- de Münchhausen Aug. 2 1789

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Sire,

J'ose prendre très humblement la liberté, Sire, de mettre aux Pieds de Votre Majesté, les Supplications les plus humbles et respectueuses, pour obtenir par Votre

Clémence Royale, Sire, un Expectative dans le très noble Chapitre de Wunstorf, pour ma fille charlotte auguste ferdinandine de münchhausen. Non seulement la proximité de ce Chapitre et de mes possessions, qu'en grande Partie, j'ai l'honneur de tenir en Fief de Votre Majesté; mais plûtôt la tendresse paternelle, pour ma fille ainée, à dû produire en moi, le désir le plus juste et soumis;

- de Münchhausen Aug. 2 1789

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de gagner les Bonnes Graces de Votre Majesté, en faveur de ma très humble Requête. ajant l'honneur d'être avec la Soumission la plus respectueuse

Sire

de Votre Majesté

a Bronsvic
ce 2me d'aout
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le plus humble plus obéissant et
plus soumis serviteur
de Münchhausen
Directeur des Postes Impériales et d'empire

M. de Münchhausen

August 2 - 1809

Mr Grenville
August 3. 1809

Whitehall Aug. 3d. 1809.
4. P.M.

Mr. Grenville begs Leave to mention to Your Majesty that the business of the present Session appears to draw to a close, and that he apprehends there will be no more to be done in either House after Thursday or Friday next

next. Mr. Grenville therefore takes the Liberty of requesting to be honoured with Your Majesty's commands whether Your Majesty would think proper to appoint Saturday next, or any subsequent day, for a Council to be held in Your Majesty's presence for the Prorogation of Parliament, which might then take place either on Tuesday the Eleventh of August, or on such other Day as Your Majesty should be pleased to appoint.

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The Offices of Secretary to the Island of Grenada, and Agent for Turk's Islands being vacant by the death of the Persons who held them, Mr. Grenville humbly begs to recommend to Your Majesty Captain Charles Hamilton for the first of these Offices, and the Honble Mr. Murray a son of Lord Dunmore's for the second.

Mr. Grenville having received a letter from the Duke of Gordon respecting the case of Thomas Gordon a Convict at Northampton, in

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which was inclosed a letter from His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester expressing his wish that the execution of the sentence on this unhappy man might be postponed in order that time might be given for an application to Your Majesty on the subject, Mr. Grenville thought it his Duty to give directions that the execution which was to have taken place this day should be respited till Your Majesty's pleasure should be further known, or for a fortnight; and Mr. Grenville humbly requests to be honoured with Your Majesty's commands upon it. Mr. Grenville has the honour to transmit the papers relating to it.

W. W. Grenville

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Whitehall Aug. 5th 1789
4. P.M.

Mr. Grenville is extremely concerned that by the manner of expressing himself in the letter which he had the honour of writing to Your Majesty, on the subject of the prorogation of Parliament, he should have conveyed to Your Majesty the idea that he could think

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suggesting to Your Majesty the returning to London or its neighbourhood for that purpose. Mr. Grenville's intention was humbly to request Your Majesty's permission that Your Majesty's Servants might have the honour of waiting upon Your Majesty at Weymouth, in order to hold a Council there, as Mr. Grenville understands it to be necessary in point of Law that the direction for the prorogation should be given by Your Majesty in Council. As the time does not

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admit of receiving Your Majesty's commands here so as to be at Weymouth on Saturday, Mr. Pitt and Mr. Grenville propose having the honour of attending Your Majesty there on Saturday, in order to receive Your Majesty's pleasure, and to secure that Your Majesty's leaving Weymouth may not be unnecessarily delayed. Mr. Grenville humbly begs leave to apologize to Your Majesty for the inaccuracy of his former letter which has occasioned Your Majesty this trouble.

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Mr. Grenville has the honour of submitting for Your Majesty's consideration the Draft of the Speech of the Commissioners at the time of proroguing. The form of the Prorogation has been considered and settled with the Lord Chancellor.

