Duke of Portland

July 1 1798

The Duke of Portland most humbly begs leave to lay before Your Majesty a dispatch received this morning from the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland containing a report of a very decisive advantage gained over the Rebels in the neighbourhood of Goresbridge by Sir Charles Asgill. The Duke of Portland also begs leave to acquaint Your Majesty that the Orde for the

Government

Government of the English Bishops in Ireland is arrived, & is now before Your Majesty's Law Servants, who will have prepared that Report upon it in the course of this afternoon but unfortunately not at so early an hour as to make it possible to have it submitted to Your Majesty in the course of this evening. But considering the great importance of this Bill & being desired into a Law with all the dispatch which is consistent with Your Majesty's convenience, the Duke of Portland presumes to

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Duke of Portland

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request Your Majesty's permission for the Council to attend
Your Majesty tomorrow at Windsor at as early an hour
as Your Majesty will please to command —

Burlington House
Sunday 1st July 1798
at
55 p. 3. p. m.

Duke of Portland

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Duke of Portland

July 2 1798

The Duke of Portland most humbly begs leave to add to the publick dispatches from the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland which are herewith submitted to Your Majesty a private Letter from that worthy man as far as it intimates the intention of bringing the Issue of a Proclamation of pardon with certain exceptions & of endeavouring to wrest the ideas & language of those who are too much disposed to give this Rebellion the colour of a War of Religion

has anticipated the purport of a dispatch of which the Duke of
Portland had prepared a draft before he left Town to be laid before
Your Majesty — The Duke of Portland begs leave also to acquaint
Your Majesty that he has the satisfaction to find by a private
letter he has received from Major General Lefebvre dated Coppel
the 29th June, that Lieut. Colonel had got possession of almost every
one of the Chiefs of the Rebellion in that County without any compromise
or conditions whatever; that the disposition of the Rebels is very great, that
from his own observation & all the information which can be procured
it is evident that they have very little ammunition, & that he looks

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July 2 1798

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the Bishop of
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also a account
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Lord Cornwallis
of absolutely
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very great, that
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upon the business as entirely settled in that part of the Country. In
Genl Lake's letter he says that he is going with
Genl Lake to Dublin —

Bulstrode
Monday 2d July 1798
2 p. m.

Duke of Rutland

July 2. 1790.

Ld. Grenville

July 5 1798

Downing Street July 5. 1798

Your Majesty will receive with this box a dispatch from Sir William Hamilton notifying the recall of M. de Circello, and the appointment of the Prince de Belmonte to reside here as Minister from the Court of Naples. M. de Circello made this

this morning a similar communication to Lord Grenville, but shewed him at the same time a cypherred dispatch in which M. de Gallo acquaints him that there are circumstances which will in the present moment prevent the Prince de Belmonte from setting out for England, and that M. de Circello is therefore to continue to exercise his functions as before, and to be guided by his former orders.

In this state of uncertainty and contra-

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- diction, Lord Grenville has advised M. de Circello to keep his recall secret for the present, and has promised to do so likewise.

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Lord Grenville
July 5 1790

Earl Spencer.

Wimbledon Park. 8th July 1798.

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Earl Spencer has the Honour of laying before your Majesty the Proceedings of a Court Martial held on three Seamen of the Adamant for Mutiny, and humbly submits to your Majesty the Propriety of ordering the Sentence of Death to be carried into Execution on Stevens and Mullins but that Kelly when the Court have recommended to your Majesty's Mercy should in consideration of the circumstances stated by them obtain your Majesty's Pardon.

Wimbledon Park. 8 July. 1798.

Lord Grenville,
Dropmore, 10. July 1790.

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Dropmore July 10. 1790.

Lord Grenville has the honour to transmit to Your Majesty two private letters with their inclosures which he has received from Sir William Hamilton by the last Mail.

Earl Spencer.

