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Sire

I have received by Mr Arbuthnot the honor of your Majestys most Gracious letter; By the long Acquaintance I have had of that Gentleman I have no doubt of his Royal Highness Prince Augustus having made a Valuable Acquesition I want words to express my respectful Gratitude to your Majesty for having been Graciously pleased to have sent me Mr Arbuthnot for an assistant.

I have also received by Mr Arbuthnot a letter from Lord Grenville informing me that he had got your Majestys Commands to let me know that you had been Graciously pleased to fix the different Sums for the princes pocket Money

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for Her Royal Highness attendants, and for the Support of her household; your Majesty has made so ample an allowance, I think it impossible any more debts can be contracted, The Prince has assured me in very solemn manner, that he is determined to regulate his Conduct to your Majesty's Satisfaction: In my department your Majesty may depend on the greatest attention being paid to Genteel Oeconomy, and regularity in the management of the Princess's Household

as your Majesty has been Graciously pleased to Command me to augment Doctor Domier's allowance, as he sits at his Royal Highness table, and always admitted into the princess bower He must be Genteely dressed, and by her Constant attendance on the Prince, and Careful attention to her health, he cannot have much practice without Doors, Therefore if your Majesty approves it, I propose giving him 300 a year, But shall not

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mention it to the Doctor til I receive your Majestys Commands

I had yesterday the honor of a long Conversation with the prince on the subject of your Majestys letter to me, and on your Paternal affection in wishing to have His Royal Highness removed before winter to as mild a Climate, as the critical State of Europe may permit with safety, and that your Majesty had mentioned Astracan, or some other of the Southern provinces of Russia. I have taken the liberty to propose to the prince to leave Vienna as soon as the Carriages can be put in good repair for a long Journey, To go from thence to Dresden, to remain there as long as necessary to see every thing worth the attention of a traveller, and to pay our respects to the Elector — Then to proceed to Berlin, after a short Stay there, His Royal Highness, and the Doctor will be able to determine how far it may be prudent, or the

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the prince's health permit our undertaking in October
and, now, the Journey to Petersburg: If Her Royal
Highness health don't permit travelling so far
at that Season; we may proceed to Breslau in
Silesia, or to Warsaw, both large citys, and
very good Society, where the prince may stop
for a few months, in winter, and proceed early
in the Spring to Petersburg. So far as I have
been able to judge after so short a trial, I think
keeping the prince moving, and not allowing
his Royal Highness to remain very long in the
same place may be of great Service, and wear
off habits Contracted in Italy, I wish the prince
at a very great distance from that Country, and
as much as possible to give up all Correspondence
with the Society he left in that Country, that
can only be done by Carrying him at a very
great distance; The Journey proposed may be
very interesting, and give the prince a just

notion of the Courts and Constitution of the Northern Countrys. I intend writing to your Majestys Minister at Petersburg to send me the Emperors passports for His Royal Highness and his attendants, without them no foreigner can enter the Russian dominions. It also may be necessary that your Majesty give your orders to Lord Grenville to inform Sir Charles Whitworth that you intend that Prince Augustus shall be some time in Russia and he will take the proper method to inform the Emperor. I will take all the necessary precaution that the prince be received in the different Countrys we may go to, with the Attention and Respect Due to his High rank

I have the Satisfaction to assure your Majesty that the prince is at present in good health and I hope with prudence may continue so as His Royal Highness will be near Brunswick when at Berlin He certainly will

be invited to visit his Aunt, when I had the honor to pay my respects there, Her Royal Highness and the Duke expressd a great desire to see the prince Augustus If your Majesty allows His Royal Highness to go to Brunswick for a short time, I hope you may be graciously pleased to allow prince Adolphus to come for a few days to see his Brother he will give prince Augustus good advice Her letters to her Brother are admirable and full of fine and delicate sentiments

prince Frederick of Orange is now here I have done every thing in my power to have him as much as possible with prince Augustus He is a Charming young man modest brave and Generous an Excellent officer very much respected and in very high estimation

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If he lives he certainly will be soon at the
head of his profession

I beg your Majesty may be graciously pleased
to order your Commands for the tole sent to
Berlin

