Mr Pitt.
February 2. 1795

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Mr. Pitt humbly begs leave to submit for your Majesty's Royal Signature, the accompanying Messages to the two Houses on the subject of the Austrian Loan which it is intended, if it meets with your Majesty's Approbation, to deliver to the two Houses tomorrow.

Downing Street.
Sunday Night Feb. 2d. 1795

Ld. Grenville

Feb. 3 1795

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Dover Street Feb. 3. 1795. ½ p. 3 P.M.

Lord Grenville has the honour to transmit to Your Majesty a letter which he has received from Count Denison Walworth, and on which he humbly requests to be honoured with Your Majesty's orders.

Lord Grenville also begs leave to mention to Your Majesty that the Prince Stadholder has expressed to him thro' Ch. de Hagell his wish to be allowed

to

to pay his respects to Your Majesty tomorrow at St. James's with the two Princes his Sons. Mr. Hagelt also desired that Lord Grenville would inform him whether it would be proper for the Stadholder to wait on Your Majesty at the Levee, or after it, and whether the same, or any different rule applied to the Hereditary Prince, & to Prince Frederic respectively.

Lord Grenville requests Your Majesty's permission for

Ld. Grenville

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intruding upon Your Majesty at this hour, but as it is doubtful at what time he may be able to get away from the House of Lords he trusts Your Majesty will excuse it.

Lord Grenville

February 3. 1795

Wm. Pitt.

Feb. 6 1795

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Mr Pitt has had the honor of receiving on his return from the House of Commons Your Majesty's Commands accompanied with the Paper which Your Majesty has had the Goodness to confide to Him, on the difficult and delicate Question which is unfortunately likely to be

agitated in Ireland. Mr Pitt will humbly beg leave to submit Your Majesty what may present itself to his mind on the subject on more mature Reflection than he has had the Opportunity of giving it at this moment.

He is happy to be able to acquaint Your Majesty that a further motion made

Wm. Pitt.

Feb. 6 1795

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this Day by Mr Grey on the subject of Peace was very feebly supported by Mr Whitbread, Mr Lambton, Mr Curwin, Mr Sheridan, and Mr Wilberforce

The Previous Question was moved by Mr Dundas, and supported by Sir R. Knatchbull, Mr East, Mr Ryder Mr Bastard, Mr Burdon, Sir W.

Wilberforce & Van Hart, and Mr Montagu

The Previous Question was carried

by 190 to 60.

Downing Street.

Friday. Feb 6th. 1795

Mr Pitt.

Downing St. Feb. 1795

Recd. 7 Feb 1795

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Minute of Cabinet
8 Febry 1795.

Downing Street 8 February 1795.

Present

The Lord Chancellor
Lord President
Lord Privy Seal
Mr Pitt
Duke of Portland
Lord Grenville
Earl Spencer
Marquis Cornwallis
Lord Amherst
Lord Hawkesbury
Mr. Windham
Mr. Secretary Dundas

On a consideration of the present situation of Holland, it is the Opinion of Your Majesty's Confidential Servants that immediate measures should be taken for obtaining possession of

of the Colonies and Settlements belonging to the United Provinces, and that the Officers entrusted with the execution of these services, be directed to deliver the Letter written by the Prince Stadtholder to the Governors and Commanders of the Forces in such Colonies and Settlements, expressing His approbation and concurrence in these measures.

Minute of Cabinet
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Mr. Windham
Mr. Secretary Dundas

It is humbly proposed to Your Majesty that the British Infantry and Artillery, and the Emigrant Corps, now serving on the Continent, (the latter to be first enlisted under the conditions prescribed by the late Act of Parliament) be directed to take the preparatory steps

—for

for returning to Great Britain, and that measures be taken for sending Transports to the Elbe, where it is proposed the Troops above mentioned should embark.

That the Cavalry now serving on the Continent shall for the present continue there.

That the rest of the Foreign Troops in the Pay of Great Britain, and the British cavalry while they continue on the Continent, shall remain under the command of General Wallmoden; and that he should be directed to hold a concert with General Clerfaye as to their future Operations for retarding the further progress of the French Army; keeping in view that the Defence of Westphalia, is not to be abandoned if practicable, but that in that and every other operation the force under General Wallmoden shall not be placed in any position that will render it impracticable for them to keep up their communication with the Austrian troops.

Wm. Pitt

Feb. 9 1795

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Mr Pitt humbly begs Leave to acquaint Your Majesty, that on discussing in Cabinet the Application of the Catholics of Ireland for further Concessions, It was agreed to lose no Time in instructing the Lord Lieutenant to take at present no Step which could commit Government, and to collect and transmit for Consideration

the Sentiments of the Principal Supporters of Government, particularly the Chancellor and the Primate. This will at all Events, it is hoped, prevent any premature Measure, and bring the Subject under deliberate Consideration here.

