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Encl. to 8970

Mr Lowry Stone
August 1st 1790

to Henry Dundas

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private and confidential

Vienna 5th August 1790

Sir

I only got by last post the honor of your letter of 29 June, and refer you to mine of 18 July. I have not yet got Her Majestys Instructions and Commands for the allowance to be made for the Annual Expences of the Princes Household, H.R.H. pocket money &c. The Kings instructions become every day more necessary. The prince tels his friends, "I have never seen the Kings orders to make any "reform in my Household, or have Livingston's "authority to keep back any part of the £2000. per "annum this Majesty allowed for my pocket money. In the many Conversations I have had with the prince, concerning Genteel Oeconomy, and proper reforms in his Household, & personal Expences. H.R.H. has allways agreed I was perfectly right, and that he was determined to follow my advice, at same time I know he blames me for the reforms made in his Family. He says, The King writes in an affectionate

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manner to him; and Concludes His Majesty is pleased with his Conduct, you must See the Absolute necessity of my receiving the Kings positive Commands; without such authority it will be impossible to prevent many unnecessary Expences

I have Sent His Majesty Doctor Domeers opinion about the best Climates for the prince, The Doctor Says Italy is the most Salutary, portugal the next, and then Devonshire, the last is out of the Question; you must know how far the political State of portugal will permit of the prince passing the winter there with Safety. I can speak freely about Italy, I do declare to you if the prince was my only Son, and heer to the first Estate in Europe I rather would See him dead than Surrounded by Such Society as he lived with at Naples; if he returns to Italy (allowing the political State of that Country permitted it) I am certain the worst part of that horrid Society would Join him directly.

I must now mention a plan going forward, which

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I have observed within these two days; I am assured Mr H. has been advised from England to offer himself a Candidate for Liverpool, there is now here two Gentlemen from that city, that the prince pays great attention to; consulting with them about the best manner of Canvassing &c &c – and with strict injunctions to keep every thing a profound secret from me; I am told these Gentlemen laugh at the princes plan; I think it my Duty to let you know he has such a mad project in Contemplation. It was necessary to let the King know, that the prince does not honor me with his Confidence: The letters he received from London before my arrival at Naples, have had the desired Effect, He read an article of a letter to Sir Wm Hamilton, where the Lady says, Mr Livingston is to be soon with you, dont trust him with any thing he is not our friend, and he is a d– Government man &c The prince I am afraid is weak enough to pay attention to such nonsense; prudence required that the King should know the prience does not honor

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me with his Confidence; as he may do many things in a Clandestine Manner, which is impossible for me to prevent, such as borrowing Money &c. I know from Experience he is not delicate on that Subject: I also know that few men will dare to lend a prince of England, or Give him Credit, as they think all his debts will honorably paid: These things I cannot mention to the King; In Justice to my Self it is proper you be informed of part of the difficulty I have to struggle with: I will be Answerable for every thing that is done above board, and allway give the best advice, and Example in my power

In one of my letters to the King I mentioned Gibraltar as a fine Climate, But there I Believe H R H will not go, unless he gets a suitable Commission in the Army; from the Military Order the prince some times shews, I am convinced if Her Majesty writes him a kind letter, shewing the Situation of the Country demands the Service of the princes of the Blood Royal, and promises my him preferment as far as the Custom of the Army permits

If these Steps are taken I have little doubt but the prince may be Engaged to go to Gibraltar: from every observation I have been able to make I really think it would be the safest, and best place for H.R.H. to passe a year or two; there the Climate is Excellent and I presume Good and Exact discipline in the Garison; the King giving his Commands to the Governor Concerning Oeconomy &c; at least one half of the Money may be Saved; that must be Spent on the Continent. I have taken the liberty to write you freely, your good understanding will shew you what use to make of my letter, particularly in regard to Gibraltar, I think that part of it deserves your Serious Consideration: perhaps if the prince is informed that I have Suggested this plan, it probably may occasion a Separation directly, H.R.H. has many Correspondants at present in England, and he is informed of most things going on in the Capital