Admiralty 10th June 1798.
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It is with great Concern that Earl Spencer finds himself under the Necessity of so soon again laying before your Majesty a Sentence of two Seamen for Mutiny, and of humbly submitting to your Majesty the Propriety of its being carried into Execution, but the present Case is of so very atrocious a Description, that any relaxation from the utmost Rigour of the Law cannot but fail of being attended with dangerous consequences to your Majesty's Service.

Admiralty. 10 July. 1798.

Geo. Hammond

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Downing Street July 13th 1.0 Clock in the morning

Mr Hammond most humbly begs leave to represent to Your Majesty that there are by the mail just arrived a dispatch from Mr Grenville, another from Sir Charles Whitworth, and a third from Lord Robert Fitz=Gerald, in cypher; but as they will require some time to be decyphered, Mr Hammond has not thought it proper to detain, on account of them, the Messenger for Your Majesty beyond the usual hour.

Mr. Hammond

Downing St. 13th July 1798

Mr. Thomas Keate
[Dr. John Keate 6 ?]

Mr. Keate
15 Feb 1799

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Arlington Street
July 15. 91

Sir

Having received the inclosed Letter & Paper this morning from Mr. Sharp at Twickenham I think it is my Duty to transmit both to you, and shall be obliged to you, if you see no Objection, to lay them before The King. It is scarcely necessary for me to add that the Paper, addressed to The King, contains my sentiments also; because I flatter myself His Majesty is already informed thereof. I beg leave to add one circumstance, that in case His Majesty should be pleased to inquire if I know of any situation

possessing the requisites stated in Mr.
Sharp's Paper, I should humbly
submit to His Majesty the Village
of Worthing, between Little Hampton
& Shoreham, on the Sussex Coast. There
are houses near the Sea that have been
built within these three or four years, with
no road between them & the Sea; the
bathing very good, and the Sands unequal
any where that I have ever seen.
The Village is retired, and there is not
room for much Company. I have been
rather informed, since I received Mr. Sharp's
Letter that three of the houses, above
mentioned are at present unoccupied.
Whether these would be adequate to
Her Royal Highness's accommodation
is not for me to judge. They are at

least clean, and the two rooms, fore & back, are laid together, so as to produce a thorough air, when necessary. The descent to the Sands is the easiest possible, & when on them a Carriage may go for four or five miles at the water edge, without interruption.

Having been there with my Children about three years since, I am enabled to give this particular account.

The River at Shoreham terminates the Excursions upon the Sands, so that there is no possibility of going further Eastward towards Brighton, but as far as little Hampton Westward.

Of Bognor I can say but little, having only seen it, driving aside upon the Sands from Worthing. There are however no Hotels, and

the airings must be inland. I have heard that the place is more public but that it has good accommodation, in houses.

of Rottingdean I can only say that the houses are tolerable; there are no sands, and at certain times of tide no bathing; here also my children were three summers.

of Eastbourne I need say nothing. I leave you to make what use you please of the above information. I can have no other view & no possible wish but upon all occasions to study Their Majesties Pleasure, & to throw myself at Their Majesties feet

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Wm. Thomas Keate

Wm. Sharp to [Dr. John Keate]
Enc.

With Mr Keate's 15 July 1798

Dear Sr 8945 Fulham 15 July 1798

Having some doubts that I may not have explained myself properly to his Majesty after I had the honor of making my last visit to her Royal Highness the Princess Amelia; I am anxious to state my ideas in writing, desiring you to explain to his Majesty more clearly & fully, any thing I may have omitted; & I am the rather inclined to represent this through yourself as the long conversation we had together enables you to know my sentiments perfectly.

I am, dear Sr

Your most humble Servt

Wm. Sharp

Delt Mr Keates, July 15 1798

To the King

Mr Sharp most humbly begs permission to lay before His Majesty those circumstances which occurred to him after the last Visit he had the Honor of paying to Her Royal Highness the Princess Amelia. Viz.

That on making some trials of the ability of her Royal Highness to bear motion, he was much disappointed at finding that every motion produced some distress; also

That it is clearly his Opinion, that the Sea Air is highly necessary for the recovery of Her Royal Highness.

