E. Spencer
Admiralty Sept. 1st 1799.

9299

Earl Spencer thinks it right to inform your Majesty that no further Accounts have yet arrived either from Sir Ralph Abercromby or Admiral Mitchell, though from the present State of the Wind they may be hourly expected, and when they do arrive, your Majesty may depend on their being sent by a Messenger.

Admiralty, 1 Sept: 1799.

Bulletin

9300

Downing Street Sept 1st.

By Accounts from the French Papers received here last night it appears that a very desperate action had been fought on the 14 & 15 of last month in the neighbourhood of Novi; that the French General Joubert had been killed and almost all the General Officers wounded — It is said that in consequence of the event which is stiled "most calamitous

to the Republic" The Austrian and Russian troops had entered Genoa —

Bulletin Extraordinaire 1. 1799

E. Spencer
Admiralty Sept. 12. 1799

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Earl Spencer has great satisfaction in congratulating your Majesty on the total Expulsion of the French from the Kingdom of Naples by the Surrender of Capua and Gaeta; the particulars of which are contained in the accompanying Letters from Rear Admiral Lord Nelson and Captain Troubridge; Earl Spencer hopes for your Majesty's Approbation of his notifying to the Duke of Portland your Majesty's gracious Intention of conferring the Dignity of a Baronet of Great Britain on Captain Troubridge

as a Reward for his distinguished Services on this and former Occasions.

Admiralty. 2 Sep: 1799.

E. Spencer
Admiralty Sep.t 2d. 1799
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30. p.t 5. P.M.

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Sept 2. 1799

Earl Spencer has the Honor and Satisfaction once more to day to offer his Congratulations to your Majesty on the very brilliant Events the Details of which are contained in the accompanying Dispatches.

Nothing can be more satisfactory than the verbal Account brought by Captains Hope and Boyle of the Disposition of all those Inhabitants with whom they have had any Communication; they also add that the Texel Island had voluntarily surrendered, and that the Squadron under Vice Admiral Mitchell was standing into the Anchorage of the Texel with a fair Wind before they were out of Sight.

Admiralty 2 Sep: 1799. 5 1/4 P.M.

P. Spencer
Admiralty Sept. 3d 1799.

9303

Earl Spencer with the most sincere pleasure has the honour of congratulating your Majesty in the surrender of the whole Dutch Fleet in the Texel to your Majesty's Arms. The dispatches for Vice Admiral Mitchell will explain the particulars, and though the Vice Admiral regrets that no resistance was made, it cannot but be an additional object of satisfaction to your Majesty that this important Blow was struck with so inconsiderable a Loss.

Admiralty 3 Sep: 1799.

Duke of York

9304 – 5

Horse Guards September 3d 1799

Sir

I am sure that Your Majesty will be sorry to hear that General Lascelles died yesterday, I understand that his death was occasioned by a complaint in his Bowells which he neglected till it was too late.

As Your Majesty was graciously pleased upon ~~the~~ former occasion to give Sir Charles Gray some hopes that Her Would promote him to the Command of a Regiment of Cavalry upon the Present Establishment Your Majesty may perhaps approve of his Succeeding General Lascelles in the Kings own

Should this be the case there are three different modes of disposing of the 8th Light Dragoons which I beg leave to lay before Your Majesty for Your Commands the One is to give it to Lord Rosslyn, who has received Your Majestys promise of a Regiment when the 5th Dragoons

been reduced, unless perhaps Your Majesty may think it better for them to wait till a Regiment of Dragoons upon the first Establishment becomes vacant.

The Second is to promote Lieutenant General Ralph Dundas to the Command of it, and the third is to remove Sir Robert Lawrie from the 2d Light Dragoons to it, which will enable Your Majesty to give the Young Regiment better to Major General Hawley, who called upon me the Day after Day, and begged me to lay them at Your Majestys feet and to express to You Sir how long he was at having declined accepting Your Majestys Gracious Offer of the 2d Light Dragoons, as upon Consideration, he thought that though for his own private interest he should prefer after the Wars ceasing from the Service selling his Lieutenant Colonelcy in the Blues yet that he was an injustice to the Officers of the Regiment to stop their promotion and that therefore he should thankfully accept any Regiment which Your Majesty should be graciously pleased to appoint him to.