Mr Pitt takes the Liberty of submitting to Your Majesty that it may be convenient if your Majesty approves of it, that

Wm. Pitt

Feb. 9 1795

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Lord Cornwallis should kiss hands on
Wednesday on his appointment to the
Ordnance. Mr Pitt imagines that
Your Majesty will have the Goodness to
signify your commands, when the
Arrangement respecting the Duke of York
should be announced. Mr Pitt is not
aware of any thing to retard it, whenever
Your Majesty judges it convenient, and

he is persuaded, that the sooner His Royal Highness can enter on the Functions of his Command, the more advantageous it will be for Your Majesty's Service

Downing Street
Monday Feb 9th 1795

Mr Pitt
Downing Street Feb. 9 1795

H. M. to Ld Amherst.

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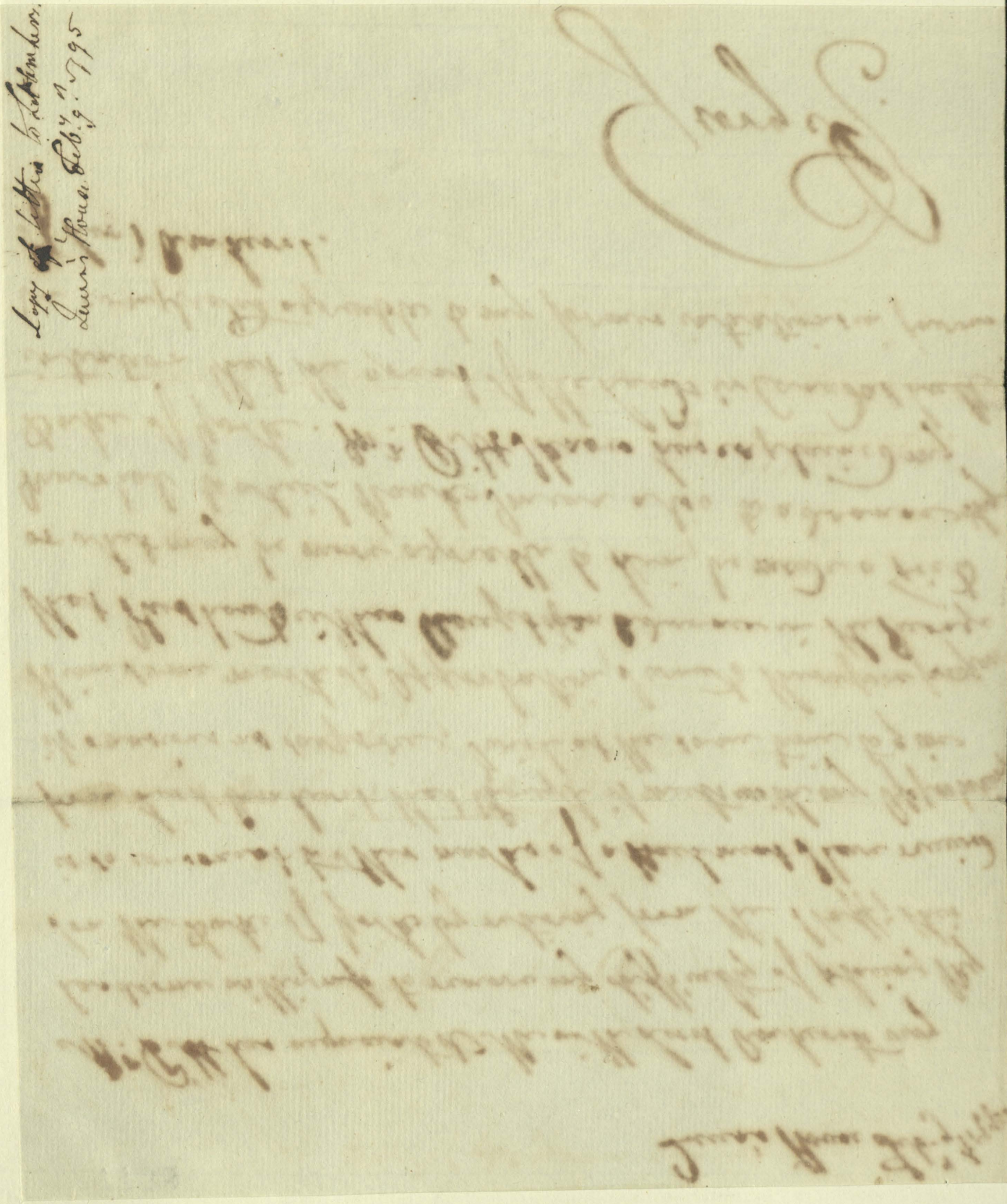
Queen's House Feb.y 7th 1795.

Mr Pitt has acquainted Me with Lord Amherst's very handsome willingness to remove any difficulty of placing My Son the Duke of York by retiring from the Staff; this is so consonant to other marks of attachment I have received from Lord Amherst, that though it meets with my Approbation, it occasions no surprize, I wish at the same time to give Him some mark of Approbation, I would therefore propose that He should either Accept of an Advance in the Peerage or what may be more agreable to Him, be made a Field Marshal to which Rank I mean also to advance My Dake of York. Mr Pitt I know has explained my intention that the grant of the Lands in Canada at Lull be completed agreable to my former intentions in favour of Lord Amherst.