I have the honor to be with the most
profound Respect

Sire

Your Majesty's most faithful
and dutyful Subject

J Livingston

Mr Livingstone

September 1 1790

Duke of Portland

Sep. 1 1798

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It is with pleasure I inform that the Duke of Portland has before Your Majesty the dispatches which have arrived this morning from Ireland giving an account of another advantage which has been gained over Your Majesty's Troops under the command of General Lake, by the Enemy having taken possession of Tram. With a view however to counteract as speedily as possible the bad effects of these Events such of Your Majesty's confidential Servants as are in Town are

hastily

of opinion to recommend with all deference to Your Majesty that such a number of Militia Regiments as will correspond with those already in Ireland to 12000 men, the number which Your Majesty was empowered by the Act of last Session to send to that Kingdom, should be ordered to prepare themselves ~~in readiness~~ to embark for it without loss of time. & the pressure of the occasion appeared to be so urgent that Your Majesty's Servants felt it to be their indispensable duty to presume to give such directions as are necessary for the immediate conveyance of ~~that~~ number of Your Majesty's Militia

Forces

Duke of Portland

Sep. 1 1798

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Army for the
Majesty's British
Forces

Forces from those Ports which are most consistently with their present stations
numerous for this service
at the different places of destination specified in the Lord Lieutenants
dispatch from Kilbeggan.

Burlington House
Saturday 1 Sept: 1798
40 p. 3. p. m.

The Duke of Portland

1st Sept. 1798

Duke of York
2nd Sept: 1798

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Horseguards September 2. 1798

Sir

I have the Honor to report to Your Majesty that in consequence of the very unpleasant accounts which were received yesterday from Ireland, I was sent for to Court, where I found an official Letter to Your Majesty came from the Duke of Portland which probably has been transmitted to Your Majesty but if by Mistake it has not, I have the honor to subjoin a Copy, directing a very considerable Reinforcement to be sent without loss of time to Ireland, in Addition to which Arrangements have been made conformable to the inclosed Memorandum, which I trust will meet with Your Majestys approbation.

As there are a sufficient number of Regiments of Militia gazetted under for Ireland to form four Brigades, I have directed Major Generals Graham and Loftus in addition to Major General Moncrieff

to proceed there immediately to take the Command of two of them, and I by leave to recommend to Your Majesty that Major General Warrys who is still in Ireland may be placed upon the Portuguese Staff and ordered to take the Command of the fourth Brigade

As it will be necessary for the Regiments going to Ireland to take their flank Companies with them which will be unfortunately too great a diminution of the force at Weymouth, I humbly propose to Your Majesty that the Chester Militia which consists of about one Thousand Rank and file, may be ordered to Weymouth, and that the flank Companies of the Regiments remaining in Sir William Pitts district may upon their arrival be ordered to join their respective Battalions

I have the Honor to be
Your Majestys
Most dutiful Son
and Subject

Duke of Portland

Sept. 4 1798

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The Duke of Portland has the honor to lay before Your Majesty the letters which arrived this morning from Ireland & a letter from Lord Castlereagh, received after the departure of the Mail inclosing the minute of a conversation which passed between Mr. Marsden a person confidentially employed in the Chief Secretary's Office in Ireland & the three Persons of State who subscribed the Advertisement which has so deservedly incurred

Your

Your Majesty's Indignation — The Duke of Portland fears Your Majesty will not be more satisfied with this than with the former proceedings respecting those Traitors to which the Lord Lieutenant seems to have been induced to give way from the difficulties which it had been represented to Him would attend their conviction, & the great desire of restoring quiet to the Country, possibly among other views with that of establishing the discipline of that part of Your Majesty's Army which is composed of the Irish Militia, where enormous irregularities happen imagination — The Duke of Portland humbly venures to assure Your Majesty that he has had the satisfaction of seeing ~~another~~ a letter from the

Duke of Portland

Sept. 4 1798

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North of Ireland dated the 30th of August in the evening from a very amiable & unparalled observer which states that the most perfect tranquillity & good order prevail in that part of the Kingdom —

