

Henry James Pye. Poet Laureate

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For the New Year 1797.

O'er the vex'd bosom¹ of the deep,
When rushing wild with frantic haste,
The winds with angry pinions sweep
The surface of the watry waste,
Tho' the firm vessel proudly brave
The inroad of the giant wave,
Tho' the bold seaman's firmer soul
View unappall'd the billowy mountains roll,
Yet still along the murky sky
Anxious he throws th' enquiring eye,
If haply thro' the gloom that round him lowers
Shoot one refulgent ray, prelude of happier hours.

II

So Albion, round her rocky coast
While loud the rage of battle roars
Desides invasion's daughty coast,

Safe in her wave-encircled shores;
Still safer in her dauntless band.
Lords of her seas, or guardians of her land,
Whose patriot zeal, whose bold enterprise
Rise, as the storms of danger rise;
Yet tempering Glory's ardent flame
With gentle Mercy's milder claim,
She bends from scenes of blood th' averted eye,
And courts the smiles of Peace, 'mid shouts of Victory.

III

She courts in vain. — The ruthless foe
Deep drench'd in blood, yet thirsting still for more,
Deaf to the shrieks of agonizing woe,
Views with rapacious eye each neighbouring shore;
Mine be the eternal sway, aloud he cries,
Where'er my sword prevails, my conquering banner flies.

IV.

Genius of Albion hear! —
Grasp the strong shield, & lift th' avenging spear.

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8301(2) By wreaths thy hardy sons of yore
From Gallia's crest victorious tore,
By Edward's lily-blazon'd shield,
By Agincourt's high-trophied field,
By rash Iberia's naval pride

Whelm'd by Eliza's barks beneath the stormy tide,

Call forth thy warrior race again

Breathing to ancient mood the soul-inspiring strain.

"To arms! your ensigns now display,

"Now set the battle in array;

"The Oracle for War declares,

"Success depends upon our hearts & spears.

"Britons strike home! revenge your Country's wrongs,

"Fight and record yourselves in Druid songs."

Henry James Pye

For a while the bank was of great
importance and witness the
fact that a bill - drawn on it
was frequently cashed at the
bank of America's bank here

It is a fact that the bank
has been for some time
in a state of liquidation
and the bank has been
closed for some time
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Very truly
yours

Roll.
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Duke of Portland

Jan. 1 1797

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As your Majesty has received intelligence of the French Squadron
which left Bantry Bay on the 28th of last month of a later date
than any which is contained in the despatches from the Lord
Lieutenant of Ireland which are herewith submitted to your
Majesty. The Duke of Portland humbly conceives that it is a part
of his duty or at least an duty which he will not incur your Majesty's
displeasure to endeavour in laying so voluminous a correspondence
before

before your Majesty to save as much of your Majesty's time & to
save your Majesty as much trouble as possible in the perusal
of it. he therefore takes the liberty of representing with all humility
to your Majesty that the Lord Lieutenant's despatch of the
26th & General Dalrymple's Letter of the same date from
Beatty Bay are the only two papers in which it occurs whereas there
there is any new matter which has any pretension to occupy a moment
of your Majesty's attention. By that from the Lord Lieutenant it
appears that on this day a force would be assembled in the neighbourhood
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of Cork amounting to 9100 men which in the space of three or
four days more might be increased to from 12000 to 14000
capable of being detached & employed at any period which the Enemy
should happen to choose to land at or to occupy. Your Majesty will
also have the satisfaction of finding that the zeal which has displayed
itself throughout Ireland in raising the Gunpowder or Deserters Corps
& the spirit which has manifested itself generally in all that Kingdom
on their being informed of the attempt of the Enemy have made
Richard Lieutenant considers himself fully justified to withdraw
the Troops from the interior & march them towards the part which
was

threatened. it appears that of 20000 Germany whose officers he had
accepted on the part of George Augustus that on the 17th of last
month, goods were completely earned. that nothing can be better than
the disposition of the Country in the neighbourhood of Banting &
that Lord Shannon makes to the full as good a Report of them
round Cork & that several of ~~these~~ ^{German} ~~in~~ ^{Coast} Dublin have offered
to march to any part of the Kingdom or to take upon themselves
the guards of that City. Should it be thought advisable to
remove the Military from thence. as yet the Lord Lieutenant was
unable to state to George Augustus the effect which the intelligence of