George R.



Copy of letter to Rotterdam
Quinn House Feb.y 4th 1795

Ld. Amherst

Feb. 9. 1795

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Sire

It is with the highest Sense of your Majesty's Goodness to me, and the perfect Satisfaction I have by your Majesty's gracious Letter, signifying your having appointed H. R. H. The Duke of York to the Command of your Majesty's Troops as Field Marshall

I beg with my most humble and devoted Duty to assure Your Majesty that while I have been honoured with the

the Command. I have had no end to pursue but to serve Your Majesty faithfully, and to use the utmost exertions of my Abilities for the Good of Your Majesty's service.

I am truly sensible of the intended honours Your Majesty has graciously pleased to offer of promoting me to the Rank of Field Marshall and an Advance in the Peerage. I must however candidly confess that as I quit the Command of the Troops, it would hurt my Feelings to receive any such Marks of honour on this Occasion, I humbly beg not to be misunderstood in this, Sire, but that I am most perfectly satisfied

with

Ld. Amherst

Feb. 9. 1795

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the Command being put into the hands of H: R: H: The Duke of York, and if I may presume to say it I think it could not be better placed.

Mr Pitt explained to me Your Majesty's having been graciously pleased to give directions for completing the Grant of the Lands in Canada as speedily as possible for which I beg to repeat my acknowledgments