Should His Majesty be pleased to wish to be informed of Mr Sharp's opinion, in the present case of a journey to Weymouth; he begs leave humbly to represent that so long a journey cannot, with safety to Her Royal Highness, be performed in one day; and it would be extremely hazardous to set out on a journey of more than one easy day

both on account of the impossibility of beginning a second days journey, whilst under the influence of additional pain, & the almost certainty of one days journey, even a short one, producing some temporary distress.

Mr Sharp therefore begs leave with the utmost deference to recommend that the place to be wished for may be as near as possible to Windsor, where there is an open Sea View, with the Windows of the Apartments looking upon the Sea; good accommodations at all times of the Tide for bathing & Sands upon which a Carriage may drive.

Earl Spencer.

Admiralty – 17th July 1798.

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Earl Spencer has the Honor to lay before Your Majesty the Proceedings of a Court Martial held at Portsmouth on two Men belonging to the Pluto Sloop, and humbly submits to Your Majesty that it will be necessary to order the Sentence of Death passed on John Bryan to be carried into Execution, as he appears to be a very fit Object for an Example.

Admiralty. 17 July. 1798.

Earl St. Vincent
17th July 1798

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Sire

My Labors and the last drop of my Blood are devoted to the defence of your Majesty's sacred Person, and Government: Should I survive this War, and your Majesty would be graciously pleased to bestow the Rangership of Greenwich Park on me, the remainder of my days would be pleasingly passed, amidst the Scenes of my youth, for I was educated at Lunden's Academy, and near the Asylum, of those gallant Seamen who have carried your Majesty's Arms, to a pitch of Glory, beyond

that of any former Reign.

Greenwich Park from nights exercise by the People time immemorial, exhibits a scene of frolick and gambol, and indecorous posture, which renders it a very unfit residence for any Branch of the Royal Family, or I should never have presum'd, after what I have seen to have again thought of it

I have the honor to be with the most profound respect

Sire

your Majesty's

Most faithful
and dutiful Servant
St Vincent

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E. Livingstone

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Vienna 18 July 1790

Sire

I am honoured with your Majestys letter of 29 June, and made very happy by your Gracious approbation of my Conduct, your Majesty may depend on my making it my Chief Study to obey your Commands, and to render every Service in my power to the prince Augustus, who's Conduct since our arrival here has been very proper, at same time I cannot flatter my self that His Royal Highness honors me with his Confidence, I am afraid the advice the prince got from England before my arrival has made a Deep impression on his mind, and will not be easily removed; I will do everything

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possible to deserve his friendship, and to merit his Esteem

Lord Grenville sent last week an order to Sir Morton Eden to furnish me with a Credit to the amount of £4000 stg which I will manage with proper Economy, and Mr Pitt shall have very Exact Vouchers for every Shilling spent for the princes Service; I beg your Majesty may be graciously pleased to let me have your Commands Concerning the princes allowance for his pocket money, also, the Exact Sum for the Support of His Royal Highness Household, til I have your Majesty's Commands on that Subject it is not Easy for me to act with propriety Hetherto the princes demands for money have been moderate, His Royal Highness Chuses it

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personal Bills Every Week, also that of his House
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as Doctor Donier is still of opinion that the
princes Constitution cannot stand the Climate
of Germany in Winter, or late in the Autumn,
it is necessary to think Seriously of removing
from first Vienna, the Doctor says Portugal
is preferable to every other Climate, Italy Excepted
To that Country I never can advise his return, and
since the French are in possession of Malta, all
Italy is in a most Critical Situation, Doctor Donier
says on reflection altho the Climate of Gibraltar
would be favorable to the princes health, that he
is Certain the Style of living there would prove

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Mr Livingston
10th July 1790

permission to His Royal Highness, and I have reason
to Believe the prince would not Easily Consent to
be Shut up there, unless Employed as an Officer:
The next Climate the Doctor says is Devonshire
where he thinks the Climate would agree with
the prince perfectly, your Majesty's pleasure
is to our Removing, and where to fix for the
winter is very necessary, and the sooner you are
graciously pleased to order your Commands to be
Sent me, the better: the prince cannot bear the
fatigue of traveling quick, and I wish to have
His Royal Highness in winter quarters before
the bad weather Sets in
I have the honor to be with the most profound
respect