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the Enemy's appearance may have upon the North but if it should prove that the attempt is abandoned or has been frustrated or that any of Your Majesty's Squadrons should fall in with the Enemy it may not be too much to presume that the best possible effects would be produced by this attempt from the proof it would afford of the strength of Your Majesty's Government & the fidelity & weakness of the Enemy, & as there is reason to believe that the disaffected in Dublin have not been apprised of the Enemy's intentions to attempt a descent it is not improbable
that

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than those of the same description in the North were not better
informed. It appears that proper means have been taken to
secure the tranquillity of the Metropolis & its being regularly supplied
with provisions. & the application which has made by the Lord Lieutenant
for a remittance in specie the Duke of Portland finds from Mr Pitt
is not likely to be attended with difficulty, to a much larger amount
than that of £50,000 mentioned in the dispatch of the 26th Novr
and to the sum for which the Lord Lieutenant estimates a war in his
private letter to Mr Pitt which amounts to £300,000 & which,
if the French have abandoned their enterprise should be defrayed

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is not to be imagined there can be any quarrel for, to any thing like
that of ~~the~~ a General Dalgarno states that in whatever abundance
the Enemy might make at Cork or elsewhere in his district ~~that~~
they would find the places comparatively well furnished & probably
much better provided than they may have been taught to imagine
he also states his apprehension that some diversion may be attempted
in the North but considering the state of that Coast, the season of
the Year, the weather the Enemy has experienced, the separation of
their Squadron, the apprehension of being attacked by your Majesty's
Army, the indisposition of the People of Ireland towards them, & the
preparations

Duke of Portland.

Burlington House. 1. Jan.
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preparations which they will naturally suppose must be now made
for opposing them it may be presumed that it is as likely that they
should endeavour to return to port to repair their damages as to
expose themselves to the chance of having the only remains of
their naval force annihilated by the Elements or the superiority
of your Majesty's Arms

Burlington House
Sunday night 1. Jan. 1797.

Duke of Portland

Jan. 4 1797

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The Duke of Portland most humbly begs leave to represent to
Your Majesty that as the enclosed contained in The Lord
Lieutenants Letter, which is herewith submitted to Your Majesty,
may so intelligible but what has been already laid before
Your Majesty by the Earl Spencer, the Duke of Portlands only
object in offering the Lord Lieutenants Letter to Your Majesty
attention is to inform Your Majesty that no attempt had been
made by the Enemys fleet or had it made its appearance in
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other part of the Coast of Ireland than the neighbourhood
of Bantry on the 30th or probably on the 31st of December upon
a conjecture which the Duke of Portland hopes, your Majesty will
not think ill founded, considering that there is not any part
of the Kingdom of Ireland where a descent can be attempted
which is so distant from Dublin as Bantry Bay, & that
Messengers perform the journey, from the one to the other of these
places in 30 to 35 hours at most
Buckingham House Wednesday night 4 Jan^{ry} 1737

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Duke of Portland

Jan 7 1797

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The Duke of Portland most humbly lays before Your Majesty the
dispatches which have been received to day, from the Lord Lieutenant
of Ireland Mr Pelham, which bring the intelligence from that Country
down to the 4th inst. - Although the Papers are numerous, the facts
they contain are but few, but they impart more deeply the instruction
upon to be drawn from the most wise & just observations Your Majesty
was pleased to make in the peculiar protection of the Divine Providence
which still continues to guard that Land from the striking hand of the
Invader. So late as the 2^d it may be presumed, even to the ruin of
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We think no descent had been attempted in any part of Ireland
the few ships that had made a second appearance in Bantry Bay
are stated to have quitted it on the evening of the 2^d & it seems to be
far from an established fact that three or indeed any French ships
were ^{seen} within the Shannon, & somewhat doubtful whether they were
really seen off the mouth of that River. On the other hand it
is established beyond a possibility of doubt that every description
of your Majesty's Subjects throughout that Kingdom, by Mr
Pelham's letter express the hope & relief they'd cherish'd
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Duke of Portland

Jan 7 1797

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respect to the North; & will desire Your Majesty, in Your goodness to
consider the Duke of Portland authorized in not expressing even that
part of Ireland have manifested the most ardent loyalty & most
zealous attachment to Your Majesty's Person & Government, an
event most happy of such publick & universal notoriety as not
only, to despise & enervate the present Enemy, but to secure
under the Blessing of Providence, the permanent security &
tranquillity of that part of Your Majesty's Dominions

Buckingham House
Saturday night 7 Jan^{ry} 1797

Duke of Portland
Buckingham House
London
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Duke of Portland