As in case of any accident happening to Lord Cornwallis which should deprive him of the power of administering the Government of Ireland His Powers would cease & be suspended until Your Majesty's pleasure could be signified, or, as some are disposed to imagine if the appointment of a new Chief Governor by Your Majesty should not be notified in 8 days after the decease or other absence of the Lord Lieutenant pro tempore The Privy Council would have the choice of a temporary Governor until

they

they received the notification of Your Majestys Commands, Your Majesty's
Servants deeply impressed with the sense of the dangers of that Country
falling into such a position at such a crisis as the present consider
it their duty most humbly to submit this representation to Your Majesty, & with
the most dutiful & respectfull deference to suggest to Your Majesty as
an expedient the ordering a provisional appointment of a Lord Deputy
to be made out in case of any of the Events which may occasion a
vacancy. the peculiar circumstances of the times induce them to offer
it as their most humble opinion to Your Majesty that it may be more
conducive to Your Majestys service that the powers of Government shou
be

placed in one or two hands at most than on a greater number; & that
confining it to one or two persons at most
~~it necessarily~~ would be more likely to prevent such an eventual separation,
should your Majesty think proper to make it, from being known & namely
speculated upon. with this view also it is humbly submitted to
your Majesty that Mr Pelham, whose health it is hoped is sufficiently
restored to enable him to resume the duties of his employment in Ireland
& respecting which the Duke of Portland has hitherto the means of
informing himself, appears to ~~them~~ me of your Majesty's confidential servants as one in every
be the most worthy of being simply
intrusted with so important a charge, or jointly with the Lord Chancellor
of Ireland; or in case Mr Pelham should not be able to return
immediately to Ireland, that the Lord Chancellor alone is well
qualified

qualified to fill that station, & would be better able to discharge the duties of it by himself than in conjunction with any of his Countrymen

Burlington House
Tuesday 4th Sept. 1798
9 p. m.

Duke of York
5th Sept: 1798

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Pattands September 5th 1798

Sir

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Majestys two most Gracious Letters of the 2d and 3d Instant and am rejoiced to hear that Your Majesties arrived Safely at Weymouth

I am very happy that Your Majesty is pleased to approve of the different arrangements which have been made for sending the reinforcement to Ireland I trust however, that in consequence of the last intelligence from the Lord Lieutenant it will not be judged necessary to send the whole Force now under orders, at least till some account is received of the event of the Attack intended to be made by Lord Cornwallis.

Directions shall be sent in obedience to Your Majestys orders to assemble all the men belonging

to the Corps of Sir William Pitts Dietrich, who has not volunteered going to Ireland, at Poole Barracks which certainly is the fittest place for them.

I have the Honor to transmit the different Weekly States and Returns, as likewise the recommendations for vacant Commissions, for Your Majestys approbation

I am Sir

Your Majestys

Most dutiful Son

and Subject

Frederick

Duke of Portland

Sept. 9 1798

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Sept 9. 1798

The Duke of Portland most humbly begs leave to acquaint Your Majesty, in addition to the dispatches which he now most dutifully submits to Your Majesty, that he has signified Your Majesty's gracious intentions to Mr Pelham, & is desired by him to lay him most humbly at Your Majesty's feet, to assure Your Majesty of his implicit obedience to the commands Your Majesty has

has been pleased to lay upon him, & to express to Your Majesty
his most grateful sense of this distinguished mark of Your
Majesty's approbation & favor — the Duke of Portland has
therefore directed the Commission to be prepared by which
The Earl of Clare & Mr Pelham are to be personally
appointed Lords Deputies, & it is now under the consideration
of the Solicitor General who will have it prepared with
all the dispatch which the secrecy he has been instructed to
observe

Duke of Portland

Sept. 9 1798

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Badington House
Sunday 9th Sept. 1798
3. p. m.