If we remain on the Continent and it Suits Capt Arbuthnot to Join his R.H. I will be very Glad

to have him for an assistant; It may be necessary that the King take the trouble to inform the pe[illegible] that he intends to let him have a nother Gentlem[illegible] Some time ago I beg'd H R H to let me know if there was any particular Gentleman he wish to have about his person, and I would take the liberty to mention his name to His Majesty; He answerd no: to others I know he says it is hard he has not the nomination of his own Household

I have the honor to be with Esteem and Respect

Sir

Your most faithful and obedient Servant

E Livingston

I have taken the liberty to enclose a letter for Lord Morton and beg you may have the goodness to order it be sent to the post office

Duke of Portland

Aug. 3 1798

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The Duke of Portland most humbly begs leave to acquaint Your Majesty that he has not yet received any dispatches from the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. But as the extracts contained in Lord Castlereagh's Letters to Mr Wickham are of unquestionable authenticity & as far as respects the Act of Pardon are strictly conformable to the wishes which were signified to the Lord Lieutenant upon that subject & as it

appears

appears that every caution has been used in the communication to the Commissioners of Survey of the intelligence Your Majesty pleased to be sent to the Lord Lieutenant — the Duke of Portland conceives that these letters of Lord Castlereagh are in satisfaction of Your Majesty as to make it his duty to submit them to Your Majesty without delay —

Belsbode
Friday 3d August 1798
m/ 50 p. 5. p. m.

Copy of Communication
Lord Castlereagh
3 Aug. 1798

Duke of Portland

Aug. 4 1798

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The Duke of Portland most humbly begs leave to represent to Your Majesty that the Act of Grace is approved & has been laid before the Lord Chancellor who has read it over & over again with the Attorney & Solicitor General, & they by every one of them affirm it have been suggested which are reducing into form; that the Lord Chancellor is very desirous of keeping it for the purpose of reconsidering it so as that it may be

ready

for Your Majesty's Royal Signature on Wednesday next unless it should be Your Majesty's pleasure that it should not be so long delayed —

The Duke of Portland humbly begs leave to add for Your Majesty's information that he has received this evening an account from Mr Wickham of the apprehension of Coffield one of the most able & active members of the London Corresponding Society & who has for a long time had the dexterity to elude the vigilance of the persons employed to take him into custody —

Bulstrode Saturday 4th August 1798 $\frac{\text{h}}{45}$ p.m. p.m.

Duke of Portland

Aug. 11 1798

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The Duke of Portland most humbly begs leave to lay at Your Majesty's feet a dispatch from the Lord Lieutenant together with one from Lord Castlereagh to Mr Wickham containing a copy of the narrative which the Prisoners proposed to give of the progress & state of the Rebellion in which so much service has been and so much disloyalty & insolence have been manifested as appears to have satisfied the

the Lord Lieutenant that he is at liberty to take other methods of
getting at the bottom of this Rebellion. & lead the Duke of Portland
to hope, that Your Majesty will have the satisfaction of finding
that the Character of Your Majestys Government will be clearly
sustained & that Your Majestys Loyalty will not be ultimately unsuppliant

Bulstrode
Saturday night 11th August 1798

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Pavel Street. 13th August 1798
½ 11 a. m.

Mr Dundas humbly submits to your Majesty's perusal a private letter he has received from Mr Livingstone, on case your Majesty should wish to give Mr Dundas any commands on any part of the contents of it.

Mr Dundas tells:

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Dundas's hands, as if the
Papers referred to could
be obtained, Mr Dundas
would wish much to
peruse them.

Earl Spencer.

Admiralty — 25th Augt. 1798.

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Your Majesty having been pleased to signify your Intention of seeing the Guards and Colours lately bought for the Mediterranean at the Admiralty on Wednesday next, Earl Spencer humbly requests your Majesty's Orders at what Hour the Admiralty will be honoured with your Presence, that he may be perfectly ready to attend on your Majesty; and he further presumes to suggest that if your Majesty will deign to do him the honour of alighting at his House by the Door that opens on the Parade, it will be the readiest Entrance

and less liable than any other to inconvenience or obstruction from a crowd of People.

Admiralty 25 Aug: 1798.