I have the honour to be with the most devoted Duty

Sire

Your Majesty's
most dutifull
most Humble and
most obedient Subject & Servant

Amherst

9 Feby 1795.
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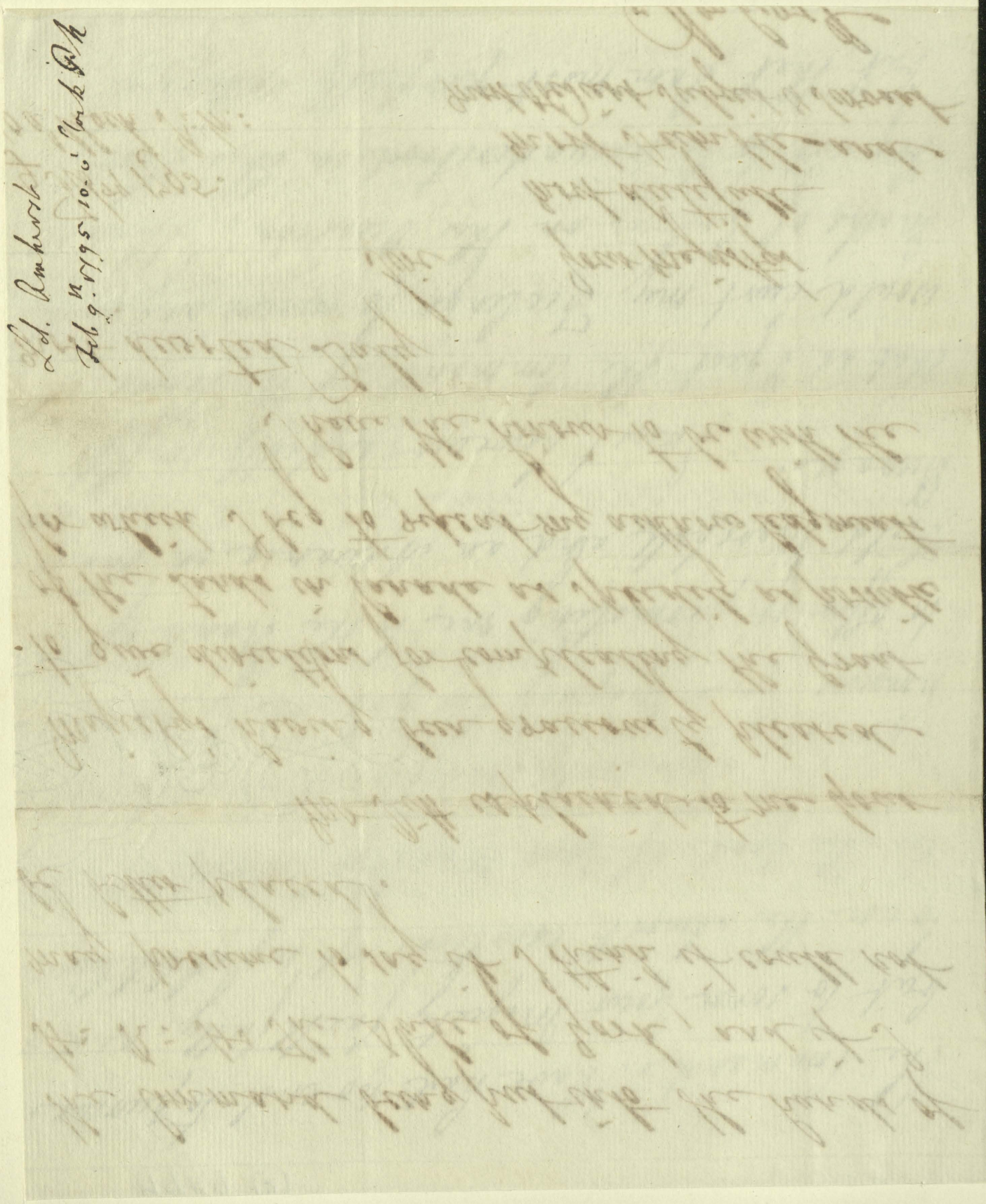

The Secretary at War
February 10 1795

Hon. Windham

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The Secretary at War humbly informs his Majesty, that in Obedience to his Majesty's commands, & in conformity to the mode prescribed by his Majesty, he has sent to Lord Amherst the notification of the Duke of Yorks appointment; and has directed notice of the same to be sent to the Secretary of State, and to be inserted in the Gazette of this Evening.

Feb.y 10th. 1795.

Ld. Bp of Worcester
Hartlebury Castle Feb.y 11th 1795.

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Hartlebury Castle feb. 11th 1795

Sir

I feel myself so much oppressed by your Majesty's most gracious Letter of the 9th, that I know not in what terms to acknowledge the receipt of it. It was natural for me to wish that a discourse of mine, on a subject I had so much at heart, might be honoured with your Majesty's acceptance, but the vanity of an author could not suggest to me the idea of so marked an approbation, as your Majesty condescends to give of it.

It was taking too much upon me to hazard the outline of the late Chief Justice's character, in so few & weak words: but your Majesty's knowledge & favourable opinion of him would easily supply what is wanting in my sketch. So that it is to your true judgment, rather than to the weak efforts of my pen, that your Majesty's partiality to this part of my little performance is to be ascribed.

Permit me, Sir, to take this opportunity of expressing the mortification I feel in not being able to take my part in the public congratulations on the approaching marriage of his Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales. The advanced age of 76.

would, of itself, be no excuse of my absence on this occasion, if many attending infirmities did not absolutely disable me from discharging this duty. The felicity, wch this Union promises to your Majesties, to his Royal Highness, to every part of the Royal family, & to the whole nation, is an object not to be contemplated by me without the most feeling satisfaction.

I am infinitely sensible of the honour done me by her Majesty's condescending notice of my indisposition. I can only lament that I deserve his goodness so little. So long as I live, however, I cannot fail to put up my fervent prayers to Heaven that every blessing, that is consistent with this probationary state, may be vouchsafed by the Parent of all good, to Your Majesties.

I am,

Sir,

Your Majesty's most obliged and most humble subject & servant

R. Worcester

Lords Journals
February 12. 1795

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The Order of the Day being read for The Lords to be summoned, It was Moved to resolve, "That the actual Situation of the governing Powers in France ought not to preclude the Conclusion of a speedy Peace, if Peace can be had on such Terms as are in themselves just and reasonable. But if the Ambition of France should lead her to persevere in Hostilities either for the purpose of her own aggrandisement or to carry into Effect the Principles of her own Government in other Countries, This House feels itself called upon firmly and steadily to support His Majesty in a Vigorous Prosecution of the present War,

For the Motion.

1. Duke of Bedford
3. Duke of Grafton
5. Marquess of Lansdown
8. Duke of Leeds
11. Earl of Lauderdale
23. Duke of Bedford in Lieu
24. Duke of Bedford in Lieu
16. Earl Stanhope

professing not to speak to the Question, called to Order by

17. Duke of Bedford
18. Lord Chancellor
20. Earl Graham to Order
21. Lord President to Order
22. Marquess Townshend to Order

Against it.

2. Lord Hawkesbury who moved the Previous Question.
4. Lord President
6. Lord Boringdon
7. Lord Mulgrave
9. Lord Hawkesbury to explain
10. Earl of Carlisle
12. Earl of Carlisle to explain
13. Lord Boringdon to explain
14. Earl Spencer
15. Earl of Scarborough
19. Earl Stanhope to the Lords
24. Lord Hawkesbury to explain

The Question being put that this Question be now put

Teller: E. Derby.	Content.	12.	Proxies.	3.	Total.	15.
Teller: E. Chesterfield	Not Content.	75.	Proxies.	26	Total	101

Resolved in the Negative.

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Die Sabbati 12° Feb.ii 1795.

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E. Chatham C.P.S.

D. Bedford
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Abercorn

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Berkeley
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Suffolk
Dartmouth
Hardwicke
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Lyttelton
Upper Ossory
Somerville
Middleton
Mountstuart
Bulkeley
St. John.
Dundas.
Onslow & Cranley.
Lucie.
Hawke.
Venlam.