Mr Grenville
Received
August 5. 1788

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My Lords and Gentlemen

We have it in command from His Majesty to express to You the satisfaction, with which His Majesty has observed the continued proofs, which you have given during the present Session, of your uniform attention to the publick business, and of your zealous concern for the honour and interest of His Crown, and the welfare and prosperity of His People.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons

His Majesty has particularly directed us to return You His Thanks for the readiness with which you have granted the necessary Supplies, for the several branches of the Public Service.

My Lords and Gentlemen

Although the good Offices of His Majesty and His Allies have not hitherto been effectual for restoring the general tranquillity of Europe, He has the satisfaction of seeing that the

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further extension of Hostilities has been prevented, and that the situation of Affairs continues to promise to this Country the uninter-rupted Enjoyment of the blessings of Peace.

Sir Geo. Yonge

Aug. 7 1789

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Sir George Yonge has the Honor to Inform your Majesty of the Death of General John Fitzwilliam Colonel of the Fifth Regiment of Dragoon Guards on which Occasion Sir William Fawcett is again an

humble Petitioner for a Mark of
your Majestys Favor, but submitting
himself entirely to your Majestys
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The Dispatches from the
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Sir Geo. Yonge

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Aug. 7. 1789
30. Min. past 11. a. m.

Sir George Yonge
August 7. 1789

King of Prussia

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Monsieur mon frere

Le General Comte de Hatzfeldt qui aura l'honneur de presenter cette Lettre a Votre Majesté, a par son zele pour la bonne cause tres effentiellement contribué a l'election du nouveau Coadjuteur de Majance, dont il remettra l'accession a l'union a Votre Majesté; il y tout lieu de se flatter, que ces mesures joint a Majance consolideroit infiniment le sisteme de l'union — Le General de Hatzfeldt proposera a Votre Majesté de la part de l'Electeur son maitre un plan d'augmentation de troupe que voudroit faire celui ci, en comptent sur des subside, ainsi qu'une grande reparation de la Forteresse de Majance; pour moi je ne vois pas trop l'utilité de cette armement d'un Prince Ecclesiastique, ce qui causeroit une grande sensation et defiance dans l'Empire; d'ailleurs la Forteresse de Majance telle qu'elle est peut etre facilement mise en defence et servir utilement si une guerre devoit survenir. Mais en faisant actuellement de grande depense pour reparer cette place on n'expose que dans une etat elective ou le sisteme Politique est tres precaire cette même place ne serve contre nous; C'est par ces raisons que

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j'ai eludé ces propositions que Wattgfeld m'a fait
de la part de Votre maitre, pour les reparations a faire
a l'Alpenne j'ai allegué les mêmes raisons dont je
vien de faire mention a Votre Majesté, quand a la levée
des troupes, le passage actuelle des troupes Imperiale
dans l'Empire qui marchent en Brabant, m'est jusqu'
dun pretexte specieux a de conseiller du moin la chose
pour le moment, je seres charmé davoir rencontré en
ceci le sentiment de Votre Majesté la prian de vouloir
m'en faire part —

Les troupes que j'assemble aux frontieres d'Hollande
pour y soutenir la satisfaction demandée a la Province
d'Hollande et pour faire respecter ma mediation seront
rassemblée pour la plus grande partie au commencement
du mois prochain, le Duc de Brunsvig les Comande
Je souhaite que la mediation puisse sentt amer bientot
j'ai reconu avec beaucoup de sensibilité l'amitié que
Votre Majesté m'a temoignée par les Offres pour la satis-
faction due a ma soeur, j'espér l'obtenir par la suite des
mesures que je vien de prendre et par le Memoire que
j'ai de nouveau adressé aux Etats d'Hollande

