

Wm Pitt

May 8 1798

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Mr Pitt

May 10. 1798

Mr Pitt humbly begs leave to acquaint
Your Majesty that Mr Tierney this day
made a motion for a Committee, founded
on a Complaint of Lord Onslow's conduct
in rejecting a proposal for coming from
an Association connected with Mr Tierney,
Friends in the Borough. The Motion was

opposed with great Force and much to
the Satisfaction of the House by Mr
Secretary Dundas; and very ineffectually
supported by Mr Skendall, Lord William
Rusel, and Mr Tierney in reply,
after which the Motion was rejected
by 141 to 21. - Mr Pitt Inher the

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Liberty also of intimating to your Majesty
that, on consideration of the very
inflammatory and almost undisguised
Language held by Mr Fox at the
Whig Club last Week (as reported by
the Morning Post and Morning Chronicle)
which account remains wholly uncontro-
-verted) It seems to be the opinion of

such of your Majesty's Servants as Mr
Pitt has as yet, had an Opportunity of
consulting, that they ought humbly
to submit to your Majesty the Propriety
of directing tomorrow that Mr Fox's
Name should be erased from the List
of Privy Counsellors.

Yours truly
Tuesday May 8th 1798. S.P.

Abp. of Canterbury (John Moore) to the Salisbury

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Lambeth house

May 8. 1798

My Lord,

Having been informed, that a
Grand Masquerade is intended to be given
at the Kings Theatre on the 17th of this month,
(being Ascension-day, commonly called
Holy Thursday) and the Truth of the
Information being confirmed by
an advertisement in the Public Papers; I
have thought it my duty to submit to
His Majesty's consideration the great
^{inappropriateness} impropriety of such a Profanation of
that Holy Festival. His Majesty having
^{pleas'd} been to express his utter disapprobation
of the ^{it} intended Masquerade, & I have
^{disapproved with Royal} His Majesty's commands to assure your
Lordship of His desire that ^{it} may be put
~~off to~~ I have the honor to be, with
great Respect, Your Lordships
Humble Servant
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Alston to Lord
Salisbury relative
to a message
re. returned for
May 17. Holy Thursday
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18 May 1898.

Ld. Grenville

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Cleveland Row May 8. 1798.

11. P.M.

Lord Grenville has the honour to acquaint
Your Majesty that Mr. Sager is arriv'd, and will
have the honour to pay his duty to Your
Majesty tomorrow. As Lord Grenville found on
enquiry that Mr. Sager has no children, he
thought he should best execute Your Majesty's

gracious

gracious intentions towards M^r. Hagel's family
by intimating to him that after his decease
the pension will be continued in certain fixed
proportions to his Brothers & Sisters. And the
grant will accordingly be prepared in this form
if Your Majesty shall be graciously pleased to
approve of it.

Monsieur Hagel has desired Lord Gren-
ville to lay at Your Majesty's feet his grateful
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Ld. Grenville

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and dutiful acknowledgments for Your Majesty's
goodness towards Him.

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Lord Grenville
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Lord Grenville

May 9. 1798

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Cleveland Row May 9. 1798.

15 1/2 p.m.
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Lord Grenville has the honour to transmit
to Your Majesty the letters just arriv'd by a Courier
from Stuttgard. He earnestly hopes from Mr. Aichbuthnast's
account that all ground for uneasiness is past, and
that Your Majesty will continue to receive satisfactory
accounts

accounts of Her Royal Highness's health. Lord
Grenville has taken the liberty to put into the box
the letters for the Queen, and the Princesses, con-
cerning that Your Majesty would approve of it.

Earl Spencer

10th May 1798

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Earl Spencer has great satisfaction in laying before
your Majesty the accompanying Copy of a Report
just received by the Telegraph from Portsmouth,
which he trusts is only a specimen of the
manner in which the Enemy will be received whenever
they attempt to invade any part of your Majesty's
Dominions.

Admiralty. 10 May 1798.