Ld. Grenville

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Dover Street Feb. 13. 1795 ½ p. 10. PM

Lord Grenville has the honour to submit to Your Majesty a draft to Lord Malmesbury containing the particulars of the arrangement which on conversing with Lord Spencer appeared to them the best for the French Voyage. The reason of not sending the Gazette in the first instance is that Lord Spencer

understands

understands they would delay the Voyage, and as the probability of interruption seemed much less at the present moment than at a little time hence, it appeared desirable to avoid this delay. Commodore Payne will be instructed (if Your Majesty should approve this plan) either to look into the Texel himself, or to send one of his Ships to do so, and it is besides supposed that the most accurate information may be obtained in this respect at Stade or at Hamburgh.

As it is now so late before this arrangement could be settled, and as His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales might probably choose to write by the Messenger who goes to Lord Malmesbury, Lord Grenville has

judged

Ld. Grenville

Feb. 13 1795

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judged it better to defer writing till tomorrow, and has therefore thought it unnecessary to trouble Your Majesty with this letter till the usual time. As soon as Lord Grenville is honoured with Your Majesty's commands as to this arrangement he will if Your Majesty approves of it submit it to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

Lord Grenville
February 13. 1795

Ld. Moira

Feb. 12 1795

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The virulence which echoed so loudly at a distance has been literally silenced by my appearance. Indeed I am well convinced that nothing was further from the expectation of people in power here than that I should really fulfill my engagement of coming hither. The stock of Evidence which I have procured is great & decisive: I do not call it satisfactory for in truth it affords a picture that impresses horror. If I am forced to produce this shocking detail, it will not be my fault. Ld Bellamont came to me on the afternoon of my arrival. He told me he was exceedingly grieved to hear that I had taken amiss something supposed to have been said by Lord Dillon in the House of Lords; as the latter had assured him the statement in the papers was absolutely false. I replied that unfortunately the record remained uncontradicted; and that if Lord Dillon lamented

the misrepresentation, as he professed, it ought to occur to him as necessary to take an immediate opportunity of publickly disclaiming the offensive words.

I added that I should leave it entirely to Lord Dillon's own feelings to do away the dis-satisfaction, or by his silence to abide by what was published.

Ld. Rosmont came back yesterday & told me Ld. Dillon meant to take the earliest occasion in the House of Lords to disclaim the language, & to profess the most complimentary opinion towards me. I replied that I should meet it handsomely. This will mollify the Government folks excessively, as they have been all along pushing him forward.

Yours faithfully
M.

Dublin Feb. 14th 1798

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Pce. Ernest of Mecklenburg-Strelitz
to Gen. Hm. v. Freytag. (See No. 7775) Feb. 18 1795

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Euer: Excellenz

habe die Ehre von dem mir gegebenen Auftrag von Sr: Majestät dem Könige von Preußen, den gehorsamsten Rapport kürzlich abzustatten.

Gleich nach meiner Ankunft in Berlin wo ich von dem Prinzen Heinrich in seinem Hause freundlich nahe, daß von Euer: Excellenz mir zugegebene an Sr: von der Wisch aufgenommen ward schrieb ich der Gnadenheit gemäß von Sr: Majestät, überreichte den Brief von Euer: Excellenz nebst der Anfrage wann ich meine Aufwartung machen dürfte, bekam den Morgens darauf eine sehr verbindliche schriftliche Antwort, und die gewünschte Privat Audienz, Sr: Majestät empfingen mich sehr gnädig, und ich mußte so gleich das Wort an Sr: Majestät meinen Auftrag gemäß die gefällige Sorge von Ihnen das sie sich einen Tag Zeit nehmen und wie ganz Preußen zu Ihnen wünschen, geb die Versicherung des Einzuges der Alliir

ten Armee gründlich an, wie auch denen noch Verbesserungen
der schon genommenen Position welche vom dem H. General
von Wallmoden Excellenz mit denen Oesterreichischen General
wer verabredet worden, Se: Majestät wonach daher hieraus
wie, sehr Ihr Ewr: Excellenz für die gehabte attention danken
und versichern, daß Ihr dem Feld Marschall von Möllendorf
anordnet haben den Ober Rhein mit der Armee zu verlassen
um sich nach Westphalen zu ziehen ich danke, für die Zu
reichtheilichkeit, und versichere daß diese gnädige Erklärung
der grossen Beruhigung für unsere Gegend dienen
würde, Se: Majestät weisten mir indeß bemerklich daß der
Aufbruch der Armee erst in drei Wochen erfolgen
ist die ersten Tagen des Monats März geschehen können
indem eine art von Concert mit den Oesterreichern
müßte gepflogen werden, welches eine Zeit erfordert
inglichen müßten die nothwendigen Magazine
besorgt werden.

