Duke of Portland

Aug 1 1797

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The Departure of the Mail Coach not permitting the Duke of Portland to wait for more circumstantial accounts than those he had the honor of laying before Your Majesty yesterday afternoon, he ventures humbly to beg leave to add that by advice he has received this morning he finds that the number of persons who were apprehended amount to six the names & conjectures of whom he will lay before Your Majesty in a separate paper as also their examinations which were taken

before

Magistrates in Bow Street. The only circumstance which appears to be unusual or new in the mode of conducting the meeting, is, that the populace was addressed at the same time & upon the same subject from three different Stages or Tribunes, at each of which, or at least at two of them, the Speakers were permitted to go on until they asserted, that, Universal Suffrage & Annual Parliaments were the unalienable & indefeasible rights of the People, when the Speakers & their immediate Supporters were taken into custody & the Proclamation for dispersing the Assembly was read by the respective

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Duke of Portland

Aug. 1 1797

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Magistrates who attended at the Tribunes — upon which, as Your Majesty was acquainted yesterday, the Populace dispersed in a quiet & orderly manner, & were advised to do so by a person of the name of Baxter, a member of the Corresponding Society, who assured them that the Meeting was legal, & that the question of its Legality should be submitted to the determination of a Jury.

Bulstrode Tuesday 1 August 1797

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acknowledged the receipt
Weymouth Aug. 23 1797.

Hd. Grenville

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Dropmore August 1. 1797
½ p. 8. A.M.

Lord Grenville has the honour to transmit to Your Majesty the dispatches received late last night from Lord Malmesbury. He has not yet seen Mr. Wesley, whom he expects here in the course of this day, he having been much fatigued with his journey from Lisle: But he understands that the result of Mr. Wesley's account of the state of things at Paris, as far as it was known to Lord Malmesbury,

confirms

confirms the opinions before entertained by him that the event of the negotiation depends almost entirely on that of the present struggle at Paris: and that an indirect communication has even been made to Lord Malmesbury to that effect.

Lt. Grenville
Downing Street 1st Nov.
30 Oct. 8 PM
acknowledges the receipt of
Lord Malmesbury's Despatch
of 27th Oct.

Ld. Spencer

Aug. 2 1797

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Earl Mercer has the Honour of laying before your Majesty the Proceedings of the Court Martial held on twelve Men belonging to the Marines of Sea have been condemned to death, but as that number would be too many to execute he humbly submits to your Majesty that the following four men should be ordered for Execution, those Cases appear upon the whole to be the worst, namely Jurack, Hamilton, Newman, & Parkinson; that the three following, Griffith, Leonard, & Tweed who appear to be the next in Criminality, be pardoned on Condition

of confinement to hard labour for seven Years, and the two remaining namely Robinson & Newbiggin be pardoned on condition of confinement to hard Labour for five Years, if your Majesty shall approve it.

Earl Mercer has further the Honour to inform your Majesty that only five of the ten Men whom your Majesty was pleased to order for Execution for the Mutineers of the laid ship have been executed, it having been suggested upon a good deal of deliberation on the Case that the Execution of so large a Number as ten at once would be more than was absolutely necessary for the ends of publick Justice, and accordingly the five worst Offenders were selected for that Purpose,

Ld. Spencer

Aug. 2 1797

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and Earl Spencer humbly submits to your Majesty that the remaining five may be offered your Majesty's most gracious Pardon on Condition of Confinement to hard Labour for the Term of seven Years.

Earl Spencer is extremely concerned that the Accident which happened to the Melpomene in the late Thunderstorm & the unexpected detention of the Niger for a Leak breaking out notwithstanding that Ship, having been just out of Dock should have caused so great a diminution in the Squadron attending upon your Majesty at Weymouth, but as the Clyde is arrived at Yarmouth, & ordered to proceed with as little Delay as possible to Portland Roads,

and the Diana is ordered to replace the Melpomene with the Clyde which joins, he sincerely hopes that no disappointment will arise to your Majesty on that subject. The Niger will be repaired & proceed to her station in two or three days.