Ld. Spencer

Aug. 25 1798

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Earl Spencer has the Honour to lay before your Majesty the Sentence of a Court Martial lately held at Plymouth on several Seamen & Marines of the Caesar for being concerned in a very dangerous Mutiny on board of that Ship, whereby six of them are condemned to Death, and Earl Spencer is under the disagreeable Necessity from the very daring and atrocious Nature of the Case humbly to recommend to your Majesty that the above Sentence may be carried into Execution as speedily as possible, as

Earl Spencer
to
Admiralty 25. Aug: 1798

the most effectual Means of checking a new species of Mutiny which has of late unfortunately made its appearance in some of the Ships of the Channel Fleet, & which seems to be in some degree connected with the Rebellion in Ireland.

Admiralty 25 Aug: 1798.

Duke of Roxburgh
August 26 1798

Sir

The Death of Mr Isaac Walton, one of Your Majesty's Pages of the Bedchamber, having been notified to me, I hope to receive the honor of Your Majesty's Commands respecting his Successor.

If Your Majesty has no Person in view to succeed to the late Mr Walton, and in that case only, I beg leave most humbly to recommend Mr Thomas Coles, who has been twenty Years in my Service.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Majesty's

most obedient
and most humble Servant

Roxburghe

Fleurs August 26th 1798

Duke of Portland

Aug. 26 1798

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The Duke of Portland most humbly begs leave to lay at your Majesty's feet the draft of the intended Report of the Committee of Secrecy of the House of Commons of Ireland & the evidence of four of the Prisoners of State which was taken on oath before the Committee of Secrecy of the Lords of that Kingdom, & also a letter from Lord Castlereagh to Mr Wickham by which it appears that the principal object

object of the Report is to justify the measures which have been pursued by Your Majesty's Government by stating the progress of the Treaty & the successive efforts which have been made to counteract it with reference to such orders in Council which it appears that the attention of the Committee has been particularly directed to, as such of the most striking features of the Conspiracy as they thought would be most likely to enable the publick to peruse the documents intended to be given in the Appendix, with a reference to the succession of Events. The Duke of Portland further presumes to acquaint Your

Duke of Portland

Aug. 26 1798

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Your Majesty that it appears by a Letter Mr Wickham has received
to day from Lord Castlereagh that the Report of the Secret Committee
of the Commons was presented to the House on last Tuesday night: & -
that on the Committee on the Bill of Attainder - Lord Edward
Fitzgerald's Guilt was so fully proved; that the Counsel on the part
of the Executors declined calling any evidence to controvert it & that
the Vote for retaining his name in the Bill passed unanimously -
The Duke of Portland is extremely sorry to inform Your Majesty that
the same Letter from Lord Castlereagh which is dated the 22d inst.
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mentions that avowals had been received of some further appearances of disturbance in the West & particularly in the County of Tipperary, but whether they were connected with any intimation of succours from France or to what cause they were to be attributed he (at Castlereagh) could not take upon him to ascertain —

Bilsbode
Sunday 26 August 1798
11. p. m.

Duke of Portland
Bulstrode 26th Aug: 1798

Duke of Portland

Aug 27 1798

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The Duke of Portland has the humble duty to lay before Your Majesty the Dispatches which arrived this morning from the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, which the Duke of Portland is very sorry to acquaint Your Majesty contain an account of the French having landed in Killalla Bay in the County of Sligo about 900 men on the morning of the 22d inst. but it is hoped that the number above mentioned comprises their whole force & that they have no transports with

with them it is to be hoped that the expedition may terminate in the same manner as that which took place in Wales —

The Duke of Portland is extremely concerned that his absence from home has prevented his secretary & unequally laying the above mentioned information before Your Majesty at an earlier hour —

Cabinet

Monday 27th August 1798

½ 30 p. 6. p. m.

Lord Grenville to
Cleveland Row, 29. Aug. 1790.

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Cleveland Row Aug. 29. 1798.

Lord Grenville omitted to mention to Your Majesty today the letters which he has now the honour to forward, and which he received this morning by direction of poor Baron de Kutzleben who died last night.

Sir Wm Howe
29th August 1798

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Office of Ordnance
29th August 1798 -

Lieutenant Robison of The Royal Regiment of Artillery having, from the Effect of a Scrophulous Complaint in his Face, been unfortunately so disfigured as to be rendered totally incapable of appearing in Public; either in the exercise of his Duty as an Officer; or in that of any other Profession or Pursuit, by which he may obtain a Livelihood.