Am nächsten Tage hatte ich die Ehre dem
Prinz Heinrich meine Visite zu machen, welcher mir

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sehr höflich empfing, aber von nichts als den angefangenen Unterhandlungen unterhielt und am Ende mir en confidence sagte, daß er den Plan des Feldzuges allein entworfen hätte, und daß er von der glücklichen Ausführung nicht zweifle. Sagte hinzu daß er die Lage des hiesigen Ministerii wohl fühle, welches von dem englischen Cabinette mit abhänge, möchte aber demselben die ihm gebührende Lobeserhebung wegnehmen ihres Vorsatzes.

Dies mir im übrigen eine schwere Carriere mit der aufgetragenen Vorsicht zu verfahren weil ich meinen Auftrag erfüllen, dahin gehört der Plan zur Disposition der Mollendorfschen Armee, wie ich Ew: Excellenz bekannt so wird dem Ministerio also wiederholen ich eher nicht wird ein anderer in Vorschlag genommen, welcher einlaßlicher wäre, aber nicht angenommen werden, indem es scheint daß Mund einen neuen General Adjudanten der Oberstlieutenant von Zastrow ist, welcher da er Sich an den General von Wischofswerder anschließt, so viel gilt, er soll ein einsichtsvoller Offizier sein, und

nebst dem General, sehr für die gute Sache portirt sei

Vielleicht hätte ich die Sorte in den Feindt
Heinrich ergeben ist und mit ihm unterhält, sehr lan
umgehen können, ich habe es aber vorzüglich unterlas
sen um nicht in Collision mit ihm zu kommen, d
Publicum welches im ganzen den Feindtzen ge
wiß nicht liebt, könnte es übel die jetzige Mis
harmonie mit dem Könige, weil es den Feind a
wünscht, und der Mangel am Geld gewiß ist,
die Schätze sind gänzlich leer, und wenn Herr m
versichern wollen daß die Armeen uns bis im
Monatt März können bezahlt werden; bei diese
Umständen Sache ist also nunmehr separaten Corps im
ins Herz nach Westphalen können geschickt werden
aber nicht vorwärts, auch wäre es überflüssig aus d
Ursache gemacht, weil im Lande keine Truppen
sind, und der rest der französischen Armee in Polen

und Schlesien, daß selbst in Berlin u. Magdeburg
ist die Garnison so klein, daß kaum die nöthigsten
Posten können besetzt werden.

So bald die Möllendorfsche Armee, auf im marsch
gesetzt worden der Königl. Majestät selbst nach Lippstadt
gehen, und persönlich commandiren, ich kann zum
wenigsten im Rückkommen versichern, daß die erste
zum Transport des Königs Eigenschaft von Frank-
furt nach Lippstadt bei meiner Anwesenheit
in Berlin, schon gegeben war.

Uebrigens glaube ich nicht zu diesem ge-
forderten Rapport hinzufügen zu dürfen, als
daß der General Adjudant von Zastrow bei über-
bringung des Schreibens des Königs an Ew: Excellenz
den Wunsch geäußert hat daß wenn Ihro Hoheit
wegen Erkrankung keine weite Herreise
zur Allirten Armee vorfallen sollte, welche

lediglich von Ihr: Excellenz Beyfall und Verfügung ge-
hängen wird;

Die traurige Erinnerung bleibt mir noch übrig
zu wünschen, daß wenn man auch in Berlin allenfalls
höfisch, wenn man nicht mit Gerechtigkeit weiß wie
eigentlich die Sachen entschieden oder erledigt, wie
Ihnen das Bild der Tochter des Königs hier wäre
kam, wie es herbey kommen wird gewöhnlich unter
allen durch den officiellen Weg ~~[illegible]~~ erfahren.

Schmerzlichst wird es, für mich, sein die Ap-
probation Ihrer Excellenz erlangt zu haben, ich
es hoffen, und versichern daß Dieses mir zur Pflicht
und Schuldigkeit werden, Ihrem Befehlen zu folgen.

Hannover
d. 18. Febr.
1795.

Ernst. Fr. Mendels

Duke of Portland.

19th Feby 1795.

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It is humbly submitted to your Majesty that the Duke of Portland be directed to write a letter to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, to acquaint him that until the information required by the Duke of Portland's dispatches of the 16th Instant shall have been transmitted to your Majesty's servants, & their opinions shall have been signified to him thereupon, the Lord Lieutenant should use his utmost exertions to prevent any

further

farther proceeding whatever being had respecting the bill moved for by Mr. Grattan.

29th Feby 1795

Note confusion of date order from here to end of box

Mr. Pitt.
Downing St. 27th Feby 1795.

Should be last letter of box.

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Mr Pitt humbly begs Leave to acquaint Your Majesty that the Duke of Portland, being confined, gave Mr Pitt the accompanying Letter from Lord Fitzwilliam, to be communicated to the Cabinet, and with a Desire that they might be transmitted to Your Majesty.

Downing Street. Friday Evening. Feb 27th 1795.