Jan 8 1797

8306

Your Majesty will probably, have been told that Dispatches arrived this morning from the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. The Duke of Portland therefore feels it to be his duty most humbly to represent to your Majesty, that the fact is true, but that as the Lord Lieutenant's letter is dated on the 4th inst^o the same day as that from Mr Pelham to Mr Grenville which was laid before your Majesty this morning, as it did not contain a single new fact, & only

only tended, in as much as it was dated a few hours later, to confirm
the opinion expressed by Mr Pelham that the French had wholly
abandoned their intentions of making a descent on any part of
Ireland as they had a second time evacuated Brest Bay, were
not to be discovered from any part of the Shannon, & had not
shown themselves on any other part of the Irish Coast; & as it was
further to be presumed from the very voluminous instances contained
in the Lord de Dubouché's letters, of which all but two, & those of no
importance were duplicates of intelligence with which Your Majesty
was already acquainted; the Duke of Portland felt, & he trusts not
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was already furnished
not having arrived yesterday

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Jan 8 1797

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improperly, that it is more becoming the respect & attention which it is
his duty to observe towards Your Majesty to withhold the Papers than
submitting to Your Majesty this reason for delay so than to trouble Your
Majesty with Papers the contents of which were already known
to Your Majesty

Buckingham House
Sunday 8th Jan^{ry} 1797
10 p.m.

Duke of Portland.
Burlington House. 8. Jan.
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Duke of Portland

Jan. 1797

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The Duke of Portland most humbly begs Your Majesty's
pardon for the mistake which occasioned Your Majesty the
trouble of looking through the inclosures of the Lord Lieutenant's
letter of yesterday, but the Duke of Portland hopes Your
Majesty will have the goodness to forgive it in consideration of
the motive which was the cause of it, which was the death of
Mr. King, who happened to be at Lord Granville's when the papers
were

brought these in circulation, & observing that they had not been
sent your Majesty, desired the Chaplains to carry them this
morning to Windsor — in laying the railroad, which were received
to day, before your Majesty, the Duke of Portland is willing to hope
that your Majesty may be of opinion that there is more reason to imagine
that Lord Amhurst may find the enemy upon the Irish Coast than might
have been expected —

Buckingham House
Monday night 5th Jan: 1797

Lord Grenville

Jan. 10 1797

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Deopmore Jan^r. 10. 1797. 11. P.M.

As Lord Grenville has nothing to trouble
Your Majesty with tomorrow, he ventures humbly to
request Your Majesty's permission to remain here, as
Your Majesty should have any commands for him.

Duke of Portland

Jan. 10 1797

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The Duke of Portland has the satisfaction of laying at your
Majesty's Feet further accounts of the losses sustained by the
French Fleet by the capture of a frigate & storeships by your
Majesty's Ship Polyphemus & by the foundering of another frigate
at sea in sight of that which was taken by your Majesty's Ship.
The position & condition of the French Fleet the state of the weather &
the course of the wind appear also to have been such, as late even as last
Thursday, as to justify an hope that your Majesty's Fleet may be
enabled

created under the divine Protection to give such an account of their
Enemy as may effectually secure the superiority of Your Majesty's
Royal Power & the tranquillity of all Your Majesty's Dominions —

The Duke of Portland begs leave with all humility to submit to
Your Majesty the draft of an answer to the Address which
Your Majesty has permitted the City of London to present
tomorrow —

Whitehall House
Tuesday night 10th Jan. 1797 —

Mr Pitt
Downing Street Jan^r 15. 1797

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Downing Street

Sunday Jan 15th
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Mr Pitt humbly begs leave to submit
the accompanying Warrant for your
Majesty's signature, it being intended
that the Sum directed to be issued by it,
should be paid to the Bank.

Wm Pitt

Jan. 16 1797

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W Pitt having just received from
W Douglas an account of the death of
the Dowager Lady Guilford, which took
place this evening, takes the liberty of
giving your Majesty the earliest Informa-
-tion of it. He is not enough aware of
the Value of the Baronship of Buxby
Park, or of any Intention which your

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Majesty may entertain with respect to it,
to presume to form any Idea with respect
to the Manner in which Your Majesty may
think it right to dispose of it; but he
is sure Your Majesty will pardon his
suggesting, at so early a Period, that
unless there is any particular Determination
of it which Your Majesty prefer, I sh

Wm Pitt

Jan. 16 1797

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might profitably just now be made
materially useful with a view to other
arrangements of office.

Yours truly

Monday Night. Jan. 16th 1797.

Mr Pitt.

January 16. 1797

Henry Dundas

Jan. 20 1797

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London Place. 20th Jan. 1797
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2 h. M.