Admiralty. 2 Aug: 1797.

E. Pellew
Admiralty Aug. 2. 1797.
Referred to the Board of Admiralty the Duke of Clarence's letter of this date
Wm Marsden Aug. 2. 1797

Duke of Portland
3rd August 1797

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The Duke of Portland has the Honor to inclose Lord Cholmondeley the within Informations, against two Drivers of Stage Coaches, who have been apprehended on a charge of driving against Her Royal Highness The Princess of Wales's Carriage whilst Her Royal Highness was returning from Charleton to Carleton House on Tuesday last, together with a Note to him from Mr. Ford, which accompanies the Informations, in order that your Lordship may submit the same to His Royal

Highness

His Highness The Prince of Wales.

Thursday
3d. of August 1797.

Enclosure

Copy of a Note from Mr. Ford to the Duke of Portland

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Whitehall 4 O'Cl. P. M. Wedy.

Mr. Ford has the Honor to inform The Duke of Portland, that after having very fully investigated the case of the two Stage Coach Drivers, who have been apprehended, he does not think that there is such a charge against them for maliciously driving against Her Royal Highness's Carriage, as would make it adviseable to proceed in that manner against them. — He has therefore taken the Informations for Assaults against the Servants

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and the Court will advert to the circumstance of Her Royal Highness being in the Carriage when the Assault happened, and proportion the Sentence accordingly — These Men are particularly notorious for misconducting themselves upon the Road, but it did not appear that they had ever been disrespectful to Her Royal Highness before, as hinted to Mr. Ford yesterday — The Post Boy who some weeks since drove purposely against H: R: H: Phaeton, Mr. Ford has given orders to have if possible found out, and brought before him.

Ld. Grenville

Aug. 4 1797

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Deposited Aug 4 1797.

Lord Grenville has the honour to submit to Your Majesty the draft of the letter from Your Majesty to the Duke of Brunswick, as that letter was sunk with the other dispatches on board the packet which was lately taken by the Enemy, and he presumes that Your Majesty will think it proper to write again in the same form, in which case Lord Grenville

will

will direct Mr Waites when he delivers the Letter
to explain the reason of the delay.

Ld. Granville

Aug. 4 1797

Downing Aug. 4. 1797.

Lord Grenville has been honoured with Your Majesty's commands, and he thinks that the best manner in which he can execute them to Your Majesty's satisfaction, will be by humbly submitting to Your Majesty the paper herewith inclosed, which was drawn up by Mr. Wesley immediately after his

his arrival here, as the substance of what he was to report, tho' it has been docketed by mistake as a communication from Lord Malmesbury.

Lord Grenville had near two hours conversation with Mr Wesley on the different points to which this paper relates, or every one of which he examined him as particularly as possible, but he did not find that any material circumstance had come to Mr Wesley's knowledge which is not there stated: and indeed the whole of the information which Lord Malmesbury has been able to obtain of the state of affairs at Paris seems to arise solely from this channel of communication. He particularly questioned Mr Wesley whether

Ld. Grenville

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whether anything had been said about terms of Peace, as without this all other assurances seem to him to be extremely vague, & little to be relied on. It appears, however that nothing had passed on that head beyond the general expression of reasonable terms, and an implied conception that Your Majesty is entitled to <u>some</u> compensation, but without intimating anything of its nature or amount.

Lord Grenville does not therefore flatter himself that much more results from this communication than that the Moderate Party were desirous to prevent the negotiation from being abruptly terminated, pending the struggle at Paris: But if they should succeed there seems no sufficient ground to rely

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or their being actuated by any other disposition for Peace than what would arise from a motive to the operation of which their Adversaries would, under the like circumstances be equally, or even more, exposed namely the great difficulty which they would find in continuing the War.