Duke of Portland

Feb 21 1795

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As it is the Duke of Portland's indispensible duty to transmit to Your Majesty the inclosed dispatches which have been received to day from the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland & the Vice Roy of China, together with the draft of a dispatch to the Lord Lieutenant – the Duke of Portland presumes to hope that Your Majesty will have the goodness to permit him to lay his most zealefull acknowledgements at Your Majesty's Feet for Your most gracious acceptance of a part of his duty which though highly necessary, it was certainly very painfull to him to fulfill, and

and to declare to Your Majesty that the manner in which Your Majesty has condescended to express Yourself respecting it is certainly the highest, & he believes the only, consolation which could have been given him — The Duke of Portland humbly begs leave to observe to Your Majesty that the Lord Lieutenant's recommendation of the Earl of Clermont for the order of St Patrick is a testimony of the Lord Lieutenant's attention to Your Majesty's consideration the first opportunity of giving effect to the intention which Your Majesty had signified of conferring the honor of that order upon the

Duke of Portland

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Earl of Clermont which Your Majesty will please to revoke
were frustrated by the unexpected election of the Earl of Ely
into that Illustrious Order.

Burlington House
Saturday night
21 Feb: 1795

Duke of Portland

Burlington House

27th Feby 1808

Baron Spörcke to H. Pce. Ernest of Meck.-Strelitz
Feb. 20 1795

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Monseigneur,

Votre Altesse Serenissime m'a si souvent fait l'honneur de s'interesser à mon sort, que j'ose Lui exposer avec confiance le voeu suivant. Il ne Lui est pas inconnu que depuis douze ans que le Roi mon Maitre me gracieusa du caractere de Conseiller intime de Legation, j'ai infiniment desiré que cette grace fut achevée par le rang de General major, qui a coutume d'y tenir. Epaulé par le Ministere d'Hanovre, j'ai a differentes reprises adressé des requetes relatives, à Sa Majesté, demeurées sans reponses parce que peut Atre elles ne parvenoient point au pied du Trone.

La seule perspective heureuse qui pouroit me mettre en possession de cet agrement, devenu & pour ma femme & pour moi essentiel, sans qu'aucunement cela soit au depend d'autrui, vu que mon ancienneté à la cour d'Hanovre datant de trente ans deja, & devant plusieurs des Chambelans, seroit dis-je, si l'auguste Duchesse de Brunsvic daignoit à ma cause accorder sa haute Protection. Il seroit trop osé de demander une audience à Son Altesse Roiale, pour implorer son appui. L'organe de Votre Altesse ne sauroit que repandre de l'interet sur les sujets qui en sont dennés, & j'y appelle avec connoissance de cause. Mes interets se trouvant par là trop bien soignés, pour devoir ajouter les details qui y tiennent de prés, & Vous permettrés, Monseigneur, que j'y joigne l'instante priere, de vouloir

Baron Spörcke to H. Pce. Ernest of Meck.-Strelitz
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me faire obtenir le pardon de Son Altesse Royale, si Elle condamne l'extreme confiance que m'inspire la connoissance des bienfaits qu'Elle se plait à repandre sur l'humanité. Puisse cette grande Princesse condescendre à la grace que je sollicite, en ecoutant la Protection ininterrompue qu'Elle m'accorda gracieusement pendant que mon Service chés feu Sa Majesté la Reine, me mettoit au nombre du plus heureux des mortels. Le peu de durée de cette carriere couvira toute mon existance de regrets eternels, tout come elle en a coupé la fortune.

Je craindrai abuser de l'indulgence de Votre Altesse, si j'ajoutois davantage que l'asurance que rien n'egalera ma sensible gratitude que le profond respect avec lequel je ne cesserai d'être

Monseigneur,
De Votre Altesse Serenissime

Hanovre,
le 20 Fevrier,
1795.

Le très humble & très obeïssant
Serviteur
B de Spörcke.

Baron Stockmar

February 20 1795

Earl Of Mansfield
Feb.y 21.st 1795.

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Lord Mansfield begs leave to make his most grateful acknowledgments to Your Majesty for Your Goodness in permitting him to peruse a Book a Part of which is so interesting to him.

The character of Lord Mansfield is finely drawn, with great Elegance, and with all the Warmth, without the Partiality of Friendship.

The opinion Your Majesty constantly entertained of Lord Mansfield was the Pride of his Life. and the Testimony You now bear Him will be the most precious Monument of his Fame.

Wm. Pitt

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Downing Street.

Sunday Evening. Feb 22

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Mr Pitt thinks it his Duty humbly to acquaint Your Majesty that he has learnt from a Conversation to Day with Lord Spencer, and also from what has reached Lord Grenville thro' another Channel, that it would be very gratifying to the Duke of Portland if he could be enabled to propose to Lord Fitzwilliam that on his return here he

would remain a Member of the Cabinet.