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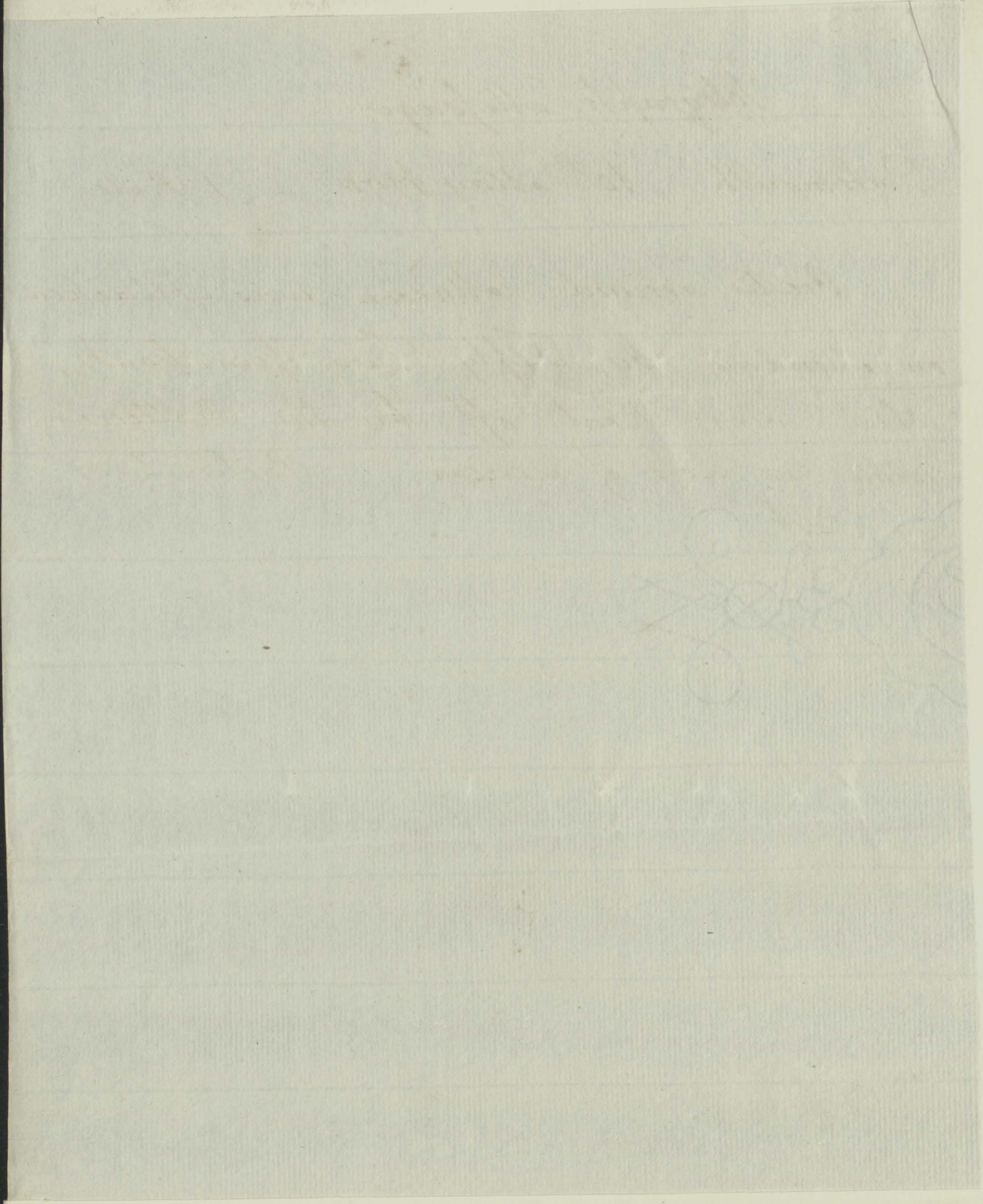
Enclosure -

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Telegraph Message

Portsmouth. 10th May 1900 - 1 P.M.

Crested arrived. Marcon was Attacked
on Monday by Fifty Two Gun-boats,
which were Beat off by the Batteries,
with the Loss of Seven. Particulars
by Post.



Ed. Grenville

May 11 1798

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Cleveland Nov ¹⁷⁹⁸ May 11. 1798

In humble obedience to Your Majesty's
commands Lord Grenville has enclosed to Count
Zepelin the several letters which he received
from Your Majesty this morning.