Lord Grenville has however thought that the peculiar nature of this communication, and the danger to which any knowledge or suspicion of it would subject the person there-named, justified him (particularly under the unfortunate circumstance of the publicity which the former part of this negotiation has been exposed to from some cause which he cannot ascertain) in withholding from all his Colleagues

in office, except Mr Pitt, the name and station of the person with whom Lord Malmesbury has communicated, and in stating to them only the general result of that communication: And he humbly hopes that in so doing he has not deviated from the usual course of Your Majesty's service on similar occasions, or transgressed the rules which Your Majesty would be pleased to prescribe to him for his conduct, if the time would have admitted of such a reference.

Ld. Grenville

Aug. 5 1797

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Deepmore Aug. 5. 1797.

Lord Grenville has the honour to submit to Your Majesty the draft of a letter to the Prince of Condé, the original of which, in Your Majesty's handwriting, was among the dispatches sent by the Dolphin Packet boat.

Duke of York

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Broadlais August 5th 1797

Sir

I have the honor to report to Your Majesty the death of Lord Amherst which happened on Thursday morning, and by which the 2d Regiment of Life Guards and the Government of Guernsey are become vacant.

As Your Majesty has already been pleased to express Your intention of appointing Lord Cathcart to the Command of the 2d Regiment of Life Guards whenever the vacancy should happen, the 29th Regiment of Infantry will thereby become vacant.

As this is an old Regiment I should suppose that Your Majesty would approve of a Colonel of a Junior Regiment being promoted to the Command of it and the one who appears to have the fairest pretensions to Your Majestys favor, is Major General Forbes

Should this arrangement meet with Your Majestys approbation I beg leave to lay before Your Majesty the

names of three Officers, who seem to have the most claims from their rank and services to the command of the 81st Regiment for Your Majestys decision, they are Major Generals Sir Hew Dalrymple of the 66th Regiment, Major General Morshead of the Coldstream Regiment of Guards, and Major General Rose of the 76th Regiment. Sir Hew Dalrymple is the senior Officer and commands at present at Guernsey, Major General Morshead is now in the West Indies, has been upon actual service from the very first day of the War, and has now for the second time volunteered remaining in the West Indies after having received Your Majestys permission to return to England, Major General Rose's situation and merit are too well known to Your Majesty for it to be necessary for me to enter upon them. He is the junior of these three Officers.

As for the Government of Guernsey, I humbly beg leave to mention to Your Majesty Sir Charles Grey whose meritorious services render him highly deserving of Your Majestys favor, and whose firmness and resolution during the last mutiny at the Non enrolled corps was to others who I am afraid would not otherwise have felt so bold.

Duke of York

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Should Your Majesty be graciously pleased to promote Sir Charles Gray to this Government, I should humbly recommend to Your Majesty not to fill up the Government of Dunbarton till an answer is received from the Duke of Gloucester concerning Major General Bellew.

I have the Honor to be

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Your Majesty's

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Ld. Grenville

Aug. 8th 1797

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Lord Grenville hopes the Messenger will be in time to meet the Weymouth Mail, or to forward to Your Majesty the dispatches which he has just received from Lord Malmesbury. Lord Granville Leveson had forwarded them from Dover and was not arrived in town when they were sent down to Dropmore, but Lord Grenville expects to see him tomorrow morning, and will not fail to have the honour of humbly submitting to Your Majesty the result of his conversation.

Ld. Spencer

Aug. 8 1797

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Earl Spencer has the Honour of laying before your Majesty the Minutes of a Court Martial held in the Downs on a Man belonging to the Beaulieu, and humbly submits to your Majesty the Propriety of his receiving your Majesty's most gracious Pardon on Condition of being confined to hard labour for five Years of which six Months to be in solitary Confinement.