Mr Dundas takes the liberty
of transmitting for your
Majesty's Perusal the copy
of a Correspondence which
in the course of yesterday
and this morning has pass-
ed between Lord Cornwallis
and him. Mr Dundas need
make no observations on
the conduct of Lord Corn.

wallis, as it will be felt
by your Majesty in the
light it merits.

Duke of Portland

Jan. 21 1797

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The Duke of Portland most humbly begs leave to acquaint Your Majesty that he has not received any official or private Letters from Ireland except those which he now lays at Your Majesty's feet. But he has ^{been} informed that a Letter was come over which gave an account of the debate so far as to mention that Captain Pakenham had taken up the defence of the Admiralty with such powers of professional

professional knowledge & talents as completely overthrew the
arguments of Mr. Grattan & that Mr. Pitt replied to the rest of
Mr. Grattan's speech in a manner which was perfectly satisfactory
& convincing to the House & to the Publick

Burlington House

Saturday night 21st Jan^{ry} 1797

Mr Pitt.

January 23. 1797

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Towning Street.

Monday Jan 23 1797.

Mr Pitt has been honored with Your Majesty's
Note on the Subject of the Vacancy at Windsor
of which he had received no other Intima-
-tion, tho he had understood that it was
likely to take place. - He is quite convinced
of the Propriety of the Line which Your Majesty
points out, of gratifying on this Occasion the
Friends of the late Member, and is very
glad to learn that they have expressed

themselves so properly on the occasion.

Mr Pitt has not been able to learn
any thing very specific with respect to
Mr Bacon or his present connections, but
has no reason for doubting his being a
Friend to Government, and is very much
persuaded that the mode of his coming
in will secure his being so.

Henry Dundas

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Wimbleton 23 Janry. 1797. ⁶/₉ h.m.

Mr Dundas takes the liberty
humbly to submit to your
Majestys perusal the ac-
companying Papers. The
subject of them is of the
utmost importance, and
the success of every part
of the Idea depends u-
pon the secrecy with which
it is planned and executed.

Under these circumstances
Mr Dundas feels it espe:
tially necessary to confine
the subject to those only
whose cooperation is ne:
cessary for the execution.
Under that impression he
is afraid he can scarcely
venture to make the busi:
ness the subject of a Discuf:
sion in a general Council

Henry Dundas

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of your Majesty's confi-
dential servants, and must
therefore hope for your
Majesty's approbation in
conveying his instructions
under such orders as
your Majesty may be
pleased to sanction with
your approbation. Mr
Dundas is perfectly aware
that in case of failure
he is thereby exposed to

additional Responsibility,
but that is a considera-
tion which he is free to
confess does not, on such
an occasion operate on
moment on his mind is
the decency of what is
right to be done for the
general service of the
Country.

Lucas House Jan 24. 1797.
I have authorized Mr. Lee & Dandridge to take the necessary steps for affording
the Expedition from the Cape of Good Hope to the Spanish Settlements
in South America; the knowledge of which to be kept from all but the
S. of York, E. Spencer, Mr. Pitt, and Mr. Nepean.

Wm. Pitt

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Hollwood.
Tuesday Jan 24th 8 P.M.

Mr Pitt was honored with your Majesty's
Commands by Mr Greville, just as he
was leaving Town; and as he had the
Opportunity of talking over fully with
Mr Greville, all that occurred to him
respecting Windsor, the Duke no doubt
-never can have arisen from his having
come to this Place. It appears to Mr
Pitt that if Lord Inchequin can be made
acceptable to Mr Sherwood's Friends, the

would be for a better Candidate, than Sir
W. Johnson, of whom he has no certain
accounts, and none that promise very
favorably. Mr Pitt takes the

Liberty of submitting to your Majesty
that he sees no way in which the
present Vacancies in the Church can be
filled so conveniently, as by giving the
Bishoprick of Bristol to Dr Cornwall,
who will vacate the Deanery of Canterbury

Wm. Pitt

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, which Dr Jowys will be very glad to
accept in exchange for the Canonry of
Windsor, and the Prebend of Bristol.

The Canonry would enable Mr Pitt
immediately to make an opening at
the Board of Treasury for Mr Douglas
by promoting a Nephew of Mr Hopkins,
who would then most readily retire.

This is so desirable, considering the
Circumstances which led to Mr Douglas's
going to Ireland, and the sudden disap-

pointment of his Prospects there, that
Mr Pitt sends your Majesty with
approve of his Wish to effect it; and
in that Case It would be a great
relief to Mr Douglas. Anxiety to be
allowed to trip. Grand tomorrow.

Mr Pitt.

January 24 1797