Wm. Pitt

May 12 1798

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Mr Pitt humbly begs leave to acquaint
Your Majesty, that in consequence of
the vacancy in the Mastership of Trinity
College occasioned by the death of Dr
Pottlethwayte, He has made every
Inquiry in his Power with respect to

the Qualifications of any Persons who
could be thought of to succeed to it.

Upon the best Consideration in his Power

He is strongly persuaded that no Person
can be found more fit to be selected for
such an Appointment than Dr Manne,
a Member of the College, who has for
several Years acquitted himself with

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great Credit as Public Orator of the
University. - He is perfectly orthodox
in his Principles, has been very active
in counteracting those of a contrary
Disposition, and of very conciliating
Manners, tho' at the same Time of a
Firm of Mind fully to maintain
the Authority of the Situation, and

(what is much wanted) to improve
the Discipline of the College. On these
grounds Mr Pitt ventures humbly
to recommend him for your Majesty's
Approbation

Downing Street

Saturday May 12th 1798

Mr Pitt
Downing Street May 12. 1798

Lord Grenville,
Drogheda. 13. May 1790.

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Drogheda May 13. 1790.

Lord Grenville is honoured with
Your Majesty's note respecting Mr. Atkins, &
he will write to Sir James Craufurd in con-
formity to it by Tuesday's Mail.

M^r. Dundas

14th May 1798

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London 14th May 1798 1st P. M.

Mr Dundas has the honour
to come to Your Majesty
the Instructions and other
Papers relative to the
Secret Expedition under the
Command of Major General
Lotte and Captain Popham,
and he has the satisfaction
to announce to your

Her Majesty that the commu-
nication sealed last night,
the secret having remain-
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Enclosures

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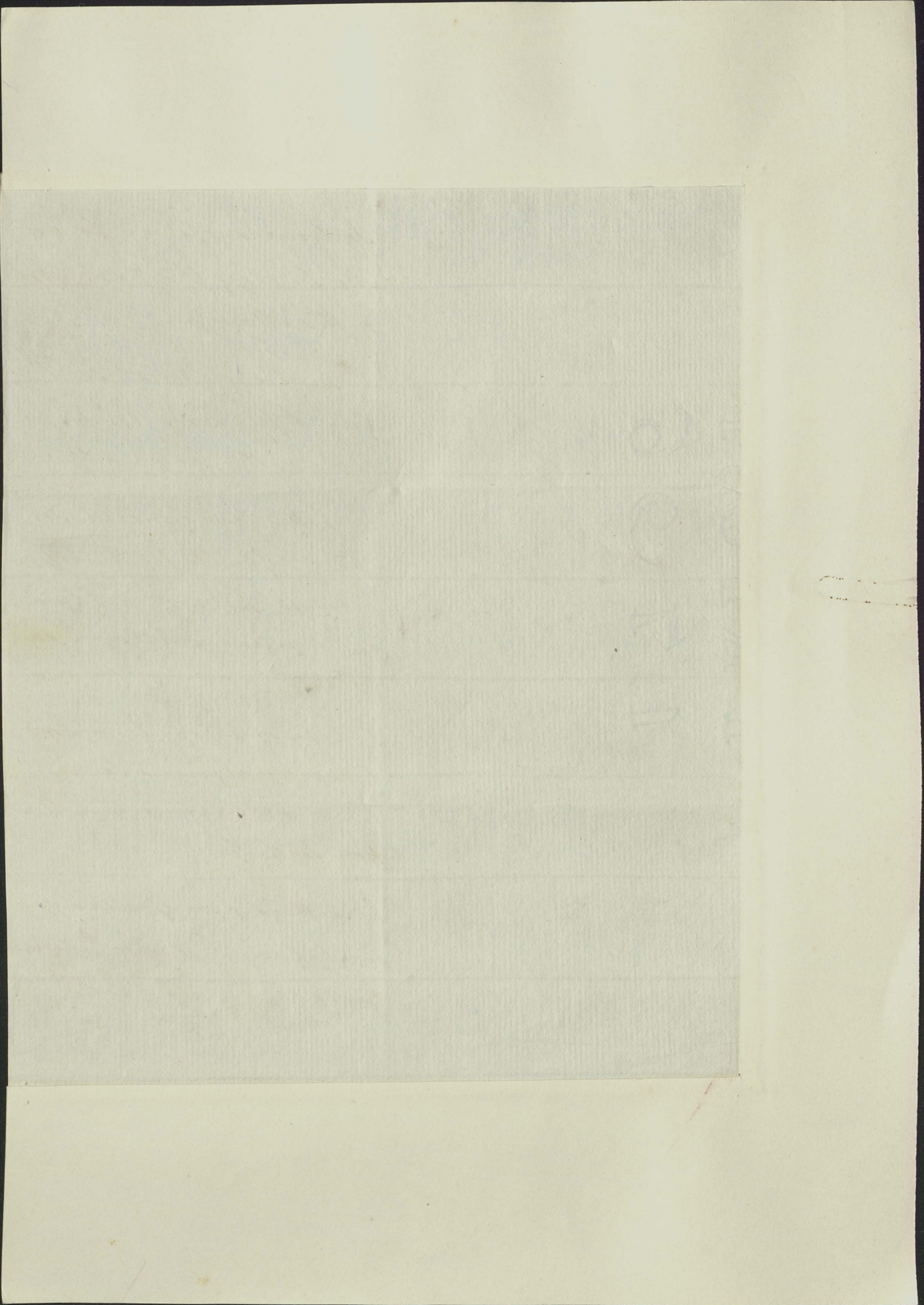
Enclosures referred to in
Mr Secretary Dundas's Note
to His Majesty.