Duke of York

9305 I shall have the Honor to transmit to Your Majesty tomorrow the Memorandum Papers and Weekly States and at the same time shall take leave of Your Majesty as I have received this morning an Intimation from Your Majesty's Ministers that they wish me to embark as soon as possible I mean therefore to leave London tomorrow Evening for Walmer Castle and hope to get on Board the Forget Which is to convey me to Holland in the Course of Thursday

I beg leave to wish Your Majesty Most heartily joy of the Excellent news from Sir Ralph Abercrombie nothing can have exceeded the Courage and Conduct of the Troops, and I be

I have the Honor to be

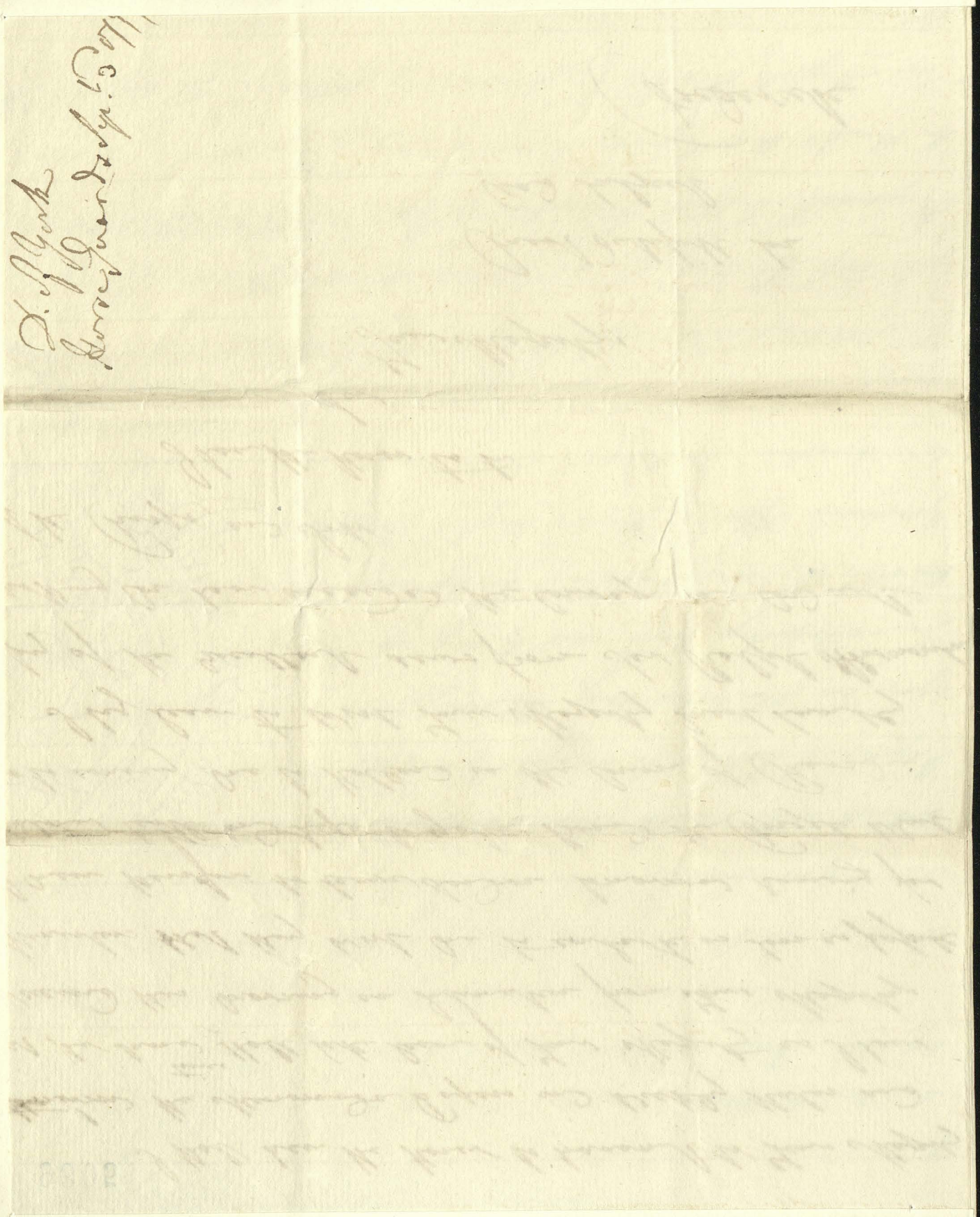
Sire

Your Majesty's

Most dutiful Son

and Subject

Frederick



Mrs Howe

September 3. 1799

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Sir

Mrs. Howe can give no other answer to her most gracious Sovereign, than tears of sensibility and gratitude; the constant approbation of your Majesty during his life, is the highest eulogium that could be written upon Earl Howe's Tomb, and his family must always feel comfort from that, and for the honor your Majesty is pleased to confer upon his memory.

His loss to his family is undoubtedly irreparable, but Mrs. Howe can truely say, she should still more mourn his death, had his health been such, as to have given hope he could have

continued to prove his duty to his King, by further actions which might have been beneficial to his Country.

Mrs Howe rejoices in the mended health of the Princess Amelia, she prays that it may soon be perfected, and that every Blessing which affection and duty can wish, may now and ever attend your Majesty, an your august Family.

Grafton Street
Sept 3d. 1799

Wm. Pitt

9307–8

Burham Court
Tuesday Sept 3. 1799
One Pk.

Mr Pitt has deferred troubling your Majesty with the Suggestion which he wishes now to lay before your Majesty till he could learn the Result of the first Operations in Holland. The Accounts received to day, enable him humbly to offer to your Majesty his Congratulations on the glorious Success which has been obtained in the Commencement of the Enterprize. And he is persuaded your Majesty will think the Moment a favorable One, for