J'ai pareillement reconu tout le prix de la sensation
ce que Vous m'avés temoignée sur les Principes a adopter
dans la Mediation et Negociation future pour acco-
moder les differents entre l'Stadhoude et les Etats des Differen-
tes Provinces, je crois avoir rencontré les vues de Votre
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même a la Cour de France — Cette Cour prend
de l'inquietude et de l'ombrage de la marche de mes
troupes, qui cependant ne sera pas arrêtée pour
cela, ~~cependant~~ j'ai tâché de convaincre sa Majesté
tres Chretienne de la pureté de mes vues et de ma
moderation a les remplir. La France s'appaisera
bientôt et ne retera pas la negociation, il y a
d'autant plus lieu de le croire quand on considère
la facilité avec laquelle elle a cedé aux repre-
sentations tres energiques de la Cour de
Londre, que le Sr. Ewart ma communiquée, et
que j'ai été d'autant plus aise de voir, puisque
des nouvelles venue d'Angleterre par la France
et par la Hollande assurent, qu'une grande partie
de la Nation vouloit conserver la Neutralité a
tout prix,

Je ne cesseres d'etre

Monsieur mon frere

De Votre Majesté

Berlin le 12. Aoust
1789

Le bon frere et
serviteur
Frd Guillaume

King of Prussia
August 12. 1709

Frederic William II

King of Prussia

Aug. 12 1789

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Monsieur mon frere,

Le General de Waltzfeld après avoir pris son audience de congé et reçu la Lettre dont je l'ai chargé pour Votre Majesté; a reçu une depeche de l'Electeur son maitre ou il lui mande de me faire sçavoir que vu la situation presente de l'Europe qu'il jugeoit lui même qu'il valoit mieux renvoier ses projets darmement a dautre temps, je n'ai pas voulu manquer de mander ceci a Votre Majesté pour quelle ne soit pas surpris si le Waltzfeldt ne fait point mention des projets de l'Electeur come je lui marqué dans ma precedente; il se contentera a ce que je crois de recomander la defense des etats de l'Electeur a Votre Majesté en cas de guerre, et si je me vois obligé demployer toute mes forces alors, vers la Bohême et la Moravie, j'ose recomander cette Electorat a la protection de Votre Majesté; je ne sça pas

bien sur que l'on pusse compter sur le Landgrave de Hesse dans un cas pareille, il est trop piqué de la faire de Bukenbourg et l'Empereur pourroit bien le gagner, peut-être Votre Majesté sera telle mieux au fait des intentions du Landgrave que moi, auquel il cherche a cacher ses dessein —

J'ai chargé mon Ministère d'après les ouvertures que lui a faites celui de Votre Majesté de communiquer a celui ci par un retour de confiance bien sincere les explications que j'ai eu de mon côté avec la Cour de France, il est fort singulié que cette Cour dans les commencements quelle ma fait offert de joindre sa mediation a la sienne n'a fait nulle mention de l'Angleterre et dans la correspondance avec celle ci elle ne fait nulle mention de la Prusse, ce n'est

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quaprès avoir entamé la correspondance avec l'Angleterre qu'ils auroit voulu faire croire que c'est eux qui ont offert la mediation a la Grande Bretagne, j'ai bien des obligations a Votre Majesté de ce que Son Ministere par ses Ordres m'a mis au fait du vrai état des choses. J'attens la reponse de la Province d'Hollande sur la satisfaction demandée pour me decider a la prendre moi même si elle ne m'donne pas de justi-fiant.

Je ne cesseres d'etre

Monsieur mon frere

de Votre Majesté

Le bon frere et serviteur

Frederic Guillaume

a Berlin le 13. d'Aoust 1789

King of Prussia

August 13. 1809

Frederic William III

John Murray to Charles Greville

Aug 16 1789

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My Dear Sir

I have already written a long Letter to you.

You may, perhaps, be surprised that an address, to his Majesty, on the happy event of his recovery, is not sent from this Settlement.

I can assure you, however, that I believe it to be impossible that any People can be more Loyal; or more dutifully, and affectionately, attached to his Majesty, than the numerous Inhabitants of this great Metropolis, of the British = Asia.