Sire
your Majesty's most dutyful
and faithful Subject
R Livingston

Duke of Portland

July 21 1798

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The Duke of Portland most humbly begs leave to represent to Your Majesty that the Act of Grace the Preamble of which was read over by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland on Thursday & which the Duke of Portland was commanded by Your Majesty to refer to Your Majesty's Law Servants has been settled by them & is ready to be laid before Your Majesty at any time

time after one o'clock tomorrow at which Your Majesty will be pleased to signify Your Commands to the Duke of Portland ~~that Your Majesty will appoint~~ to be attended by Your Council for the purpose of declaring Your Royal Pleasure to grant an act of Grace & Pardon to Your Majesty's subjects in Ireland & to sign the Bill to that effect. The Lord Chancellor who is with the Duke of Portland & Lord Grenville & Mr Pitt will be in readiness to attend Your Majesty's commands —

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Duke of Portland

July 21 1798

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Your Majesty and
the Duke of Portland
humbly begs leave to lay before Your
Majesty Mr Cooke's Letter to Mr Wickham which contains the
only account which has been transmitted to day of the state of Ireland
& is as far as it goes a confirmation of the alteration which
appeared by the last Letters to be happily taking place in
the disposition & sentiments of the deluded people of that Country

Bulstrode
Saturday night 21 July 1798

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Duke of Portland,
Buckstone.
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Lord Grenville
Dropmore 23. July 1798.

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Dropmore July 23. 1798.

Lord Grenville has the honour to transmit to Your Majesty a letter from Mr. Livingston, respecting which he humbly begs to be honoured with Your Majesty's commands. He has also the honour to submit to Your Majesty two separate letters from Lord Elgin, with the draft of the answer

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which, if Your Majesty should be graciously pleased to approve it, he proposes sending by Lord Elgin's Servant tomorrow.

H. M. to E. Livingston.

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Windsor July 24th 1798.

Though I have not kept a Copy of my first letter to Mr. Livingston, I think I did not mention the Receipt of his of the 1st of May wherein he mentions the very handsome conduct of Sir William Hamilton on the dilemma concerning the debts of my Son Augustus, Mr Pitt has my directions to have that matter arranged, though they certainly greatly exceed my expectations, I do not enter further on the subject of money as I think it much better that that Article should remain in the hands of Lord Grenville, Mr Pitt and Mr Dundas, who have my fullest directions on that head and will write to you on that subject. I shall certainly in a friendly thought strong manner write to Augustus on the necessity of his keeping within the Allowances intended for him, and the instructions to you from the Ministers shall be very pointed.

It may not be improper to mention

Earl Spencer
25th July 1798

This endorsement presumably belongs to 8957

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Downing Street.
Wednesday July 25th
1798

Mr Pitt begs leave to make his humble excuse for not paying his duty at St James's to day. He was prevented from coming at as early an hour as he had intended, and stopped afterwards on being informed, (as he since finds, by mistake) that there was a Recorder's Report, tho he was too late. He takes

the Liberty also, in consequence of the Intimation which Your Majesty has had the Condescension and Goodness to send by Mr Dundas, to submit to Your Majesty that the two Persons in the House of Commons, whom he should venture to recommend as the

Earl Spencer
25th July 1798

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as Mr Perceval and Mr Bragge. The
Office of Solicitor to the Queen might
perhaps be more material on account
of its Rank to the latter than to
Mr Perceval who has already a Silk
Gown. But he is at the same Time

not certain without Inquiry whether the Nature of Mr Bragge's Practice would render Precedence advantageous to him.