Earl Spencer has also the Honour of laying before your Majesty the Sentence of the Court Martial on the Mutineers belonging to the Monmouth, the Minutes of which Court are so voluminous that Earl

Spencer thought they might take up two minutes of Your Majesty's Time to read them, but if it is Your Majesty's Pleasure they shall be sent down. On the subject of this Sentence Earl Spencer humbly proposes to Your Majesty that the five following Men namely Vance, Earle, Frith, Brown, and Dunn whose Cases are of a very atrocious Description be executed; that Holmes and Callagher be pardoned on Condition of being confined to hard Labour for seven Years each of which one Year to be in solitary Confinement,

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Admiralty. 8 Aug: 1797.

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Admiralty Aug.t 8. 1797.
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Ld Grenville

Aug. 9 1797

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Dupeman Aug. 9. 1797.
4 PM.

Lord Grenville has the honour to inclose herewith the key of the other box sent by this Messenger. He takes the liberty to request Your Majesty to observe that this box does not lock with a spring but in the manner of other locks; which is done with a view to greater security.

Ld Grenville
Dropmore Augt 9. 1797.
answered Weymouth Augt 10.
recommending delay in the negotiation

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Dropmore Aug. 9. 1797.
4. PM.

Lord Grenville has the honour to transmit to Your Majesty a statement by Lord Granville Leveson of the particulars which he was charged by Lord Malmesbury to communicate, respecting the continuation of the secret intercourse referred to in Mr. Wesley's minute.

He is much concerned to find that the dispatches from Lord Malmesbury will not reach Your Majesty till tomorrow morning.

Mr Windham
August 16. 1797.

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War Office.
Augt. 16th 1797.

The Secretary at War humbly requests your Majesty's commands upon the disposal of the 2d Regiment of Life Guards, vacant by the death of Field Marshall Lord Amherst.

W. Windham

E. Spencer
Admiralty Aug.t 11th 1797.
Approved Weymouth Aug.t 12th.

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Earl Mercer has the Honour to lay before your Majesty, the Proceedings of a Court Martial on Thomas McCann of the Sandwich, together with a Case and Opinion of the Attorney and Solicitor General on the Plea of having applied for your Majesty's Pardon; and humbly submits whether it may not be proper under all the Circumstances of the Case that the Prisoner may receive your Majesty's most gracious Pardon on Condition of being transported to Botany Bay for Life.

Admiralty. 11 Aug: 1797.

Ld. Spencer

Aug. 14 1797

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Earl Spencer has the Honour to lay before your Majesty the Proceedings of the Court Martial on the Mutineers of the Saturn at Plymouth, and at the same time to represent to your Majesty that as considerable Doubts were entertained respecting the Legality of the Sentence passed on two of these Men, namely James Pitton and John Evans, it has been advised by the Attorney and Solicitor General to take the Opinion of the twelve Judges on the Point and the Board of Admiralty have accordingly

presented a Memorial to your Majesty in Council for that purpose; it will for these Reasons be necessary that the Cases of these two Men should stand over till the Opinion of the Judges can be obtained. On the Cases of the Remainder Earl Spencer humbly submits to your Majesty that the Law should take its Course on George Perry John Daniel and Thomas Kenyon; that J: Goody Chas: Painter, and Luke Eardly should receive your Majesty's most gracious Pardon on condition of Confinement to hard Labour for seven Years, one Year of which to be in solitary Confinement; and that Simpson and Pilton who are recommended by the Court

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Admiralty 14 Aug: 1797.

Earl Spencer.

Admiralty 14th Aug.t 1797.

Henry Dundas

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London. 14th augt. 1797 ½ h. M.

Mr Dundas humbly hopes
your Majesty will admit
his Motive for taking the
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such a Mark of favour

to His Royal Highness would be much approved of by the Publick, and altho His Royal Highness's own Delicacy may prevent him from mentioning it to your Majesty Mr Dundas has just reason to believe he would be much gratified by that instance of your

Henry Dundas

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London 14th Aug: 1791

Thomas Coutts

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near Tunbridge Wells
14 August 1797.