The Duke of Portland presumes to lay before Your Majesty a copy of the Report from the Committee of Secrecy of the House of Lords of Ireland which is alluded to in Lord Castlereagh's dispatch private & which is now officially transmitted for the first time —

Duke of Portland,

Burlington House.
9th Sept. 1790

Duke of York

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Horse Guards September 12. 1798

Sir

I have the Honor to lay before Your Majesty for Your Approbation the Recommendations for the Vacant Commissions which have been received this Week, as likewise the Weekly States and Returns

I also add a Return of the Effective Strength of Such of the Regiments of Militia and Fencibles as are embarked for Ireland and who have sent up their Returns together with the number of Men of each Regiment who have refused to go. Nothing can have exceeded the Spirit and loyalty which has been shewn by every one of them, except the East Suffolk Militia and the West Lowland Fencibles, only one Hundred and twenty three Men of the East Suffolk turned out to go to Ireland though the whole Regiment had upon the former occasion volunteered their Services, I therefore thought it right to countermand their March immediately which I think will meet with Your Majestys approbation. Not above forty Men of the West Lowland Fencibles also offered to go to Ireland, in spite of every effort of Lord Eglintoun their Colonel, Sir Ralph

Ashmonbe has therefore immediately ordered the Regiment from Glasgow to Edinburgh in order to have them under his own eye as he says that he can have no confidence in them.

The Duke of Portland has communicated to me a despatch from the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland proposing to augment the English Fencible Cavalry in Ireland to fifty five Rank and File p. Troop, and stating that they may be allowed to recruit for this augmentation in Great Britain, as their Corps have been raised in Great Britain, and as it is of the Utmost Political Consequence that their Corps should not be polluted, I should humbly hope that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to consent to the Lord Lieutenants Request.

Understanding that it will be necessary for Your Majesty to hold a Council about the latter end of next Week to pass the Irish Bills, and that there is a difficulty in finding Commissioners I will by leave to pay my duty to Your Majesty at that time at Windsor for a few days.

I can not conclude without congratulating Your Majesty most sincerely upon the Accounts received this day of every thing here happily terminated in Ireland, I confess I am particularly

Duke of York

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happy that it is to Lieutenant General Lake that the Enemy
has surrendered

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your Majesty's
Most dutiful son
and Subject
Frederick

Duke of Cork
to Lt. Sept. 1798

Ld. Grenville

Sep. 13 1798

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Cleveland Row Sept. 13. 1798

Lord Grenville having seen in Mr. Shepherd's dispatches the account of Count Rumford's nomination to reside in this Kingdom, with the character of Minister from the Elector of Bavaria to Your Majesty, and of his having actually set out to take upon him this

Mission

Minister, humbly begs leave to submit to
Your Majesty whether under all the circum-
stances of Count Rumfords character, it may
not be proper that Mr. Paget should be
instructed to inform the Elector that this nomi-
nation is not agreable to Your Majesty. Lord
Grenville thinks that this may be put simply
on the ground of Count Rumford being

Your

Ld. Grenville

Sep. 13 1798

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Your Majesty's Subject, & in that respect not proper to be accredited to Your Majesty as a foreign Minister, without entering into any further particulars.

If Your Majesty should approve this idea, instructions might be sent to Sir James Craufurd to signify to Count Rumford on his arrival at Hamburgh, that a notification to this effect is to be made at Munich,

and

and that he should therefore not proceed to London to take upon him a character in which he cannot be received.

Lord Grenville
Cleveland Row 13 Sept. 179

Mr Pitt
Downing Street Sept. 13th 1798

9002

Downing Street.
Thursday Sept. 13th 1798

Mr Pitt humbly begs leave to submit to your Majesty a Warrant for the Appointment of Mr Hunt to the Transport Office, in order to bring Mr Marsh whom he succeeds to the Victualling Office, where his Services are thought likely to be particularly useful; also another Warrant for an Advance to Genl Gardner (to be hereafter gradually repaid out

of his Pension) to enable him to quit
Warsaw; and some other Treasury Warrants
in the usual Course.

Duke of Portland

Sept. 12 1798

9003 – 4

The Duke of Portland has the satisfaction of laying with all humility before Your Majesty the details of the action which he trusts have not only annihilated but will prevent any future attempt at an invasion of Your Majesty's Kingdom of Ireland – he also begs leave with the utmost deference to Your Majesty's superior wisdom to submit to Your Majesty the propriety of ordering the Lord Lieutenant to strike out of the list of the Privy

Privy Counsellors of that Kingdom the name of Mr Goodman in case he shall not within a reasonable time take some means of exculpating himself from the charge of misprision of Treason in which it appears by the Evidence of Nelson & Hughes, given upon Oath to the Committee of Secrecy of the House of Lords, that he is so deeply implicated. The Duke of Portland does not mean in submitting this proposal to Your Majesty to prevent a prosecution being instituted against Mr Goodman for this crime if it shall appear to Your Majesty's Law Servants in that Country