Your Majesty may perhaps have the Goodness to permit Mr Pitt to ascertain privately this Point from the Speaker to whom it will be peculiarly gratifying to learn that Mr Bragge (who is his Brother in Law) has been in Contemplation

Mr Pitt submits some Warrants for Your Majesty's Signature —

Downing Street Thursday 29th

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Ld. Spencer

July 25 1798

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Earl Spencer having been informed that Captain Matthew Smith late of your Majesty's Ship the Diomede intends to attend this day at St James's in order to pay his Duty to your Majesty, thinks it his Duty to lay before your Majesty the accompanying Copy of an Order issued by your Majesty in Council for Captain Smith's remaining on the List of Captains notwithstanding the Sentence of a Court Martial by which he was dismissed from

your Majesty's Service, lest the Circumstances of his Case should have escaped your Majesty's Recollection. Your Majesty will observe that though by the Opinion of the Attorney & Solicitor General the Sentence was reputed to be irregular, the Merits of the Case do not appear to be at all affected by that Determination.

Admiralty 25 July. 1798.

Ld. Granville

July 26 1798

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Cleveland Row July 26.
1798
4 P.M.

Lord Grenville trusts that the great importance of the subject of the inclosed papers, to Your Majesty's Government in Ireland, will plead his apology to Your Majesty for breaking in upon Your Majesty this Evening, as it may be important that any orders which Your Majesty

Majesty may think proper to give on the subject to Baron Lenthe, or to him, should be executed in time for tomorrow's Mail. Lord Grenville is perfectly sensible that the matter itself is in many respects a delicate one, and he presumes to say no more upon it, than that from the intelligence which has at different times been procured this man appears to have been the principal channel of communication between the

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Ld. Granville

July 26 1798

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Enemy, and the Irish Rebels: and therefore that his being sent to Ireland (if the thing is possible) would be a point of very great advantage.

But Your Majesty alone can judge how far this can be done.

Nothing else of importance is come by the Mail.

Ld. Grenville
Cleveland Row July 26th 1798.
G. R.

H.M. to Lord Grenville

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Windsor July 26th 1798

Mr Pitt

I have just received the Papers Lord Grenville has forwarded to me; the whole business seems so irregular and in its consequences so delicate that I do not think it is possible I can with any safety give the Orders Mr Crawford seems to wish. I have kept the papers for further consideration I will send for Barwell and tomorrow morning write more explicitly, though I do not think at present I can possibly consent to be taking a Step which I fear is contrary to every idea of Neutrality in Germany.

George R.

Copy.

K. to Ld Grenville

Windsor July 26th 1798 11. p.m.

Mr. Pitt
Downing Street July 27th 1798

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Downing Street.
Friday July 27th 1798

Mr. Pitt begs your Majesty's Permission to express how much he feels your Majesty's Goodness in encouraging him to make use of the present Interval for his Excursion to the Sea Coast, and he means immediately to avail himself of your Majesty's gracious Permission. He has written to the

Speaker to make the Inquiry which
Your Majesty has had the goodness to
allow with respect to Mr Bragge

The accompanying Warrants are submitted
for Your Majesty's Signature

Duke of Portland

July 30. 1798

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Your Majesty was pleased to signify upon the cap. of the Recorder of London's Letter in which he acquainted the Duke of Portland that his Report of the Convicts who were tried last Sessions at the Old Bailey was ready to be laid before Your Majesty, that Your Majesty would receive it either on Last Wednesday or next Wednesday the first of August. The Duke of Portland most humbly

humbly requests to know whether it is Your Majesty's pleasure that the Recorder should be ordered to attend Your Majesty at St James's at the usual hour after the Levee on Wednesday next. —

Balsbode
Monday 30 July 1798
30 m p. 9. p. m.

Lord Grenville,
Dropmore 31st July 1798.

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Dropmore July 31. 1798

Lord Grenville has the honour humbly to acquaint Your Majesty that the Marquis de Spinola who long since received his letters of recall, is now returning to Genoa, and has applied to have the honour of an audience of leave. As M. de Spinola's principles are good, and as his personal conduct has always been unexceptionable Lord Grenville judged

judged that Your Majesty would not refuse this request, and has therefore appointed Mr. de Spinola for tomorrow unless he should receive any different orders from Your Majesty.