I take the Liberty of transmitting the inclosed Letter in hopes, coming from an individual who could have no Idea of its being seen, it may be an agreable because a genuine account of what it relates to — I am sorry it is mixd with other uninteresting matters, and flatter myself having given me much pleasure in the perusal that I may not be too presumptuous in Hoping it will be received as an Humble the sincere mark of the Dutiful Respect and veneration that will ever warm the Heart of His majestys — Devoted: attachd. and Faithful Humble Servant

Thomas Coutts.

Thomas Coutts

Mr Coutts

August 14 1797

(Re Enclosure)

Sir John Stuart to Thomas Coutts
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Enclosure

Recd Aug 14. 1797

Stuttgart 29 July 1797

Dear Sir

Lady Stuart being at a small distance from Town, with some of the Children at the river side, for a few days – I beg to inform you in consequence of a letter from Mad. de Vassé which I inclose, that she has drawn upon your House the 22d & 3d ult £50 Sterg for which she receives Florins 566.40 This assistance comes most opportunely for her poor woman – The Emigrés are now entering in great numbers.

I believe some time ago Lady S. sent you her receit & you will receive the other from the Bankers Messrs Heller & Co. who desire to write to you themselves – They are plain good respectable people, and are esteemed very solid in business – They have been very civil to us ever since we came here and we should be very glad to oblige them –

They were very anxious to be employed in the Prince's Royal's remittances from England

But

knowing nothing of that Channel, and they not being the Prince's Bankers — & too cautious to be very popular I could do nothing in it —

The Princess has been in the Country ever since the fatiguing Ceremonies of her reception. Sharnhausen is in a rural spot amongst the Mountains the Mansion House consisting of several detached pavillions, very small but elegant the principal one is designedly a very small miniature of Claremont. Her Highness lives constantly in the open air spends her time, in her usual rational manner, & reading, drawing &c &c. — she has won the hearts of all who have seen her, from her great affability & desire to please — I am convinced, from what I have heard in many parts of England, & from many different people, that her real character was little known, even at Court — For she appears to me the very reverse of what I had been told — she is timid to a degree distressing to herself, & sometimes embarrassing

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Sir John Stuart to Thomas Coutts
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others, which I am persuaded, by those who seldom approach her was taken for pride & haughtiness – of which she every day proves the Contrary – She seems naturally gay & cheerful I never saw any body more so, than she was one evening at home, that we supped with her, with a very few particular friends of the princes; she is a firm & able advocate for Mr Pitt, and as her Husband is avowedly in opposition, she has frequent opportunity of proving it –

She has been particularly fortunate in her Grande Maitresse; a woman of great merit, nearly her own age, of much information, of irreprocheable moral character, & who has conducted herself with great propriety in her own family thro difficult Circumstances the Princess seems already to put a proper value on such a companion – The other two are young Ladies without much knowledge of the world, niece & daughter in law to the other, whom she refused to quit, even for so flattering a situation, so that the Prince was forced to appoint them all three – Her R. H. treats them as if she was educating them herself with all the good humour possible – They are all strangers, tho connected here; & in the choice the Duchess aswell

as the Prince have shewn their sense in the nomination
for such a one could not have been selected in the Circle here
another generation must pass - before the ravages made
by the Duke Charles in the morals of every rank can be
repaired — I mention all these particulars in remem
brance of the high character you gave me of the P. R.
which I find very just - It is ever pleasing to see her on
so comfortable a footing with the Prince - they are scarce
ever separated — I imagine she will not think her
situation so agreeable, when Duchess — if she indulges
herself in retirement then, which she so much likes,
she must become unpopular at a German Court
She proposes to study engraving under the Celebrated
Müller — I hope all your family are well & beg my
best respects to them — I am sorry to say that Lady S. Health
seems to have received a severe shock since last year & particularly
since her unfortunate miscarriage, the complaints she suffered some
from before she left England, have returned & I have much fear will be more
difficult to remove - we have a substitute for Tunbridge in the Black Forest
but she positively refuses to go, not being able to take all the Children with her
so that I am forced to give up the point — The Physicians have ordered her the tepid
bath. But it does not agree with her. I flatter myself she will soon be better
I am Dear Sir Your sincere obed.t J. C. Stuart