Their present silence proceeds, entirely, from respect to the declared wishes of the Governor-General, whose personal attachment, to our Sovereign, is well known; and who must, therefore,

therefore, have reasons which he deems prudential, for imposing this silence. But, I am persuaded his Lordship will make the sentiments of the Inhabitants well known to his Majesty: and I mention their dispositions, to you, lest you should, for a moment, think that the English=Bengalese have been deficient in their duty.

You must remember the reports which were circulated concerning a certain Diamond. — Meer Abul Cossim, the Nizams Embassador, to this Government, noticed to me, lately, his masters surprise that the receipt of that present had not been acknowledged: he informed me of its weight, and said that he had, by the Nabobs desire, requested Lord Cornwallis to apply for an answer to the address which had accompanied it.

I mention this to you, with pleasure, because

John Murray to Charles Greville

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because I really felt indignation at the indecency of the surmises that were circulated, on that subject. – they were impertinent towards a very exalted Personage, for whose character it is impossible not to entertain the highest veneration. – – and, – to look much lower, they were unjust towards a man already loaded with difficulties.

I beg the favour of you to make my respects acceptable to your Brother, the Colonel, and I am

My Dear Sir

Your faithful, and obedient Servant

Calcutta 16 Augt. 1789

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The Right Hon.ble Chas. Greville.

Mr Murray to
Mr Greville.
August 16. 1789

W. W. Grenville

6602

Whitehall August 18th 1789.
4 P.M.

Mr. Grenville has the honour of submitting to Your Majesty a letter which he has received from Lord Buckingham relative to his recommendation of Lieutenant-Colonel St. George for the office of Inspector of Recruits

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in Ireland. Mr Grenville humbly requests to receive Your Majesty's commands on this subject.

Mr Grenville
Received 10. April 1809

H. W. Grenville

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Whitehall Aug: 29th 1789.
4. P. M.

Mr. Grenville has the honour of laying before Your Majesty some letters which have passed between the Duke of Grafton and himself relative to the recommendation of Mr. Warring to a Commission in one of the Regiments of the

Suffolk

Suffolk Militia, and to the objection which is stated to this appointment by the Commanding Officer of the other Regiment. Mr. Grenville at the same time submits to Your Majesty a Draft of the answer which he now proposes sending to the Duke of Grafton, if Your Majesty should approve of it.

Mr. Grenville has also the honour of transmitting a letter from the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland humbly recommending to Your Majesty the several persons therein named for the

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Whitehall Aug. 31st 1789.

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Mr Grenville has the honour of transmitting to Your Majesty the Report of Mr Baron Perryn respecting the case of two Persons who were convicted before him of Forgery, and one of whom was humbly recommended by the Jury as an object of Your Majesty's mercy. The circumstances

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of the case appear to be such as hardly to afford any other ground of Mercy except the opinion which the Judge seems to think the Jury entertained that the Young Man acted under the direction and coercion of his Father.

Mr Grenville has thought it his Duty to submit the Report to Your Majesty, and humbly to request to be honoured with Your Majesty's commands upon it.

W. W. Grenville

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Wimbledon Sept. 20th. 1789. ¾ p. 2. PM.

Mr. Grenville is extremely concerned to acquaint Your Majesty that at the close of the Old Bailey Session Yesterday evening three of the Convicts to whom Your Majesty had been graciously pleased to extend Your Mercy on condition of transportation, being brought up to receive their Sentence, obstinately refused to

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avail themselves of Your Majesty's clemency towards them. This had been the intention of a much larger number, but in consequence of the endeavours which were used to dissuade them from it, eight only refused to submit to the condition, and of these, five were persuaded to make their submission to the Court before it was adjourned: But the other three being brought up again at the end of all the other business, and being strongly urged to re-consider the consequences of their obstinacy before it was too late, nevertheless persisted in their refusal.

The names of these three unhappy men are Davis, Crowther, and Chaffey.

Davis was convicted of a Street Robbery, un-attended with any circumstances of violence, and in which

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which it appears that no Weapon was used except a Stick cut so as to resemble a Pistol. He was not positively sworn to, but the watch which was taken from the Prosecutor was found upon him.