making every Exertion to procure such additional Force as may improve to the utmost these Advantages, and furnish the Means of making an Impression on the Enemy during the remainder of the Year in every vulnerable Quarter. With this View Mr Dundas and Mr Pitt have conversed with Sir Charles Grey, whose Accounts of the Zeal of the Militia in his District, added to the Reports from all other Quarters, satisfy them that under the present Circumstances, almost any additional Number of Volunteers may be procured within a very short Time. The only Difficulty likely to arise would

Wm. Pitt

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be from the Limitation of Numbers in the Act passed in the last Session. But as there could be no doubt of obtaining a short Act to enlarge the Number, and as a Session of Parliament confined to that single Object would certainly not require more than a very few days, Mr Dundas and Mr Pitt, as well as the Lord Chancellor Lord Chatham and Lord Grenville (to whom they have had the Opportunity of mentioning the Idea) concur in thinking that it would be advisable without Loss of Time to exercise the Power of calling Parliament, on a Notice of Fourteen days, which is all the Time that the Law now requires. - Should Your Majesty

be graciously pleased to approve this Idea,
Mr Pitt is persuaded Your Majesty will think
it cannot be too speedily executed, as the
Success of the Measure will be greatly aided
by the Impression made by the Accounts now
received. In that Case Your Majesty will
probably approve of a Council being held on
the earliest day possible for the Purpose; and
as the Chancellor will be in Town on Thursday
in his Way to Weymouth, Your Majesty will
perhaps have the goodness (in order to save Time,
to signify your pleasure immediately to Him.
Mr Pitt or Mr Dundas would not have failed
to have the honor of Personally attending Your
Majesty, but they trust Your Majesty will
accept their Excuse, on the Account of the
Number of Arrangements here which require dispatch

H. M. to Ld. Chancellor

9309

St James's Sept. 4th 1799
m
45 Min. P.M.