1st Drafts to General Sir C.
Grey & the Lords Commis-
sioners of the Admiralty.

2^d Letter from General Sir
Charles Grey to Mr Huskisson
dated 10th Ins^t with a Plan
of the intended Attack on
Bstend.

3^d Copy of a note from Lord
Grenville referred to in
the abovementioned Letter
from Sir C. Grey.

4th Letters from General
Sir C. Grey & Major General
Cooke dated 13th Ins^t.



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Review
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8865-6

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It being the Earnest wish of His Royal Highness
The Prince of Wales, in the present alarming situa-
tion of the Country, threatened to be invaded
by a powerful Enemy, to be Honour'd by His
Majesty with such a Rank in His Army, as
would ^{afford} ~~enable~~ ^{an opportunity,} His R. H. in Case of an Actual
Invasion, of ^{acting} in the most conspicuous manner
in repelling the Enemies of the King's Constitution.

In whatever view His R. H. High Rank &
Station in the State may ~~be~~ ^{be} abstractedly considered
in relation to His Majesty's other Subjects in the
Realm, yet, in the judgement of the most tena-
cious on this Question, it is manifestly clear,
that there can be no difficulty, in His R. H.
exercising whatever Military Rank His
Majesty might be Graciously Pleas'd to confer
upon him, in the case of His R. H. receiving
his Commands from His Majesty himself.

But, His Royal Highness, from sentiments
of the purest Duty & Respect to His Sovereign, is

however

desirous of having the Opinion of His Council,
And, of Mess^{rs} Mansfield, Esq^r & Adam,
Whether by the Laws and Constitution of this
Country, His Royal Highness (on Whom His
Majesty was Graciously pleased to Confer the
Command of the 10th Reg^t of Lt Dragoons, & in
which Capacity H. R. H. has acted for several years
by virtue of the Kings Commission bearing date
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the ~~present~~ Rank of A General on the Staff,
(Should it be His Majesty's Royal Will & Pleasure
to bestow it) and in consequence of taking an
active Command, especially at a period like this
in such a District as His Majesty might be pleased
to think proper: And whether H. R. H. is precluded
from receiving a Military ^{order} ~~commission~~ in the course
of Active Service, from any ^{order} ~~subject~~ ^{of His Majesty}
bearing ~~from~~ His Majesty A Superior Officers
Commission to that of H. R. H.

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is precluded from receiving a Military Order

We are by Opinion that the laws & Constitution of the
Country furnish no objection to His Royal
Highness accepting any Military Office or
Command which His Majesty shall think fit
to confer upon him, & that G. R. H. accepting
any such Office or Command will be
bound in the same manner as every
other Military Officer to obey the
Commands of his Superior Officer

If the Law was otherwise it wd
be impossible for G. R. H. to hold the
Command which His Majesty has already
been pleased to confer upon him

His Royal Highness
The Prince of Wales

17th May 1790.