Duke of Portland

Sept. 14 1798

9004

that there is sufficient Evidence to convict him of it in a court of Law, will be left to prejudice him in the opinion of a Jury by removing him from the Privy Council if there is Ground supposed against him by the usual forms of Law - but as Your Majesty's Servants here entertain strong doubts of the probability of ground being found for such a proceeding & are yet not less satisfied of the reality & extent of Mr. Gordon's guilt, the Duke of Portland feels it to be his duty to represent the Case to Your Majesty & humbly to request Your Majesty's commands respecting it —

Burlington House
Friday 14 Sept: 1798

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Duke of Portland.

Burlington House
14th Sept. 1790

Ld. Charles Henry Somerset

Weymouth – Sunday
Sept. 16th – 1798

Sir

Having nothing to offer to Your Majesty in Excuse, I shall not attempt to apologize for this Intrusion – but trust to Your Majesty's well-known Goodness to forgive it –

Some strong kind Words which Your Majesty condescended to say to me – "That "you hoped Lord Botetourt's Estate was "not entailed farther than on my Father" could not fail to make a deep Impression on one – whose Wife and Family are so totally unprovided for as to be reduced to Beggary in the Event of his Death – and those Words could not also fail to impress with greater force, as they came from One, whom

I am bound by Nature, to revere as my Sovereign, and by every tie that can bind the human Mind to adore, as an Example to Mankind in Virtue and Excellence — as a Husband — Father — Friend — and as my own Patron in particular — Having said that this Kind Expression, made this Impression on my Mind — I now venture to say to Your Majesty — that it is in Your Power, and in Your's alone, to effect this Kind Wish — and at the same time that You bestow a lasting Blessing on me and my poor Children, I will venture to affirm that You will add also an Obligation on my Father, that he will consider greater than any that can be conferr'd on Him — — — I dare not proceed — I fear, I have already undone, Myself with Your Majesty, for my presumption and Insolence — Oh, give it not, my Gracious Liege, such harsh Epithets — think that a Father pleads for Four unprovided

Ld. Charles Henry Somerset

9006

Children and forgive my Boldness –

When I am afraid Your Majesty has forgiven (which I humbly implore) my having gone thus far – and when I have Your free permission (which I scarcely dare hope) to explain how it is in Your Majesty's Power so effectually to serve Me and Mine – I will explain it – till then – permit me to acknowledge myself with the sincerest gratitude most truly thankful for the many great favors I have already experienced from Your Majesty and to subscribe myself with the most profound Respect

Sire

Your Majesty's most dutiful and most obliged Subject & Servant

Charles Henry Somerset

Lord Charles Somerset

September 16. 1790

Captain Bazett
of the Beaver Sloop
September 16. 1798

Jones

9007

May it please your Majesty,

Hearing your Majesty was at Weymouth by Lieutenant Rathead of the Pigmy Cutter, and judging that it might be interesting I have just time to inclose your Majesty a Copy of a Letter I wrote this Morning to My Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, which I conceive it my Duty to inform my Liege —

General Pichegrew and Six Exiled Members are onboard Captain Lobb of His Majesty's Shp L'Aimable — having a Valuable Convoy I trust your Majesty will excuse my Haste —

I have the Honor to remain your Majesty's Obedt & very Humble Servt.

C Bazett Jones
Commander of HM Sloop Beaver

Beaver off Sillan
16th Sept. 98 —

Capt. C. Bassett Jones to Admiralty
Enclosure

9008

His Majesty's Sloop Beaver.

Sir,

I have the Honor to inform you for their Lordships information of the safe arrival of His Majesty's Sloop Beaver under my Command with part of the Leeward Island Convoy which sail'd from Portola on the 31st of July, under the charge of Captain Lobb of His Majesty's Ship L'Aimable from whom we parted Company on the 25th of last Month in Latitude 39° 05 N. Longitude 39° 4 W. having been ordered by him to attend on His Majesty's Armed Store Ship L'Druce, (at that period in the utmost distress) distant from the Convoy about Six Leagues S.W. at Sun set that evening. I have the satisfaction to inform their Lordships that during a short interval between two Violent Gales, I had just time to save the lives of all the Officers and Crew of the said Ship, the further particulars of which I must refer their Lordships to Captain Reynolds Letter of this days date.