I desire the Lord Chancellor will make the necessary preparations before He leaves Town, that a Privy Council may be held here for calling the Parliament that further powers may be given for obtaining a further supply of Men from the Militia to serve in the Army in Europe. There are other Privy Councillors here but Lord Loughborough it would be easy to persuade Lords Eldon and Walsingham to come on the Occasion. I only suggest those names but provided some Privy Councillors the Lord Chancellor it is quite immaterial who they are. I cannot suppose by attendance in London can be in the least necessary on the occasion of such an assembling of the Parliament.

George P.

D. of York
Horse Guards Sept. 4th 1799.

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Horse Guards September 4th 1799

Sir

I have the Honor to lay before Your Majesty the Weekly States and Monthly Return of Quarters as likewise the different recommendations for the vacant Commissions which have been received during this Week upon which however I must humbly beg Your Majesty to signify Your Orders to Sir William Fawcett, as I am to set out for Walmer this evening and hope either tomorrow afternoon or at latest on Friday morning to embark for Holland.

I will not trespass upon Your Majestys time by best from Declarations, being thoroughly persuaded that Your Majesty is fully convinced of my dutiful and filial attachment to Your Sacred, and of my anxious desire to forward to my utmost Your Majestys service and to endeavour to prove myself not undeserving of the Important Situation

in which Your Majesty's gracious and affectionate Partiality towards me has endeared Me to please me

With the most fervent prayers for Your Majesty's Health and prosperity, I beg the Honor to subscribe myself

Your Majesty's

Most dutiful Son
and Subject

Frederick

E. Spencer
Admiralty Sept. 5th 1794.

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Earl Spencer being found it impracticable to persuade Sir Allan Gardner to accept of the Situation at Portsmouth which was offered to him, thinks it his Duty to inform your Majesty that he proceeds with your Majesty's Approbation to yield to the great desire which Admiral Milbanke entertains of commanding at that Port, which Earl Spencer had some Years ago held out Expectations to him, & which he in some Degree feels himself bound to fulfil, as there does not appear to be any arrangement more desirable for the Interest of your Majesty's Service in the way of

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it. Earl Spencer proposes however on this occasion to revert to the appointment of a Rear Admiral to assist in superintending the Duties of the Port which as there is not so large a Fleet at home will probably become rather too heavy for the Commander in Chief to execute with Propriety, and Sir Richard Bickerton will not be improper for that Office tho' in opening presents itself for employing him more actively afloat.

Admiralty 5 Sep: 1799.

Sir Wm Fawcett
September 6. 1799

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Horse Guards, 6th Sept. 1799.

General Sir Wm. Fawcett thinks it his duty, to report to your Majesty, his receipt by this Morning's Post from Weymouth, of His Royal Highness, the Commander in Chief's Box, with the Note to himself, with which your Majesty has been graciously pleas'd to honor him, relative to the Official Papers therein contain'd; — & He most humbly entreats your Majesty to pardon him, for presuming to avail himself of this opportunity, to throw himself at your Majesty's Feet, to express, as far as Words can do it, that deep sense of Gratitude, which he feels, for this new, & distinguish'd mark of your Majesty's Confidence, & Favor, in placing Him at the head of the Home-Staff, during the absence of His Royal Highness, the Commander in Chief, on Foreign Service; assuring your Majesty, that no exertions whatever shall be wanting on his part, to render himself, if possible, not unworthy of this important Trust, by discharging the duties of it, as far as the extent of his abilities will permit, to your Majesty's satisfaction.

Ld. Loughborough
Staines Sp.t 6.th 1799.

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Staines 6.th Sept.r 10 P.m

The Chancellor flatters himself that your Majesty's commands have been executed for holding a Council on Monday. Lord Walsingham Lord Eldon & Sir William Wynn will not fail to attend. L.d Westmorland by the account of his Servants in Town must be at Weymouth by his time & certainly is in Dorsetshire. For greater precaution Letters have also written to L.d Leicester & Mr. Windham which were left in the charge of Mr. Hawkesser who together with the Solr. General will set out to morrow after they have prepared the necessary Papers.

