the price of admission within the enclosure will bring in a considerable sum for the Poor.

Our Gentlemen here seem to have entered so much into

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the Spirit of aerial voyages that I little doubt my being enabled to pay my respects to Your Grace in one filled with heated, instead of Inflammable air, before the month of June; sooner than which time I fear these aerial Journeys would prove rather cold and uncomfortable.

I have the honour to be with the greatest respect and esteem

My Lord Duke

Your Graces most obliged & obedient humble Serv.

Pat. Copland

Mans: College March 2d 1784

P.S. Has Your Grace ever seen any of the Meches economiques of Mr De St Ligen — They make any kind of oil or tallow burn without smoke, & would be extremely usefull in small Lamp furnaces for blowing Thermometer balls &c.

Mr Copland

March 2. 1784

(Per Enclosure)

Enclosure

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Heights of the Mercury in the Thermometer at Marischal College Aberdeen on Decr 30th & 31st 1783.

		Fahrenheits scale
30th	8 o'clock A.M.	16°
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	10	17°
	12	17°
	2 P.M.	17°
	4	16°
	5	14°
	6	12°
	7	13°
	8	11°
	10½	10°
31st	12½	8°
	2½	7½°
	5¾	5°
	6½	4¾°
	7½	5°
	8⅓	5°
	9	7°
	11	9½°
	3 P.M.	17°

A Thaw came on in the Evening, since which time I have never observed the Thermometer below 22°.

The preceeding observations were made with a Thermometer which I had graduated with great care according to the Rules laid down by the Royal Society. It was sometimes laid on the surface of the Snow, in the middle of a large Garden to the East of the City, and sometimes suspended at different heights above the ground from two feet to seventy. This was done in order to discover whether there was any great difference between the cold on the surface of the snow, & in the Atmosphere above it, as had been found to be the case at Glasgow, in a very remarkable degree in 1780. But tho I attended to every circumstance which I thought might influence the result, I could in no instance perceive that the difference amounted to more than halfe a degree.

The wind was a gentle breeze at East, & on the morning of the 31st Decr the Planet Venus & all the fixed Stars, shone with a Splendor I had never before observed.

Mareschal College Aberdeen
March 2d 1784

Pat: Copland

M. Gen. J. Budé

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Stade Vendredy a 4 heures

Sire

Nous arrivons dans ce moment très heureusement & je saisis le depart de la poste cette apres midi pour en informer votre Majesté. Nous avons été trois jours a descendre la Riviere, un très bon vent nous a conduit ~~Mercredy~~ Jeudi matin a Holylaw & de là nous avons eu quelque difficulté a gagner l'entrée de l'Elbe avant la nuit.

Le Prince est bien en general, mais se plaint de temps a autre de son mal au coté. Je n'ai qu'a me louer de S. A. R. pendant notre

M. Gen. P

voyage, en arrivant ici les Principaux
officiers civils & Militaires se sont trouvés
lorsque nous avons mis pied a terre, le
Prince les a reçu avec politesse & dignité.
Le Capt. Linsing est ici depuis deux jours
& nous partons demain matin.

L'on ne pouvoit pas choisir un officier
plus propre que le Capt: Vandeput pour
conduire le Prince, sa conduite a été en
general & en detail telle que je ne puis pas
m'empecher d'en faire les Eloges a Votre Majesté.
Tout a été parfaitement bien dans le yacht

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M. Gen. J. Budé

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Les domestiques de votre Majesté & surtout Mr Rice ont été parfaitement attentifs & ont montré le plus grand desir de plaire.

Le Prince Guillaume a écrit a votre Majesté avant de venir a terre, & je ne manquerai pas a votre arrivée a Hannover d'avoir l'honneur plus en détail a votre Majesté.

Je suis

Sire

De votre Majesté

Le très humble & très
respectueux serviteur
J. Budé

Prussian Blue!
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Ld. Howe

Mar. 6 1784

5786

Lord Howe has the honor to transmit to your Majesty, the last advices from Sir Chas. Douglas, sent in the Topaze Frigate & come by way of Lisbon; respecting the Commodore's arrival off of New York, and his subsequent destination for Barbadoes.