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in Aug 14. 1797

different people of late have written to me for information
of proper places to send their Sons to, in Germany at the
peace – Hitherto it was difficult for me to ascertain
which seminary was the worst – But an Institution
of this kind I have this day sent an account to Mrs
Sir A. Don, bids fair, in my opinion
great advantages, at least for some time
for the generality soon fall into negligence
and Corruption – It is erected by the Duke
of Weimar of whose humanity, Liberality,
Hatte every Traveller almost talks – for the Education
of his eldest Son & the Director is Mons. de Mounier
The Duke has given a House in the environs for its
establishment – the Court of Weimar is certainly
one of the most elegant, the most enlightened, the
most decent of any in Germany – The establishment
consists of 25 Lis soon expected to be full – It appears
high in charge compared to the prices of the Country, but is
not meant for a general thing, as the motive explains:
£150 Louis d'ors, exclusive of Dancing, music, manege
or washing –

Private Angleterre

Thomas Coutts Esqr
Strand
London

Via
Hambourg

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Warrant of Adm. Duke of York

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George R.

George the Third by the Gra
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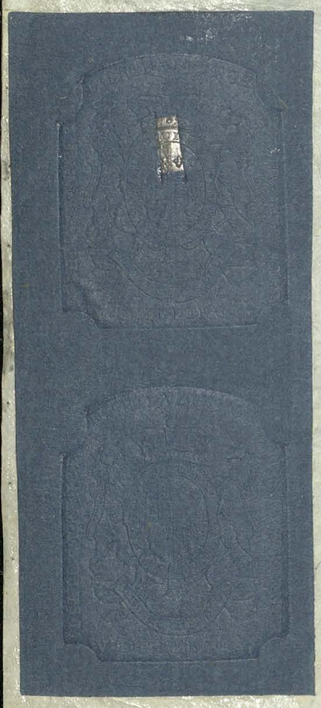

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His Royal Highness The Duke of York Colonel in Chief of the 60 (or Royal American) Regt. of Foot

the Grace of God King of Great Britain France and Ireland Defender
Dearly Beloved Son His Royal Highness Field Marshal Frederick Duke
Order of the Garter &c. Greeting: We reposing especial Trust and
and good Conduct, Do, by these presents constitute and appoint You to be
Royal American) Regiment of Foot, in the room of Jeffery Lord
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hers thereof in Arms, and to use Your best endeavours to keep them in
We do hereby command them to Obey You as their Colonel in Chief;
such Orders and Directions from time to time as You shall receive from
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Our Court at Saint James's the Sixteenth Day of August 1797 In the

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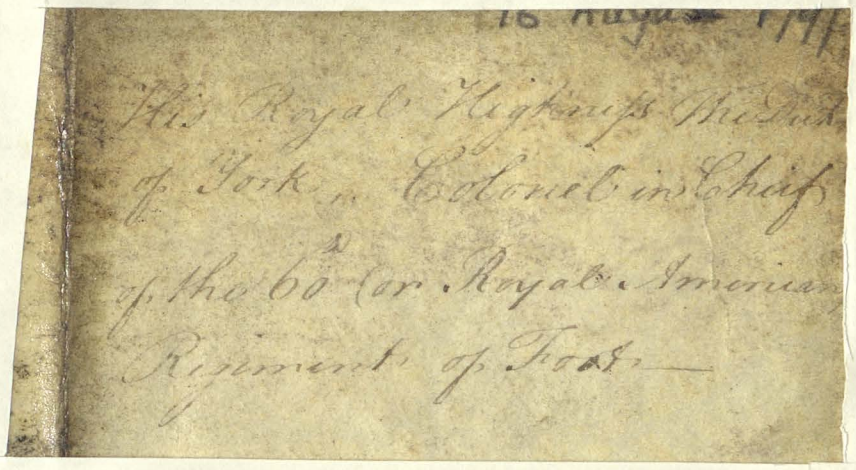

Duke of York
August 16. 1797.