Having made Sail to join the Convoy, on the 28th of August being moderate in Lat.de 41° 00' N. Long.de 51° 55' W. I lay too all Day

to

lowed such of them as were near me, which amounted to the Number as p.d enclosed List. ——

On the 11th instant being in Latitude 19°. 20'. N. Long.d 14°. 00'. W. I spoke the whole of them and order'd the Ships bound up the North Channel not to part, that I should see them safe into Falmouth were they would get a Coasting Convoy, but a Gale at N.W. came on early on that Evening and they all haul'd up W by N. disobeying my Signals and we parted Company. — I am sorry to add that it is very probable some of the Convoy were totally lost in the Second Gale, several of them were in great distress and the Weather too bad to afford them Assistance. — His Majesty's Sloop although not a fast Sailer proves uncommonly easy and a good Sea Boat. — The Inclosed Lists I have the Honor to send for their Lordships inspection. — — — —

and remain Sir,

Your very obedient Servant.

C Basset Jones

Lord Charles Somerset
September 17. 1790

9009

Weymouth - Monday
Sept. 17th 1790

Sire

That Your Majesty should receive my Letter without Displeasure, was all I could hope — but that You should add to my most sanguine Hopes the kind Expressions You condescended to use towards me — fills me with a Gratitude, I am totally unable to express — Receive, Sire, I beg, the humble — the unfeigned Thanks of an Heart overcome by Your Goodness — overwhelmed by Your Bounty ——

Still Sire I scarcely explain what I have requested Your Majesty's Leave to do — but encouraged by Your all-prevailing Goodness I venture to say — that the only Method by which I can succeed

to what Your Majesty so kindly hinted to me — is that my Grandmother's Barony (of Botetourt) should descend to me at her Death —

I scarcely know what to add — after the kindness with which Your Majesty treated my Letter yesterday — I ought not to dread Your Displeasure — and yet when I reflect on my own Unworthiness and the little Claim I have to Your Majesty's favour, I can hardly hope for forgiveness for such Presumption — I should be tempted to offer to Your Majesty some Assurances of my Attachment but that the blackest Ingratitude would characterize me — did I not already feel myself bound to sacrifice not only life but every thing more dear for my Sovereign's Welfare —

I have the Honor to subscribe myself with the greatest Respect

Sire

Your Majesty's most obliged & most dutiful Subject & Serv

Charles Henry Somerset

Duke of Portland,

Burlington House 19. Sept. 1790.

9010

The Duke of Portland most humbly begs leave to acquaint Your Majesty that Twenty two Bills have been transmitted from Ireland for Your Majesty's signature & are now before the Attorney General, but as the Lord Lieutenant informs the Duke of Portland that the remainder of those which are intended to pass this Session will be ready in a few days the

Duke

of Portland humbly presumes that Your Majesty will peruse
being attended with them all at the same time ~~to obtain~~
& that they may be ready in the course of next week if it
shall be Your Majesty's pleasure to order a Council to be
held at Weymouth for the purpose of signing them —

Burlington House
Wednesday 19 Sept. 1798

Duke of York
September 19. 1790

9011

Horse Guards September 19. 1790

Sir

I beg leave to return Your Majesty my most humble thanks for Your gracious permission to pay my duty to Your Majesty at Weymouth and hear to have that Honor next Monday.

I accept with many thanks of Mrs Stuarts obliging offer to lodge at Her House as I did during the Life time of Her Late Husband.

I am exceedingly happy to hear that Your Majesty is pleased with the appearance of the 3 Dragoon Guards, I have always thought Colonel Payne one of our most promising officers of Cavalry and had no doubt of his bringing that Regiment into order.

In obedience to Your Majestys orders contained in Your Letter of last Week, I sent directions to Major General Nicolls at Liverpool

to Stop the Sailing, till further order, of Such of the Regiments of Militia as had not as yet proceeded to Ireland, but every one of them had already Sailed.