Grafton Street
6 March
30 past 3 P.M.

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Ld. Howe

Mar. 6 1784

I am sorry to find by the letter from Sir Charles Douglas the unfortunate loss of two Lieutenants eleven Midshipmen and one Sailor. I do not doubt but good reason is to be given for risking so many valuable lives, if not the event is the more melancholy.

Queen's House
March 6th. 1784.
m p. P.M.

Vt. Horne.

Grafton Street March 6th 1784.
30 m. past 3 P.M.

My answer Queen's House. Mar. 6th 78
12 m. past 7. P.M.

Vis.t Howe.

Grafton Street 8. March 1784

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Lord Howe, being still confined to his Room and unable to pay his personal Duty, has the honor to transmit for your Majesty's information, a Letter of an earlier date than the former already communicated from Sir Charles Douglas, accounting for the delay of his arrival on the coast of North America. Also a Letter by post, from Commodore Sir John Lindsay.

Grafton Street
8 March 1784
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30 past 2 Pott

Ld. Howe

Mar. 12 1784

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Lord Howe has the honor to transmit to your Majesty, the several Dispatches from R. Admiral Sir Richard Hughes brought by the Leander. and a Letter from Commodore Sir Charles Douglas, by the same Conveyance, relative to his proposed intention of proceeding forthwith to his destined Station in Nova Scotia.

Grafton Street
12 March 1784
5h Pm

Visc: Howe.

Grafton St. 12: March 1782

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Grafton St. 17th March 1794

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Lord Howe has the honor to transmit to your Majesty, a Letter from Rear Admiral Sir Rich.d Hughes, respecting the time Genl Mathews was landed to take possession of the Island of Grenada; and that St Vincent was also occupied by your Majesty's Troops. Likewise, the correspondence from your Majesty's Consul at Leghorn, respecting the piratical Seizure of the London Trader mentioned in Comdr Sir Jn.o Lindsay's former advices; and a subsequent Dispatch from the Commodore, then remaining at the Port of Villa Franca.

He also begs leave to present the Marine Commissions added, for your Majesty's approbation.

Grafton Street
17th March 1794. 10 ~~AM~~

Wm. Pitt
o K. M's Reply

Mar. 21 1784

5790

Mr Pitt has not presumed to trouble your Majesty, as from the Impossibility of carrying the American Bill to the House of Lords sooner than tomorrow, the dissolution does not appear to be practicable till Wednesday. Mr Pitt is therefore not under the necessity of entreating your Majesty's Permission to attend you, till after the Levee tomorrow, unless your Majesty is pleased to require his attendance sooner.

Downing Street. Sunday March 21st. 30m past 5. —

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Wm. Pitt
o K. M's Reply

Mar. 21 1784

Having by the Minutes of the House of Commons of Friday seen that the American Trade Bill was only ordered to be engrossed, I did not expect Mr. Pitt this Day. I can easily imagine that the day is not long enough for him to execute all that may be desirable, therefore shall certainly not call on his Attendance before the usual time tomorrow after the Levee. If the business of Parliament will admit of its being Dissolved on Wednesday I shall certainly be ready to go that Day to the House, but I am not clear the American Bill can be ready before Thursday.

Queens House
March 21st 1784.
Cn 37 pt. 6 PM.

Mr. Pitt Chan.r of the Ex.r
Downing Street March 21.st 1784.
m/30. pt. 5. P.M.

my answer Queen's House Mar. 21.st 1784
m/37. pt. 6. P.M.

Parliamentary
Business

H. R. to Drummond

Mar. 22 1784

5791

Mr. Drummond may be surprised to receive this from Me; but being under the necessity of raising a sum of twenty four thousand Pounds, and chusing to deal with a Gentleman rather than addressing myself thro' others to the common sort of Moneyed Men, and not thinking it fair to have sent abruptly to Mr. Drummond and make my application to him. I now write that he may consider of it before I send to see him.

What has occurred to Me is that I am willing to give such a bond as Mr. Drummond may think necessary with an assurance of repaying three thousand Pounds every three Months and offering five per Cent for the Money.