H. R. H.'s Rank

in Army

J. Mansfield
J. Eschew
Robt. Graham
V. Gibbs
Wm. Adam
Joseph W. May

Duplicate of part of last.

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It being the earnest Wish of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales in the present alarming Situation of the Country, threatened to be invaded by a powerful Enemy, to have, by His Majesty's Favour, such a Situation in His Army, as would give His Royal Highness an Opportunity, in case of an actual Invasion, of acting in the most conspicuous manner, for his Country's Defence, and in repelling her Foes;

His Royal Highness is desirous of having the Opinion of his Council, and of Messrs Mansfield, Erskine and Adam, whether by the Laws and Constitution of this Country, His Royal Highness (on whom His Majesty was pleased some time since to confer the Colonelcy of the 10th Regiment of Dragoons) is so situated, by the

Rank

Rank and Station which he holds in the State,
as to be precluded from receiving from His Majesty's
Favour, the additional Promotion of a General
on the Staff, and in consequence of taking an
active Command in such a District of the Country
as the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's -
Forces should be pleased to direct; Or, if it were
adjudg'd to be incompatible with His Royal
Highness's high Rank and Station in the
State, to be placed in such a military -
Situation, as would subject him to the
Command of any of His Majesty's Subjects,
Whether His Royal Highness, if His Majesty were
pleas'd to confer on him the Promotion he solicits,
might not, consistently with such his high
Rank and Station in the State, receive his

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It being the Earnest Wish of His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, in the present alarming situation of The Country threaten'd to be Invaded by a powerful Enemy, to be Honour'd by His Majesty with such a Rank in His Army, as would afford His Royal Highness an opportunity in case of an Actual Invasion, of Acting in the most conspicuous manner in repelling the Foes of The King & The Constitution.

In whatever View His Royal Highness's high Rank & Station in the State may abstractedly be Consider'd in relation to His Majesty's other Subjects in the Realm, yet, in the judgement of those most tenacious on this Question, it appears manifestly clear that there can be no difficulty in His R. H. exercising whatever Military Rank His Majesty might be Graciously pleas'd to confer upon him, in the case of H. R. H. receiving his Commands from His Majesty himself.

~~But~~ His Royal Highness from ^{his} ~~his~~ sentiments of the purest Duty & respect to his Sovereign is however desirous of having the Opinion of his ^{Law Officers} ~~Consider'd~~. And of Mess^{rs} Mansfield Esq^r & Adam Whether by the Laws and Constitution of this Country, His Royal Highness

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whom His Majesty ~~was~~ Graciously Pleas'd to Confer the Command
of the 10th Regt of Lt Dragoons by ~~the~~ King's Commission of Colo
bearing Date the 19th of Nov. 1782) is Competent to hold the
Rank of a General on the Staff, should it be His Majesty's
Royal Will & Pleasure to bestow it and, in consequence,
of taking an Active Command, especially at a Period
like the present, in whatever District His Majesty might
think proper: And, whether His R. H^{ch} in possessing
that Rank in the Army, is precluded, because of His
Dignity as Prince of Wales, from receiving a Military
Order in the Course of Active Service, from any Officer,
bearing from His Majesty, a Superior Commission to
that of His Royal Highness. 

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May 1798

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1 It being the Earnest wish of His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, in the present alarming situation of the Country, threatened to be invaded by a powerful Enemy, to be Honour'd by His Majesty with such a Rank in His Army, as would afford H. R. H. an Opportunity, in case of an actual Invasion, of acting in the most conspicuous manner in repelling the Enemies of the King & the Constitution;

3 In whatever view H. R. H.'s high Rank & Station in the State, may abstractedly be consider'd in relation to His Majesty's other Subjects in the Realm, yet, in the Judgement of those most tenacious on this Question, it is manifestly clear, that there can be no difficulty in H. R. H. exercising whatever Military Rank His Majesty might be Graciously pleas'd to confer upon him, in the case of H. R. H. receiving his Commands from His Majesty himself.