I have the Honor to transmit the Weekly States and Returns, as likewise the Recommendation for the Vacant Commissions, for Your Majesty's approbation and have the Honor to remain, Sir

Your Majesty's

Most dutiful Son
And Subject

Frederick

Admiralty — 20th Sept. 1798.

9012

The Redacteur of the 15th Septr. contains a Message from the Directory, stating, "that Buonaparte, after making himself Master of Alexandria & Rosetta had entered Cairo on the 23d of August; In the same paper it is stated that the Squadron under Adml. Bruey's being at Anchor on the Coast Beggueiers making the necessary preparations to return to France, was attacked by the English Squadron of superior Force, that the action was maintained on both sides with unparrallelled obstinacy, that during

during the action the French Admiral's Ship was burnt, that two or three French Ships were sunk, that others, both French & English, being dismasted were driven on shore, and that other French Vessels remained perfect wrecks, for whose fate much uneasiness is entertained."

Admiralty Office
20 Sept. 1798

Ld. Spencer

Sep. 20 1798

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Earl Spencer has the Honour of laying before Your Majesty the Proceedings and Sentence of a Court Martial on 25 Men belonging to the Defiance for a traitorous & mutinous Conspiracy to murder their Officers & carry the Ship over to the Enemy. Earl Spencer is much concerned to be obliged to state to Your Majesty that on an attentive Perusal of the Minutes, he cannot see any Ground for extending the Recommendation to Your Majesty's Mercy farther than the

Court have done in their Sentence; and he therefore humbly submits to your Majesty that the eleven Men following viz: John Brady, William Lindsay, David Reed, Thomas Dalyplain, Nicholas Ryan, Cornelius Callaghan, Richard Kennedy, Thomas Laffin, Edward Kinney, Michael Kelly, and Edward Mac-Laughlin should be ordered for Execution; and that the eight following, viz: John Hopkins, Christopher Mahane, Terence Dunn, Thomas Jourdain, James Cannon, Patrick Devoy, Peter Mcguire and John Hoare should receive your Majesty's most gracious Pardon on condition of their being transported for Life to Botany Bay.

Ld. Spencer

Sep. 20 1798

9014

Your Majesty will perceive by the Date of this Note that Earl Spencer has availed himself of Your Majesty's Permission to reside for a few Days in the Country, but as all the necessary Arrangements had been settled previous to his Departure he trusts that Your Majesty's Service will not suffer by his Absence.

N. Creek 20 Sep: 1798.

Lord Melbourne
20th Sept. 1839

Duke of Portland

Sept. 21 1798

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In obedience to Your Majesty's Commands the Duke of Portland most humbly begs leave to submit to Your Majesty that as there is the best reason to believe from the postscript of a private Letter from Lord Castlereagh to Mr Wickham that the rest of the Bills to be passed this Session will be transmitted from Dublin in the course of this day & that they

they may be ready for Your Majestys Royal Signature
on Sunday next, it is the intention of the Lord Chancellor
& the Duke of Portland to be at Weymouth on that day
time enough to attend Your Majestys if it shall be
Your Majestys pleasure to receive the Report of the
Council any time in the course of it. The Duke of
Portland will lose no time in obeying Your Majestys
commands respecting the attendance of another Proxy

Duke of Portland

Sept. 21 1798

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Chancellor

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Burlington House

Friday 21st Sept. 1798

3. p. m.

The Duke of Kent
to
Sept. 1798

Duke of York
September 22. 1798

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Sir

I have the Honor to return Your Majesty my most humble thanks for Your very Gracious Letter, as well as for Your great Condescention in acquainting me with Your having appointed the Council to meet at Weymouth only at the End of Next Week. I shall therefore, with Your Majestys permission pay my duty to You on Wednesday next instead of Monday, having some particular Business which I wish to finish.