By the Account I settled with Lord North when he quitted the Treasury he stated that I owed thirteen thousand pounds to Mr. Drummond of which I have payed through the hands of Lord Bridewell seven thousand pounds; the other sise is still owing, and was kept back at the desire of Lord North, he having a personal account to settle with Mr. Drummond on a like subject I hear

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He has not acted very explicitly. He has never explained this as yet; this indeed has the more made me on the present occasion not wish to employ a middle person. Consequently the bond must be for thirty thousand pounds at five per Cent. three thousand pounds to be repaid every three Months, and in case any accident should happen to me I am willing that a sum of money I have in the Stocks belonging to my German Dominions shall be a collateral security that Mr. Drummond may run no hazard.

Draft of a letter to
Mr. Drummond
Queen Dowr. Hann. 22d. 1784

– Drummond to H. M.

No! March 1784 A.A.

~~Mar. 17~~ (Sic) 1784

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Mr. Drummonds Family & self, are ever happy to shew their duty to his Majesty & their attachment & zeal to his Service; But that the very particular & pressing circumstances of the times unders obedience to his Majestys Commands most difficult

That the delays which have happend in making all Publick Issues have occasiond such a scarsity of Cash for the necessary Circulation, that it is become almost impossible to convert into money the Mortgages, Navy Bills, & other Governm.t Securitys, which they & other Bankers have in their Custody, and hereby Creates a Distress to them never before felt

That it would be in their Power to aid his Majesty, by assisting with the most undoubted securitys adequate to the Sum wanted, if any means could be found to obtain Cash on them: But that to take out of their present Circulating Cash such a Sum at once would run a risque of distressing them too greatly and in the present moment of the Fluctuation of the times, & sudden demands which come unforseen, would be hazarding too much on for the danger which might arise to Publick Credit as well as themselves.

That if the money is not wanted all at one time, But that it will answer the Exingencies of his Majesty If the

Mar. 17 (sic) 1784

money is drawn for so, as the whole
be not payable before the end of the
month of May; They will from that
Duty they owe to his Majesty & that
affection they have to his Government
consider whether it will not possibly
be in their Power to give the Aid desired

That in respect to the other Subject
mentioned, Mr. Drum.d begs leave most
humbly to lay before his Majesty
a Copy of the security given by Lord
North to the Partnership on the Loan
advanced for his Majestys use,
which would not have been
advanced

advanced but on that account, which was transacted by his Brother in his absence: That when the Six Thousand Pounds mentioned by his Majesty to be now arranged shall be discharged the account will stand as by the Paper annexed to the Copy of the Note £17000 of the principal remaining undischarged besides the Interest.

That the Partnership are entire strangers ~~to that~~ Transactions between his Majesty & Lord North further than that it was to be discharged by Installments.

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Mr Pitt
& H.M.'s reply

Mar. 23 1784

5793

Mr Pitt humbly presumes to submit to your Majesty, the draught which has been prepared in obedience to your Majesty's Commands, of what may be thought proper to be delivered from the Throne previous to the Prorogation. Mr Pitt begs Permission to add that the Bills will be ready to receive the Royal Assent tomorrow, and

and that the Prorogation may then take Place, if It should be your Majesty's Pleasure to go down to the House for that Purpose

Downing Street
March 23d 1784. 35a part 5. P.m.

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Wm Pitt
& H.M.'s replies

Mar. 23 1784

Windsor Mar. 23d 1784. m/12. p.t 4. P.M.

This instant I have received Mr. Pitt's letter and a Draft of the Speech which entirely meets with my ideas, I therefore desire the proper Copy may be prepared for tomorrow. I have in consequence of Mr. Pitt's intimation that the Bills will be ready for my Assent sent Orders for the Equipages to be at St. James's tomorrow at half hour past two; I desire notice may be given that I may be expected a quarter before at Westminster that those necessary to attend may be there.

Mr. Pitt Chan.r of the Ex.r

Downing Street Mar. 23.d 1784. $\frac{m}{35}$ p.s.

my answer Windsor Mar. 23.d 1784. $\frac{m}{42}$ p.8.