Loughborough

Summary of French Papers

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September 6th 1799.

"Paris Papers of the 12th, 13th & 16th Fructidor (29th & 30th Aug & 2nd Sept) have been received in Town this Morning. The Papers of the 29th contains a Resolution passed in the Council of Ancients in their Sitting of the 11th Fructidor, 28th Aug that the Army of Italy (and their Commander Joubert who died in the Field) deserved well of their Country. — The defeat of Joubert's Army at Novi is briefly confirmed in the Paper of the 30th without any statement of the Enemies Loss. —

There is nothing worthy of notice in the Paper of the 2nd Instant. —

Henry Dundas

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Walmer Castle 6th Sept. 1799
½ p. M.

Mr Dundas takes the liberty of submitting to your Majesty's perusal the only private letters he has received from Sir Ralph Abercrombie, and begs leave to call your Majesty's attention to the concluding part of the first of the two letters respecting Colonel Hays family. He married the daughter of a very res-

pectable family in the County of Perth. The Connexion was more the Dictates of attachment than of Prudential considerations, and in addition to the Six Daughters mentioned in Sir Ralph Abercrombie's letter a Son has been born since Col. Hay went abroad.

Mr Pitt, with whom Mr Dundas has conversed on

Henry Dundas

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the Subject has suggested to him the Propriety of mentioning a Pension of five or six hundred per annum to the Widow with a Survivance of one hundred of it to each of the Daughters.

His Royal Highness the Duke of York arrived here yesterday Morning. all the business which His Royal Highness has to transact with

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Mr Dundas will be finished in the course of this day, when Mr Dundas will deliver to His Royal Highness his Instructions, and He will embark as soon as the Cambrian Frigate shall get round from Portsmouth.

The expected transports are not yet arrived from the Texel, but are hourly expected. The Wind is now perfectly fair for the Russian Troops.

Henry Dundas

9317

Walmer Castle. 6th Sept. 1799

Mr Dundas humbly transmits for your Majestys perusal the letter he has received from Lord Grenville on the Subject of Captain Popham, and Mr Dundas presumes he will now be directed by your Majesty to intimate to Captain Popham your Majestys acquiescence to his acceptance

of the honour proposed to him
by the Emperor of Russia.

Henry Dundas

9318-9

Admiralty Office 8th Sept. 1799. 6 p.m.

Mr Dundas has the honour to inform your Majesty that His Royal Highness The Duke of York embarked this evening on board the Amethiste at half past five o clock. The Wind is high and adverse, but it may prove both moderate in the course

of the Night, and if possible
this Royal Highness will
proceed in his Voyage ear-
ly in the Morning.

The Transports from
the Texel anchored
in the Downs this Forenoon.
They require some little re-
fitting, but nothing to prevent

Hugh Dundas

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to prevent

the whole of the troops at
Barham Downs from embar:
:king one Brigade on Tuesday
and the other on Wednesday
Morning.

The Brigade commanded
by Lord Chatham embar:
:ked this Morning.

Mr Quandus.

September 8. 1799

Duke of York

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Walmer Castle September 8th 1799

Sir

I had not intended to have troubled upon Your Majesty's Service again before I left this Country, but having been detained here two days longer than I expected by the Wind being contrary, I had the Honor to receive Yesterday Your Majesty's most Gracious and affectionate Letter and can not refrain from expressing to Your Majesty how deeply sensible I am of every Mark Your so good as to say in it, and to assure Your Majesty that it shall ever be my first endeavour to fulfill Your Majesty's Wishes, and to execute to Your Satisfaction the very important Commission with which through Your Majesty's goodness and partiality I have been entrusted.