I beg leave to congratulate Your Majesty upon the Intelligence received yesterday by the French Papers of the total destruction of the French Fleet in the Mediterranean, though

in general little confidence can be placed in what is found in those papers, yet it is hardly possible to imagine that such intelligence which of true merit is so detrimental to all the French Projects in Europe would have been allowed to be published if it had been so well authenticated that it could not be either concealed or denied

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your Majesty's

Most dutiful Son

And Subject

Frederick

Earl Spencer
24th Sept. 1798

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Your Majesty having expressed a Wish that the St Fiorenzo Frigate could have been ordered to attend upon your Majesty at Weymouth, which from her being in Dock at the time, was impossible to be effected when your Majesty went there, Earl Spencer has now the Honour of acquainting your Majesty that the St Fiorenzo has been ordered to proceed to Weymouth Roads as soon as she is ready for sea which will probably be in a very few days, and he hopes that the other Ships already there, though they are not likely to sail as well as the St Fiorenzo will however be

equal to attend upon your Majesty in any Excursion which you may be pleased to make.

Admiralty 24 Sep: 1798.

Duke of Portland

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The Duke of Portland most humbly begs leave, in consequence of the Lord Lieutenant's request, to submit to Your Majesty the usual instrument for the signature of Your Majesty's permission to the Lord Chancellor of Ireland to absent himself from that Kingdom, & for the appointment of Commissioners of the Great Seal

lead during his absence – the Duke of Portland is not yet informed that the remainder of the Bills are yet passed, but from the urgency, with which it is hoped that the Lord Lieutenant's request for the Lord Chancellor's leave of absence should be laid before Your Majesty, & the hope which is entertained by them that a period may be put to the Session on the 6th of October, the Duke of Portland flatters himself that all the Bills will necessarily be reported to Your Majesty on Friday.

The Duke of Portland most humbly begs leave to offer his most

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most anxious & earnest wishes that the expectation Your Majesty condescended to express in Your note of last Saturday may be fulfilled to its utmost extent —

Balsholt
Monday 24th Sept. 1798

The Duke of Portland

24th Sept. 1798

Ld. Grenville

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Cleveland Row Sept. 26. 1798
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Lord Grenville cannot transmit to Your Majesty the inclosed dispatches from Sir Morton Eden & Mr. Smith, which seem to put the defeat of the French Fleet near Alexandria beyond all doubt, without humbly offering to Your Majesty his dutiful and respectful congratulations on the fresh

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lustre given by this happy event to the brilliant successes of Your Majesty's Navy in the course of this War.

Lord Grenville has consulted with such of Your Majesty's Servants as are in town, who have agreed with him in the propriety of submitting to Your Majesty their humble advice in favour of the acceptance of proposals of Alliance such as have been made from Naples, and

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the Porte; and he is preparing the necessary papers to that effect, which he hopes, with Your Majesty's permission, to be enabled to dispatch by Tuesday's Mail.

Lord Grenville
Chatsworth
Windsor Lodge 28th Octr. 1796

Lord Grenville,
to
Cleveland Row, 28. Sept. 1798.

Cleveland Row Sept. 28. 1798

Lord Grenville has the honour most respectfully to submit to Your Majesty the minute of instructions to be given to Your Majesty's Minister at Constantinople, together with the draft of

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the Projet to which it refers, and the Instrument of Your Majesty's full Powers authorizing him to sign the Alliance in this shape, either jointly or in conjunction with his brother Sir Sidney Smith if he should arrive in time, which is doubtful it having on the whole appeared better that he should proceed there in his Ship, rather than overland as had at first been intended.

On a full discussion with M. de Circello yesterday Lord Grenville found

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that altho' furnished with full Powers for the purpose he was afraid to take upon him to sign the Alliance in the uncertainty which still prevails respecting the conduct of the Court of Vienna. Lord Grenville judged that it was by no means proper that this Matter should appear to be pressed on Your Majesty's part, and therefore proposed that the whole negotiation should be referred to Naples to be treated there by the means of full Powers to be sent to Your Majesty's Minister

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at that Court. Th. de Circello readily agreed to this, and his Messenger will set off on Tuesday for Naples with the account of what has passed.

Lord Grenville does not think that any difficulty can arise with respect to the Articles of the Treaty, if the resolution were once definitively taken at Naples to meet the danger of War, as being less than that of such a Peace as they now enjoy. The point of Subsidy was much pressed, but Lord Grenville felt himself obliged to answer that Your Majesty's actual engagements of that Nature were so extensive as not to admit of any addition,