Preparations for the prorogation of Parliament

D. of Marlborough
Marlborough House Mar. 28th 1784

The Duke of Marlborough begs leave to trespass on Your Majesty's Time to return Your Majesty his unfeigned Thanks for Your Majesty's gracious Condescension in sending him the Letters to the first Duke of Marlborough. The Duke of Marlborough can only assure Your Majesty, that he feels this fresh mark of your Goodness to him, as he ought to do.

Marlborough House
March 28 - 1784

Ld. Sydney
& H. M.'s replies

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Whitehall
March 28: 1784
In
42 past 3 P.M.

Lord Sydney humbly presumes to acquaint His Majesty, that he has received a Letter from the Duke of Richmond by express, on the Subject

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& H. M.

ject of which he would humbly wish to receive His Majesty's Commands, whenever He would be pleased to order Lord Sydney to attend His Majesty.

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Ld. Sydney
& H.M.'s replies

I shall be ready to see Ld. Sydney any time after Seven that may suit Him; I can easily conceive the contents of the D. of Richmond's letter, as I is not apt to approve any difference with him in opinion

Queens House
Mar. 28th. 1784.
m/5. p.5. PM.

Lord Sydney.

Whitehall 20. March 1780

Wm. Pitt

Mar. 28 1784

5796

Mr Pitt is honoured with your Majesty's Commands, and rejoices in the account from Bury, which your Majesty has condescended to communicate. Mr Pitt hurried to Bury, unable to pay his Duty to your Majesty after the Drawing Room; or he would have presumed to trouble your Majesty with the Information which he had received from Yorkshire, which

seems very satisfactory. The Majority
He understands was very great, and the
Prospect of carrying both Mr Duncombe
and Mr Wilberforce, against Mr Bolgamb
and Mr Weddell, very favorable. It seems
principally to turn upon the amount of the
subscription which may be offered by Friday
next, which is to be the day of Nomination
Mr Milnes of Yorkshire stands for the City
of York with Lord Galway, against Lord

Wm. Pitt

Mar. 28 1784

John Cavendish, and Sir W. Meredith
Mr Pitt will not fail to give directions for
the Law appointments to be prepared as
speedily as possible for your Majesty's Signature
It remains only to fix the Solicitor General,
and Mr Pitt humbly conceives that in that
appointment, it may be difficult to pass
over Mr Macdonald.

Downing Street.
March 28th 1784. 25 past 4. P.M.

Mr. Pitt.

Downing St. 28 March 176

Election Matters

Mr Pitt.

Downing St. 28th March

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Election Matters

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Mr Pitt has the Honor to acquaint Your Majesty that He has received an Answer from Sir Th. Egerton, who wishes to accept immediately the Distinction Your Majesty is pleased to confer on Him, and seems to think the County secure but does not name the Candidate. Mr Pitt has not yet heard from Mr Hall. Mr Pitt has understood

That Mr Smith, Brother of the Member for Leicester, has offered himself for Coventry with a very good Prospect; and he hopes some other Candidate may be found, altho' he does not at present know of one.

Downing Street.

Sunday March 28th 55th part 5.

Draft to Mr Drummond
Queens House Mar. 28th 1784.

Queens House Mar. 28th 1784.

As Mr Drummond when I saw him the other Evening intimated an intention of going soon to Scotland I take this method of making my Proposal to him on the Subject of the twenty four thousand Pounds I wish He would advance to Me and which I mean to repay him at instalments of three thousand Pounds every three months, and giving five per Cent interest for the above sum.

I wish therefore to receive on Paper an answer whether He will advance this sum on those conditions and that according to what I understood on Wednesday Evening that He cannot conveniently do it but by installments of five thousand pounds per Week. to take effect from the 15th of April.

If this is the case I desire He will send Me the form of the Draft, He wishes I should sign for each sum, or the Receipt on the delivery of each Payment and whether Dixon cannot be the person employed during his absence to bring the money to Me.

As to the conduct of Lord Porth on the other sum that was obtained from Mr Drummond it will require a thorough investigation which Mr Drummond may depend on my losing no time in having it effected.