I did not receive back from Mr. Lewis the papers which Your Majesty desired me to communicate to him upon the Accounts of the Life Guards till the Day before yesterday, I have now the Honor to return them to Your Majesty with Mr. Lewis's remarks upon them which I

would not meet with Your Majesty's approbation.

I then believe the time to acquaint Your Majesty that I had an opportunity yesterday of speaking to Mr Pitt upon the representation that Your Majesty wished should be made to the Life Guards and Blues. At first he seemed very much averse to that of the Life Guards on account of the expence but upon representing to him that their strength was not sufficient to do the duty we desired he agreed to the Troop being added to each Regiment, but wished that no augmentation should be made to the strength of the Troops at least till it was seen whether the additional fifty men per Regiment that he was Troop would give, would be sufficient to do the duty. With regard to the Blues the trade so objection to their establishment being just at eight Troops of sixty five Per Troop with the additional Field Officers, I then therefore sent the necessary papers to the War Office for the Blues.

If Your Majesty approves of the proposed augmentation of the Life Guards, Your Majesty will be graciously pleased

Duke of York

9321

to give Your Orders upon it —

I have the Honor to be to the Queen I am this instant going to embark at Deal,

With the most fervent prayers for Your Majesty's health and prosperity I have the Honor to remain

Sir

Your Majesty's

Most dutiful & Loyal

And Subject

Frederick

P.S. I beg leave to remind Your Majesty that having looked out among the Captains of Cavalry for a proper Officer to be recommended to Your Majesty for the Majority vacant in the Queens Dragoon Guards by the promotion of Lieutenant Colonel Dupuis, as the Captains in the Regiment are too young to succeed to it I recommend Sir William Fawcett to beg to inform Your Majesty the name of Major Vickers of

the 2d Regiment of Life Guards for it, He is a very
and a very good Officer and exceedingly anxious to be
employed as a hen Acting Lieut Gen He is in at present.

Duke of Wellington
September 20. 1829

Earl Spencer

September 9. 1799

9322

Earl Spencer has the Honour to acquaint your Majesty that His Royal Highness the Duke of York sailed this morning from the Texel on board the Amethyst Frigate, and Lord Cathcart with his Brigade were preparing to sail when the Telegraph Message came away.

The second division of Russian Troops were at Helvoetsluys on the 1st Instant, and are probably by this time well advanced on their way to Yarmouth whither they will come unless they should meet with any of the Vessels which have been sent to meet them & order them to the Texel.

Admiralty 9 Sept: 1799.

Henry Dundas

9323

Walmer Castle 9th Sept. 1799. ¼ p. m.

Mr Dundas has the honour to inform your Majesty that His Royal Highness the Duke of York sailed this Morning early, but the Vessel is still in sight and a dead calm, so that she can make very little if any Progress. What Wind there is occasionally

blowing is South East. The
seafaring Persons at Deal are
of opinion from the appearance
of the Sky that the Wind
is veering round, and that
probably at Daylight tomor
row morning it will be in
the Southwest.

Henry Dundas

9324

Walmer Castle 10th Sept. 1799
¼ h. m.

Mr Dundas has the honour to inform your Majesty that about 9 o clock last night the Wind got to N.N.W. and continues so all this day, so that with so fair a Wind it is to be hoped His Royal Highness the Duke of York is very fair on his Passage to the Texel

Earl Chatham and Lt General Hulse sailed this morning in the Pomone Frigate.

Ld. Grenville

Sep. 11 1799

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Lord Grenville
Upton 11. 1799

Dropmore Sept. 11. 1799.

Lord Grenville has been honoured with Your Majesty's note of this date, and will not fail to take the proper measures in consequence.