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Horse Guards August 16th 1797

Sir

I have the Honour to transmit to Your Majesty the Weekly States and returns, as well as to lay before Your Majesty for Your approbation the recommendations for the different vacancies which have happened in the Army during the last three Weeks, which I humbly beg Your Majestys pardon for having delayed till now, but as Colonel Brownrigg was with me at Broadstairs, it was impossible to make them out regularly during our absence.

When I had the honour to report to Your Majesty the death of Lord Amherst, I omitted to mention among the other vacancies which it occasioned, the Command in Chief of the 60th Regiment, as I understood that as there was a project of keeping a regular Body of Foreign Troops on the pay of Great Britain for the Defence of the West Indies, during peace, it was intended to let that Commission

fall in, and to place the four Battalions of the 60th Regiment upon the same footing as any other Regiments in Your Majesty's Service, I now have learnt, that upon mature deliberation Your Majesty's Ministers find such difficulties of procuring a regular Body of Foreign Troops, that it is very much wished to keep the 60th Regiment upon its original footing and to recruit the different Battalions with Foreigners, it is therefore necessary in conformity to the Act of Parliament that this Regiment should have a Colonel in Chief.

I have also to report to Your Majesty that the Command of the Lancaster Regiment of Fencible Cavalry is become vacant by the Death of Colonel Leigh, and I beg leave to recommend to Your Majesty Lieutenant Colonel Burton the actual Lieutenant Colonel of the Regiment to succeed to the Command of it. He is a very able and deserving Officer who served during the American War as Major to the 17th Light Dragoons, has been exceedingly instrumental in forming the Lancaster Regiment, which is one of the finest of the Fencible Regiments, and behaved very particularly well

Duke of York
August 16. 1797.

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in quelling the Mutiny of the Oxfordshire Militia.

During my stay at Broadstairs I went over to Deal and reviewed the East Suffolk, and Montgomery Regiments which are in Quarters there, and afterwards returned by Deal when I saw the Herefordshire Militia, and a part of the Hampshire Regiment of Fencible Cavalry, and on Saturday as I passed through Canterbury I reviewed, the Roxels and Oxfordshire Regiments of Fencible Cavalry together with the Horse and Park of Artillery, and the West Kent and West Norfolk Regiments of Militia

The East Suffolk Regiment, though not very tall is a good strong body of Men, very well exercised, and the only fault I had to find with them was that they levelled too high. I can not make so favourable a report of the Montgomery, either as a body of men, or as point of exercise, As Lord Powis however has just got a new Adjutant it is to be hoped that they will improve.

The Hampshire Fencible Cavalry are a very pretty Corps mounted very mounted particularly the Bay Troops, and ride very well except that their stirrups are too long.

The Herefordshire Regiment of Militia are a remarkably

fine body of Men and performed their evolutions with the greatest exactness,

The Royals are in the highest order possible, they ride perfectly well, and have kept strictly to Your Majestys orders with regard to the length of their Horses, the only error I found in them was that they rode too much by the scaffold.

Had the Royals wanted any foil, they could not have had a better than the Oxfordshire Regiment of Yeomanry Cavalry. This Regiment is not a bad body of Men, but they ride exceedingly ill, they have a very large proportion of very bad Horses, particularly in their baggage Troops, and their Horses are so exceedingly thin, that I am afraid that they are not properly fed,

The Troop of Horse Artillery and the Park are in very high order and exercise perfectly well.

The West Kent and West Norfolk Regiments of Militia are both very good bodies of Men, but particularly the West Kent, and both Regiments are very exact and regular in their Movements and evolutions.

I beg leave to return Your Majesty my most humble thanks for Your gracious enquiries after my Health, I feel

myself as a tolerable good well for the fortnight I have been that I have had at Broadlands, and have no doubt that by continuing it during the time that I have to pay my duty to Your Majesty at Windsor that I hope to do next Sunday, that my health will be quite restored.