The Lieutenant General of the Ordnance begs leave to submit this Case to His Majesty, and to propose, that His Majesty may be graciously pleased to approve of Lieutenant Robison being allowed a Pension, equal to four Shillings a Day, to be paid from the Department of the Ordnance.

W Howe Lieut. General
of His Majesty's Ordnance

Duke of Portland

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The Duke of Portland begs leave in consequence of the Duke of Roxburghe's particular request most humbly to lay before Your Majesty the enclosed letter addressed to Your Majesty

The Duke of Portland feels that he must not omit this opportunity of requesting Your Majesty's indulgence for permitting him to absent himself from his attendance on Your Majesty for

for the space of three weeks or a month which he understands will be the time requisite for his recovery from the fracture of a rib which he was so unlucky as to experience yesterday & which prevents his paying his Duty to Your Majesty to day at St. James's —

Pembroke House
Wednesday 29th August 1798. 2m 30 p. 6. p. m.

Henry Dundas

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Edinburgh 29th August. 1798

Mr Dundas takes the liberty of conveying to your Majesty a letter he has received from Mr Irving stone, as the only means of bringing under your Majesty's view the particulars it contains.

Mr Dundas cannot omit taking this opportunity of giving to your Majesty

the Satisfaction of knowing that the Change on the dis:
:positions and feelings of the People in this part of the Kingdom is scarce
:ly to be conceived. There is a universal Sentiment of Zeal and Loyalty, and a growing aversion to every thing connected with the

Henry Dundas

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Revolutionary Principles and Practices of France. Mr Dundas would not speak so decisively from his own observation of only two days he has been here, but from the many persons of different descriptions with whom He has conversed He has no doubt of the Justice and truth of his Representation.

Mr Dundas

29th August 1790

(Letter from Mr Livingstone enclosed.)

The Duke of Portland
30th August 1798

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The Duke of Portland has great satisfaction in humbly laying before Your Majesty the dispatches from Ireland which arrived this morning — he has presumed to withhold the Bill to prevent Rebels returning from Transportation which is mentioned in different passages of Lord Castlereagh's letter to Mr Wickham, for the purpose of laying it without loss of

of time before Your Majesty's Law Servants in order to fulfil the very reasonable & just wishes of the Lord Lieutenant to be enabled to put as early a period to the Assizes as the actual circumstances of the County will permit —

Buckingham House
Thursday 30th August 1798
11. a. m.

Duke of Portland

Aug 31 1798

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The Duke of Portland has received so satisfactory an account of the state of the North of Ireland from a very intelligent well informed & zealous individual that although he has not received any official communication from that Kingdom by this days Post, he humbly conceives it to be his Duty to acquaint Your Majesty that on the arrival of the news of the French having landed in the West, the Yeomanry

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who had been discontinued for some time past, immediately assembled in the neighbourhood of Belfast, & are now doing the Garrison duty of that Town. & as a proof of the loyalty & good order of that part of the Country, Ld. Genl. Nugent has sent the Effective Troops towards Connaught. By various persons who had arrived at Belfast on that day (which was the 26th. inst.) from different parts of the Counties of Down & Antrim it appears that no symptom whatever of disaffection had manifested itself in either of those Counties, or in any other part of the Province of Ulster. The Duke of Portland however can not but venture humbly to express his anxious hope that Your Majesty may graciously condescend to recommend the

Duke of Portland

Aug 31 1798

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opinion Your Majesty was pleased to signify this morning to the Duke of Portland, & in consequence of the effect which might be produced by countermanding the three Regiments of Militia which the Duke of Portland thought himself authorized to notify, to the Lord Lieutenant were ordered to embark for Ireland may still permit them to proceed accordingly to that destination which from what appears by the Dispatches of yesterday would not be likely to detain them out of this Kingdom for many days —

The Duke of Portland humbly requests Your Majesty's permission to lay his most dutiful & grateful thanks at Your Majesty's

Feet

Feel for the most gracious manner in which Your Majesty has condescended to express herself upon the subject of his conduct —

Berkeley Square
Friday 31 August 1798

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50 p. 1. p. m

Duke of Portland
Berkeley Square
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