In the event of Mr Grenville's having gone to Petersburgh, Mr Pitt had thought that the settlement of affairs in Holland after the expulsion of the French, might properly

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be facilitated by Lord Grenville's obtaining Your Majesty's permission to proceed for a month or six weeks to the Hague, and some conversation had passed between them on the subject. The commission would certainly not be an agreable one, as Lord Grenville has seen enough of that Country to be satisfied that private interest will always be much more considered there than the public good,

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Ld. Grenville

Sep. 11 1799

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and that this circumstance will create an almost insurmountable obstacle in the way of any proper arrangement for giving efficiency to that weak and complicated Government. Lord Grenville however knows his duty too well to hesitate to engage in any service where Your Majesty should think he can be useful. He is of opinion that much of the advantage which was expected

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from his going will be equally, and in some respects even better, obtained if Your Majesty shall condescend to appoint Mr Grenville to be Your Majesty's Ambassador there. But if, when the time arrives, it should appear that by a temporary residence there he could assist Mr Grenville, and promote the success of Your Majesty's service, without prejudice to his other duties, he would certainly hold himself bound to obey any orders he might receive from Your Majesty, on that, as on every other subject.

Sir Ralph Abercrombie to Henry Dundas Sep. 11 1799

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Schagen Sept. 11 - 1799

Sir R. Abercromby

Dear Sir

It is possible that my determination to remain on the defensive until — reinforced, may not meet with the approbation of His Majesty's Ministers or of professional Men, yet I am certain that I have acted right; the difficulties of the Country in a Military point of view are such, that to — gain any advantage you must pay dear for it, but independent of that, the risk of a check appeared so hazardous and the hope of reinforcement so certain, that I trust my judgement is right. I believe I could not give a better proof of it than the business of yesterday - although the Enemy had long made preparation for an attack, although they knew every Inch of the Country, and although they behaved in

The Honble Henry Dundas

in general with uncommon spirit, yet they were soon and severely repulsed.

The Enemy is certainly in great force, there could not have been less than 12,000 Men in the field yesterday, probably more – The Dutch took every opportunity to desert, and in a short time near 300 made their escape. The Troops behaved as well as I could wish, before the Action was over they grew cool, reserving their fire, altho' full of Ardor. The Militia Men are I think a superior Race of Men, and a great acquisition to the Army at this time. I reckon that the Troops I have with me are made for this Campaign, and up to any thing, if they do not receive an unforeseen Check.

The Hereditary Prince of Orange arrived a few days ago. He has many projects to which I listen, but follow what to me appears for our Interest – He has organized 2,500 Sailors & Deserters, with which

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he wished to join this Army & has solicited Levy Money and Pay for them — My Answer has been that they should be subsisted at the usual rate allowed to Dutch Sailors and Soldiers, until I shall receive Instructions from home. I have directed them to be sent to the Island of Texel, there either to be cantoned or encamped. — They shall have some Arms and they may either be employed on the Armed Vessels in the Zuyder Zee or on the Coasts of Friezeland in promoting a Revolution. I really imagine the Prince has been deceived in thinking he had more friends than Enemies in this Country. If we can advance every one will be on our side, but there are few who are willing to risk any thing. I am very happy the Admiral has been ordered to send to England all the Line of Battle Ships — British — as well as Dutch — it has been my Constant advice to him but without

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any effect. Captain Deighton his Captain has fortunately returned from England — he is a Man of sense and alone can manage him. —

Captain Walkett who was my Brothers Aid de Camp, and now mine, is an old Officer — he received yesterday a severe wound which broke his Jaw Bone; it would gratify my Brother if he could get the Brevet of Major, to which he will be entitled in the first promotion. I shall ask this favor from the Duke of York, and I shall be much obliged to you if you would be so good as to mention him likewise to His Royal Highness. —

I have the honor to be
&c &c

(Signd) Ra Abercromby

Henry Dundas

Horse Guards 12th Sept. 1794. ½ p. m.