Mr Pitt does not think it at all probable that Lord Fitzwilliam would accept the proposal. He sees however no Inconvenience if he should, as there is no doubt of Lord Fitzwilliams Principles on the great Questions now depending here, and as

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his whole Conduct while He was in
the Cabinet, was very different from that
which he has held under the Guidance of
others in Ireland. N. B. The principal
Motive for submitting the Proposal to Your
Majesty, arises from seeing how much
the Duke of Portland has sacrificed

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his Feelings to an honorable Sense of his Duty to Your Majesty's Service. Mr Pitt has not seen the least Ground to suppose that either the Duke of Portland or any of those who formerly acted with Him have had any Idea of retiring from their Situations, and he only mentions this Suggestion as likely, if Your Majesty approves it to afford great relief to their Minds.

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I return to the Duke of Portland the papers He left yesterday with Me for My perusal, as also the note, from Him which accompanied them proposing that the Lord Lieutenant be ~~dispatched~~ instructed that the Cabinet cannot ~~give~~ state any opinion till the information required by the Duke of Portland's dispatches of the 16th be transmitted and that therefore ~~the~~ further proceedings respecting the Bill moved by Mr. Grattan must ~~wait till the next~~ be postponed.

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Den Freytag

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Feb 26, 1795

Aller Durchlauchtigster, Großmächtigster König!
und Churfürst!
Allergnädigster Herr!

Die Prinzen Ernst von Mecklenburg Durch-
laucht sind zu Berlin, wo sie Sie in Ihrer Angelegenheit
zu rückgekommen, sehr wohl aufgenommen
worden, haben den übernommenen Auftrag
bestmöglich ausgerichtet, und auf meinen
Ersuchen, den hierauf erhaltenen Bericht
mir davon gegeben. Mündlich haben
Dieselben noch weiter mir gesagt: daß
wenn, wie Sie mich zu versichern mer-
chen hätten zwey Parteyen in Berlin
an der Spitze der einen stehe der Prinz
Heinrich, binnbest dem der ersten Cabinet
Minister

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Grafen von Hinckenstein, und von der andern
Seite der Partey der General Bischofswerder
und der neue General Adjudant von Zastrow.
Die erste erwehnte Partey sey für den
Prinzen, die andere aber für die Fort-
setzung des Krieges; und obgleich der König
und der Prinz von Preußen im Grunde mehr
für den Krieg als für den Frieden zu
stimmen seyn; so haben dennoch der Prinz
Heinrich den König zu den Friedens Unter-
handlungen zu vermögen gewußt und
ein nigentliches Verstanden über den Weg
zu genommen: der Cabinet Minister
Graf Hauchwitz stehet zwischen beiden
Stimmungen und der Geheimer von
Alvensleben werden mehr für einen Hof-
mann, als für einen Cabinet Minister.
Der Prinz von Preußen hat zum Brief-
wechsel mit dem Prinzen Ernst sich erbothen
und von Zeit zu Zeit im Verkehr gehalten:
Der Prinz Ernst hat sich aber verpflichtet,
ohne mein Vorwissen nichts zu schreiben,

und ein sehr gnädiges Antwort Schreiben, von des Königes Majestät mir mitgebracht.

Der Königs Adjudante von Wenckstern ist vor einigen Tagen auch von der Armee zu mir gekommen mit der Nachricht; daß die Ems von Lingen bis Emden durch englische Trouppen besetzt ist, und daß den Verlauf nach 4 Batts. in Emden daselbst eingerückt sind. Uebrigens hat derselbe nichts merkwürdiges mitgebracht.

In den ersten Tagen des nächsten Monats Marz werden mit einem Commando des Generals der Infanterie Prinzen Ernst durch von dem General Lieutenant Duplat und dem General Major von Linsingen begleitet 9 Batts. und 8 Escadr. von den im Lande befindlichen Trouppen nach der niedern Hunte marchiren und sie in meinem unterthänigsten Bericht vom 11ten Febr. an gezeigte Stellung zur Deckung der Hunte und Weser nehmen. Das General Quartier des Prinzen wird nach Oldenburg kommen und haben an dem Herzog von Oldenburg

vom König. Ministerio geschrieben worden.
und dem General Lieut. Duplat habe ich, der
mit dem Ministerio genommenen Abrede
gemäß, ersucht daß er sich entsagen mit guter
Manier die Stadt Bremen zu besetzen.

Das erste Batt.n des 2ten Infanterie Regt.
welches in Osnabruck liegt, wovon 200 Mann
zur Besatzung des Schlosses zu Bentheim de-
tachiert sind, marschirt in Osnabruck, um
das Vacante 7te Infant. Regt von dem Busche
vorerst noch in Hameln. Da auch die
Herren Geheimten Räthe wünschen, daß
von der Hand ein Cavalerie Regt im
Lande zu rück bleibe, so habe ich das
8te Regt von Estorf dazu bestimmt.

Mit der allerunterthänigsten Ehrfurcht ver-
harre ich

Euer König. Majestät

allerunterthänigster, treu-
gehorsamster
Wilhelm von Freytag

Hannover
den 26ten Febr.
1795.

General Freytag
Febr. 26. 1795