2 ~~But~~ His Royal Highness, from sentiments of the purest Duty & Respect to His Sovereign is ~~however~~ desirous of having the Opinion of His Council, And of Messrs. Mansfield, Erskine & Adam, Whether by the Laws & Constitution of this Country, His R. H. (on whom His Majesty was Graciously pleas'd to confer the Command of the 10th Regt. of Lt. Dragoons by His

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~~King's~~ Commission bearing Date the 17th is competent to hold the Rank of a General on the Staff, should it be His Majesty's Royal Will & Pleasure to bestow it, and in consequence of taking an Active Command, especially at a Period like the present, in whatever District His Majesty might think proper: And, whether His Royal Highness in possessing that Rank in the Army, is precluded, because of the Dignity of His Station as Prince of Wales, from receiving, in the course of active Service, a Military Order from any Officer bearing from His Majesty, a Superior Commission to that of H. R. H. P.

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Geo. Canning

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Downing Street. May 20.
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M^r Canning most humbly thinks
it his duty to transmit without delay
to Your Majesty the enclosed letter from
M^r Arbuthnot, containing an account of
Her Royal Highness the Dutchess of
Wurtemberg's improved state of health,
together with the accompanying letters
for

for Her Majesty and the Princesses;
which have been received by the Mail
just arrived from Hamburg.

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London 20. May 1790

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Geo. Lanning

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Downing Street. May 20
3. p. M. 1798

Mr Lanning most humbly presumes
to dispatch a second Messenger to Your
Majesty, for the purpose of transmitting
to Your Majesty a letter, which has been
received by a second Hamburg Mail,
arrived since the former messenger was
dispatched; and which, as he conceives
it

it to relate to the subject of Her Royal
Highness the Duchess of Württemberg's
Recovery, Mr. Canning thinks it his
duty to lose no time in forwarding.

Duke of Portland

May 21 1798

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The Duke of Portland most humbly presumes to offer to
Your Majesty's pardon the enclosed letter from Mr. King
to Mr. Wickham which is but just arrived & which is the
only account the Duke of Portland has received of the
proceedings at Houdstone - Mr. Arthur Gouge's seal has
been sadly misplaced

Whitehall Monday 21 May 1798
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Ed. Spencer

May 22 1798

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Ed. Spencer has the Honour of being
before you Objects the Dispatches just arriv'd
from Captain Popham off Ostend, and is much
concerned that the success attending the Undertaking
in the first Instance was by so unfortunate a
Change of Wind at a most critical Moment
attended by the Capitain of so many Officers & Men,
though considering the Circumstances the Loss in
killed & wounded appears to have been very
small. Captain Winthrop who brought the
Dispatches says that if the Wind had not changed
the object wou'd have succeed'd as completely as could
have been desired.
Admiralty 22 May. 1798.

Lord Spencer

Aug 22. 1790

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Duke of Portland

May 22 1798

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The Duke of Portland most respectfully submits to Your Majesty further accounts of the proceedings at Maidstone which he has just received from Sir: Wickham - by which it appears that the Attorney General stood his case last night, & as it may be inferred, to his own satisfaction - & that the Court adjourned till eight o'clock this morning - He

Warrant

Warrant repeatedly applied for for the detention of O'Hara
in case of his acquittal was sent to Mr White at
Bradstone yesterday evening by a messenger who waits
to execute it should it be necessary

Buckingham House
Tuesday 22^d May 1798
5^h p. e. a. m.

Wm. Pitt

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Tomning Street
May 23^d. 1798

Mr Pitt humbly presents to her Majesty
a Letter which he
received this Day from Mr Livingston
enclosing one addressed to your Majesty
which Mr Pitt has thought it his Duty
to forward, and likewise another Paper
containing a Statement of His Royal

Highness's Affairs. - Mr Pitt trusts
from these Papers that the Credit
which he had previously received
Your Majesty's Commands to authorize
will be sufficient to prevent any
Embarrassment.