Wm. Pitt

Mar. 30 1784

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Mr Pitt humbly presumes to submit to Your Majesty, that in endeavoring to find a Proper Person for the Vacant Office of Surveyor General of the Ordnance, None has occurred fitter than Captain James Luttrell, who has some Parliamentary Talents, is now fighting a Contest for Government at Dover, and will be very acceptable

to the Duke of Richmond. If it should be your Majesty's Gracious Pleasure to confer this Appointment on him, it is desireable that the Warrant should be made out as soon as possible, that it may be announced previous to his Election. — Mr Pitt understands notwithstanding the Indirect Representations of the Opposite Party that

Wm. Pitt

Mar. 30 1784

The Majority at York was clear in favor of Government. He also begs Leave to submit to Your Majesty, that it has been suggested that It would give great Satisfaction there, if Your Majesty should condescend to shew your Favor to the Sheriff of Yorkshire, by giving him the Title of a Baronet, on the present Occasion. The Yorkshire Address

Mr Pitt.
Downing St. 30. March 1784

Office arrangements
& Election Matters

will be presented at the Levee tomorrow.
Mr Pitt has had further favorable
Accounts from Coventry, and is in hopes
that a second Candidate may be found
in the course of to day. A Gentleman
of the name of Bird, who has connections
there is already gone down, Mr Smith
having withdrawn.

Downing Street.
March 30th 1784. 30 past 11 A.M.

Draft to Mr. Pitt.
Windsor. 30th March 1784.

Windsor March 30th 1784.
37m pt. 7. P.M.

Mr. Ja: Luttrell I have always understood to be the best of that family, I have therefore signed the appointment of him as Surveyor of the Ordnance. Mr. Darby is of so good a family that I cannot make the smallest objection to his being immediately created a Baronet. I am happy to find two Candidates are likely to be found to oppose the late Representatives of Coventry. I understand Lieut. Pennyman declares Beverley is so offended with Major Anderson that any fresh Man would probably succeed there. If Lieut. Gen. Robertson is so desirous of a Seat in Parliament he ought to be encouraged to go on some of these hazardous exploits.

There has been a ridiculous attempt here of Col. Pennyn but a few hours convinced him that he had no chance against the late Members; Mr. Keppel has this day sent to his few Tenants ~~he has~~ that a Candidate will still arrive before the Election which is settled for Nine tomorrow morning but should one appear it cannot avail and as such does no harm.

Mr Pitt.

Downing St. 31. March 1784

Mr Pitt has this moment the Honor to receive the Packet which your Majesty is graciously pleased to send enclosing the Sum of 5000 £. – Mr Pitt rejoices that the Opposition in Windsor has terminated in so decisive a manner.

Downing Street.
Wednesday. March 31st. 1784.
6 Precisely P.M.

Lord Salisbury 1784
no Date.

16 June 1790 A.A.

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Arlington Street
Wednesday night ½ past 11.

Sire

The Elections for the Boroughs of Hertford & Saint Albans being over, I have the honor to acquaint Your Majesty that John Calvert & Baron Nathaniel Dimsdale are returned & Mr Baker thrown out; The Honble William Bingham & John Calvert Junr Esquire are returned for Saint Albans & Mr Clutterbuck thrown out.

The Numbers of the respective Candidates were as follow:

Borough of Hartford

John Calvert Esq. 315.

Baron N. Dimsdale - 294

William Baker Esq. - 259.

Borough of St Albans.

Hble Wm Bingham 263

John Calvert Junr. Esq. . 209

— Butterbuck Esq - 117.

I have the honor to be with the most profound Submission & Respect

Your Majesty's

Most dutiful

& Loyal Subject

Salisbury

Mr Drummond
March 31. 1784

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Mr Drummond is honord with his Majestys Commands of the 28th Ins.t, and as he is most truly desirous to obey them in the way most agreable to his Majestys wishes; He flatters himself if he might be permitted to have the honor of waiting upon his Majesty, he could suggest such a Mode of Conducting the Loan as would answer all the purposes proposed.

St James Square 31st March 1784.