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Sir

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of  
Your Majesty's very gracious letter of the 30 of last  
month, which was delivered to me this morning, and  
to express to You Sir, How Happy Your Majesty's  
approbation of the Steps I took to quell the  
Appearance of mutiny in the three Marseilles  
Batallions makes me. I am very happy to  
inform Your Majesty that every thing appears  
now perfectly quiet, and that there does not seem  
the least appearance of discontent left. As the two  
Dunkerque Batallions were obliged to march suddenly  
the day before yesterday to join the Dunkerque Corps  
at Maubege and St Amand, when they were attacked  
by the French, I was obliged to make the tenth Regiment  
of Foot take up their ground in the rear of the two

redoubts, and this morning the four squadrons of Mearns as  
Horn encamped on the right of the British Campments  
and the four squadrons of Light Horse took up their  
cantonments upon the left of our position in two  
villages. I have likewise now ordered the fourth Regiment  
of Foot and the Horse Artillery to join me here as soon as  
as possible. As Sir James Murray will send your Majesty  
a full account of the Victory gained by the Prince of  
Coburg and General Clerfaut the day before yesterday and  
of our little affair of yesterday morning I will not  
trouble your Majesty's Leisure by repeating the  
circumstances, I shall only express to you how happy  
I am that the first Engagement we have been concerned  
in has been successful, and that we must be still be  
as fortunate in others of more importance. General  
Dundas is joined with the two squadrons of Light Dragoons  
and I have ordered them to move forward and join me

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as soon as the case, I have likewise sent orders to Lieut Colonel  
to send of the 53 Regiment to join her with her Regiment next  
Tuesday.

I am rejoiced to hear that Auguste and Elizabeth are  
recovered, Harry had myself the Chicken Pox so very lately  
I know how disagreeable a disorder it is, What Your Majesty  
is so gracious to mention about Sophia, gives me, I confess  
great uneasiness, though I hope that her youth, with care  
will see her free from those very disagreeable symptoms.  
Believe me I mean to wish to Your Majesty Yourself  
I shall only mention that she has till the yesterday  
and seemed highly amused.

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your Majesty's

Most dutiful Son  
and Subject

Frederick

*[Faint, illegible cursive handwriting on aged paper]*

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