Crowther was convicted of a Burglary. He came into the House between nine and ten at night, and stole several articles of plate, and some other things. He was convicted solely on the evidence of the Pawnbroker who received them. There was some doubt of the admissibility of this evidence, but that was over-ruled by the Judge. But the Recorder whom Mr. Grenville has seen this morning states the Witness to be a man of very notorious and infamous character.

Chaffey was convicted of a Highway Robbery. He was convicted on the Evidence of the Prosecutor and of an Accomplice. The Robbery was attended with some

some circumstances of violence by beating the person robbed. It does not appear that Chaffey was the man who actually beat him, but that he was the first man who demanded his money, saying that they would not hurt him if he made no resistance; and that he took the money out of his Pocket after he had been beat. The accomplice states that some resistance was made by the prosecutor, but the latter takes no notice of this circum-stance.

Mr. Grenville has thought it his Duty to trouble Your Majesty with these particulars, because he fears that under these circumstances, however reluctant Your Majesty must feel to leave for Execution any of these unhappy men whom Your Majesty has once judged

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to be fit objects of Your Majesty's mercy, yet that some example will be of absolute necessity in order to prevent the evil effects which would arise from an impression being conveyed to this class of people that by refusing to accept the condition of Pardon they may exempt themselves from all Punishment. Mr. Grenville submits with all humility to Your Majesty's judgment that the immediate Execution of one of these unhappy men, might be sufficient to answer this object, & that the others would probably be thereby induced to accept with proper sentiments, the conditions on which Your Majesty has been graciously pleased to extend Your Royal Mercy to them.

It is painful to make a selection of this

this nature, Mr. Mr. Grenville feels it his Duty to submit to Your Majesty what occurs to him on this point after consulting with the Recorder upon it, and to say that weighing all the circumstances of the degree of Guilt in the different cases, and of the comparative strength of the evidence given at the trials, he thinks that Chaffey appears to be, the least of the three, an object of Mercy.

Under this impression Mr. Grenville has desired that, if the Recorder does not hear from him again after receiving Your Majesty's pleasure, steps may be taken for executing Chaffey tomorrow morning as the speediest of the Example (if it must take place,) will certainly

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have a good effect: and Mr Grenville will if Your Majesty should not disapprove of it direct a further Respite to be sent for the two other men for one Week from tomorrow.

Mr. Grenville.

Wimbledon — 20th Sept. 1789.

W. Grenville

Whitehall Sept. 21. 1789. $\frac{5}{m}$ p. 2. PM

Mr. Grenville begs leave to inform Your Majesty that the Recorder of London has just been with him to state that doubts are entertained by Mr. Justice Gould respecting the legality of the carrying into execution the sentence of Death passed on the Convict Chappey, under the circumstances of

of the notification which has been made to him of Your Majesty's gracious offer of conditional Pardon. Mr. Grenville feels himself by no means competent to decide on the grounds of these doubts, or on the degree of weight which may on a full consideration of the subject be found to be due to them. But he is persuaded that Your Majesty will approve of his having under these circumstances written to the Sheriffs of London to desire that the execution of the sentence might be stayed, untill he could have an opportunity of receiving Your Majesty's further commands on the subject.

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Mr. Grenville has desired that the Recorder would state to him in writing the grounds of the doubts entertained upon this subject, and Mr. Grenville humbly submits to Your Majesty whether it may not be proper that a Respite for a Week should be granted to this man, in order that there may be an opportunity, in a case so unprecedented, to consult with the Lord Chancellor, and to receive the opinions of the Judges if he should advise a reference of that nature.

Mr. Grenville thinks it right to mention that when he saw the Recorder yesterday, immediately before his having the honour of writing to Your Majesty

Majesty on this subject he was not apprized of the existence of any doubt of this nature, nor did the Recorder appear to entertain any such doubt.

No. 4 Grenville
Feb. 12. 1783