Mr Pitt also takes the Liberty of
submitting a Warrant for carrying

Wm. Pitt

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H. Pitt
23rd May 1798

Ld. Chatham to M. Gen. Francis Edward Glyn

May 27 1798

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Hyde Park Corner May 27 1798

My dear Sir

As I think it not improbable that before the King comes to town to-morrow, some reports may reach Windsor of a transaction which took place to day, on the subject of which His Majesty's great goodness will, I know lead him to feel not uninterested, and yet being at the same time sensible that it is of a nature that no direct report of what passed ought perhaps to be immediately made to his Majesty, I have been induced to trouble

you with this to apprise you, that my Brother
and Mr. Turry, in consequence of a message
from the latter, met to day at three o'clock
at Putney Heath, and after two fines from
each party, the business was satisfactorily
adjusted by the interference of the second.
A statement of what passed, has been agreed
to by them to night, conformably to what
was settled before they left the ground, and
which will be made public to morrow, a
copy of which I enclose you, that you may
be enabled to give His Majesty any
further information, he may be

Ld. Chatham to M. Gen. Francis Edward O'Hara

May 27 1798

pleas'd to ask on this subject.

Prudence

My Dear Sir

Very sincerely yours

Chatham

Lord Maitland to
General Gage
May 27. 1740

(On Envelope)

Enclosure

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We are authorized to state that in consequence of what passed on Friday last, Mr Pitt accompanied by Mr Ryder, and Mr Tierney accompanied by Mr George Walpole met at three o'clock yesterday afternoon on Putney heath.

After some ineffectual attempts on the part of the Seconds to prevent further proceedings, the parties took their ground at the distance of twelve paces. A case of pistols was fired at the same moment without effect. A second case was also fired in the same manner. Mr Pitt firing

firing his pistol in the air. The Seconds
then jointly interposed, and insisted that
the matter should go no further, it
being their decided opinion that sufficient
satisfaction had been given, and that
the business was ended with perfect honour
to both parties.

Duke of Portland

May 27 1798

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The Duke of Portland humbly begs leave to lay before Your Majesty the despatches from the Lord Lieutenant which he received this day at noon; to which he presumes to add a very short letter of Mr. Coles to Mr. Wickham, but which is sufficient to show the temper & feelings of the House of Commons in the present crisis. The Duke of Portland also begs Your Majesty's permission to add

add for Your Majesty's further information that he learns by the
newspaper, who was prevented upon account of the tide from embarking
at 10 o'clock on Friday morning, that the most perfect tranquillity
had prevailed throughout the City of Dublin during the night, &
that no accounts of any new acts of Rebellion or Outrage ^{having been committed in the County} had been
received before the packet sailed. The newspaper also says that the
unanimous opinion of Dublin is for the necessity of certain measures of
repressive & active measures.

The Duke of Portland most dutifully submits to Your Majesty
Mr Justice Buller's Report of Langleys Trial, which when it has been
before

Duke of Portland

May 27 1798

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As a special commission, it seems requisite to be laid before your
Majesty for the purpose of your Majesty's pleasure being taken
respecting the manner in which the Grant is to be disposed of
& also, at the suggestion of the Lord Chancellor, to ask your
Majesty's Commands whether your Majesty will please to be
attended for that purpose on Wednesday next.

The Grants of the Attorney & Solicitor General of Ireland have
been so conspicuous & the Abuses & Excesses of the same so
universally acknowledged as rendering them a worthy object of your
Majesty's

to your Majesty
which it has been
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Duke of Portland.

Pulshode 27. May 1798

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condescension favour, that the Duke of Portland ventures to express
his humble hopes that Your Majesty will be graciously pleas'd
to assent to the prayer of the said Lieutenant in his behalf,
& that Your Majesty will not consider it to be improper, in that
case, to direct Mr Wolfe to be raised to the dignity of the Baron
which honor Your Majesty was pleas'd to confer on his Wife
about three years since

Pulshode Sunday 27th May 1798
4. p. m.

The Duke of Portland

30th May 1798

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The Duke of Portland most humbly begs leave to lay before
your Majesty the dispatches which are this moment arriv'd
from the Lord Lieutenant - I sweep across your Majesty's
arms in every direction, but the influence of the Roman
system which has occasioned this Rebellion has spread
itself so extensively and seems to require to be met in

so many different directions that the Duke of Portland
sincerely hopes that Your Majesty will approve the earnest
desire with which the Lord Lieutenant represents the
necessity of being enabled by an increase of military
force to crush it effectually

Buckingham House

Wednesday 30 May 1798
28 p. 8 p. m.