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your Majesty's

Most dutiful Son

and Subject

Frederick

Wm. Pitt

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It is with great reluctance that Mr Pitt presumes to trouble Your Majesty on a Subject which he may perhaps hardly appear justified in intruding again upon Your Majesty's Attention.

But having lately had occasion to clear that the narrowness of Prince Ernest's Income has reduced His Royal Highness

to a State of such urgent Embarrassment that he is on the Point of finding it necessary to sell his Equipage, and every other Article which he can dispose of, Mr Pitt trusts Your Majesty will not disapprove of his apprising Your Majesty of this Circumstance. And if Your Majesty should think it right to authorize any Arrangement for his

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temporary accomodation, till a favorable
occasion arises for a more adequate
Establishment for His Royal Highness
and other Branches of Your Majesty's
Royal Family, Mr Pitt ventures to
submit that there could be no material
difficulty in furnishing annually a Sum of
Two Thousand Five Hundred or Three
Thousand Pounds, either from the

Civil List or from the 4½ p Cent Fund; which He believes would be an essential Relief to His Royal Highness present Difficulties.

Downing Street

Aug 18th 1797.

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Received 19. 1797.

Duke of York
August 19. 1797.

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Horse Guards August 19th 1797

Sir

Though I mean to have the Honor of paying my duty to Your Majesty on Friday tomorrow, yet I can not let the Messenger set off today for Weymouth, without taking the earliest opportunity to return Your Majesty my most humble thanks for Your very gracious appointment of me to the Command in Chief of the 60th Regiment, and to express to You Sir, How much I feel this first mark of that affection and partiality which Your Majesty has ever been pleased to shew towards me, and which it shall ever be my first study to endeavour to deserve

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Mr. Pitt
Hollwood Augt. 26th 1797

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Mr Pitt has the honor of submitting for Your Majesty's Signature the accompanying Warrants, among which is that for a Grant to His Royal Highness Prince Ernest of a Sum out of the 4½ pr Cent Fund, which will amount to 3000 £ pr Annum net.

The Delay in sending the Warrants for the Peerages has arisen from an Attempt which Mr Pitt fears will be unsuccessful

to find some proper Candidate for Norfolk in the Room of Sir John Wodehouse but the Letters are now sent with a view to fixing the Titles, and they will probably be ready to be compleated in a few days.

Earl Spencer.

Admiralty — 29th Aug: 1797.

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Earl Spencer thinks it his Duty to lay before your Majesty a Message just received by the Telegraph from Deal, and a French Paper which has since arrived in Town by Express from Dover.

Admiralty 29 Aug: 1797. 3 P.M.

Ld. Spencer

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Earl Spencer has the Honour to lay before your Majesty to lay before your Majesty the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Court Martial held on the Mutineers of the Standard; and humbly proposes to your Majesty that the Law may take its course with respect to William Holdsworth, Henry Freeman, and J. Barnard; that William Redfern whom the Court have thought fit to recommend to your Majesty's Mercy be pardoned on Condition of solitary Confinement for one Year, and after that to be transported for Life, there being great Reason to suppose that he is a

Person of very bad Principles and Connections: That Wm: Jones be pardoned on Condition of imprisonment to hard Labour for seven Years, one of which to be in solitary Confinement; that John Davis & Bartholomew Convery be pardoned on Condition of Imprisonment to hard Labour for seven Years, six Months of which to be in solitary Confinement; and that Joseph Hudson, Thomas Linnes, and Thomas Seal be pardoned on Condition of Imprisonment to hard Labour for five Years, six Months of which to be in solitary Confinement.

Earl Spencer has at the same time the Honour to

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lay before your Majesty a Letter received this day from Mr Nepean at Dover, stating the substance of the Report which was circulated by the French Papers received here on the 29th Instant.

Admiralty 31 Aug: 1797.

Earl Spencer.

Admiralty 31st Aug. 1794.