In transmitting to your Majesty the accompanying Drafts Mr Dundas thinks it his Duty humbly to state to your Majesty the Ground upon which he has thought himself bound upon him to make so material a Change in the Distribution of the troops

from what your Majesty
proceed to observe on the face
of the Drafts sent to your
Majesty a few days ago.
The substantial ground of
difference arises from the
recent dispatches from the
Continent. The Pressure of
the moment did not admit
of delay, nor of the means

Henry Dundas

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of submitting the reasons
of the Change to your
Majesty or to your Majesty's
confidential Servants, but
Mr Dundas being satisfied
of the impropriety of mak-
ing at this critical moment
so material a Change of
the Regiments at present
serving under His Royal

Highness the Duke of York,
that, after communicating
with Mr Pitt, he decided
to act on his own opinion
and countermand the Dis-
tribution which had been
resolved. The Points which
now press most are the ar-
rangements necessary to be
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made for strengthening the
force in the West Indies,
a measure which seems
absolutely necessary for
the security of your Ma-
jesty's valuable possessions
in that Quarter of the
World, and therefore your
Majesty may rest assured
no exertion shall be omit-
ted

for effectuating that National
object. If in any of his
Dispatches Mr Dundas shall
appear to your Majesty to
urge importunately the Execu-
tion of the Duties of any
of the other Departments,
he trusts your Majesty
will do him the Justice
to believe that he can

have no other motive for
proceeding than a desire to do
his own duty, and a con
viction that such urgency
is essentially necessary for
that purpose.

Mr Dundas transmits
for your Majesty's use a
copy of a letter he has
received from Mr Wyndham

which is connected with the
subject of the first part of
this letter.

Mr Dundas is sorry to
inform your Majesty that
your Uncle has been so
seriously ill for this week
past as to be totally disa
bled from Business; he is
as yet very little better

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but your Majesty may rest assured that however disposing the Circumstances is, Mr Dundas shall take care care that your Majesty's Fence does not suffer from it.

Duke of York

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Schagen Beach September 16 1799

Sir

I should have done myself the Honor of reporting my arrival at the Helder to Your Majesty by the Cutter that sailed the day before yesterday if I had not found myself under the necessity of setting out almost immediately for this Place that is the Head Quarters of the Army, in order to obviate any thing unpleasant that might have happened had the Prussian General joined Sir Ralph Abercombies Corps while I was not present.

I had a very tedious passage of four days, of which the two hundred the three first, and afterwards experienced a Storm Gale of Wind. Upon my Arrival in the Texel I found the second Division of Prussians already disembarked, and they marched the same evening. The Body of these Cavalry fine and strong Troops not remarkably tall, they are dressed nearly in the Style the Prussians were in the time of Frederick the 2d only that their Clothing is green instead of blue,

The 4th Division is likewise arrived from Yarmouth as also all the British Infantry and the 7th Light Dragoons

from Deal, I am anxiously waiting for their disembarkation and for their journey here, when I hope to have so much in memory proved ~~which I hope they will~~ I shall be able to do on the 18 or 19th instant at farthest.

I yesterday received the news of our position from Waterloo upon the German hour to Cobbem upon the Zuyderzee. This astonishingly strong. The Hereditary Prince of Orange accompanied me and I was rejoiced to see him so well received by the country people in all the villages through which he passed, it appeared to be really to come from the heart and not at all to be partial.

I am desired by Sir Ralph Abercrombie to lay him at Your Majestys feet, and to express to Your Majesty his humble thanks for the gracious opportunity that Your has been pleased to express of his conduct, but above all thanks for Your Great ~~attention~~ ~~to the~~ Widow and Children of poor deceased Colonel Hay, which he desired me to say that he feels more than any favor which could be conferred upon himself, when I told him of Your Majestys goodness, he burst into tears.

I will not trespass longer at present upon Your Majestys patience and have therefore the honor to subscribe

Duke of York

9335

Ingoldsby

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Your Majesty's

most dutiful & faithful
and Subject

Frederick

P.S. I beg pardon for troubling Your Majesty with this Postscript but it slipped my memory to beg Your Majesty to grant the Local rank of General to Sir Ralph Abercrombie upon the embarkation of Troops and if Your Majesty is graciously pleased to approve of this Suggestion and to order the commission to be dated on the day on which he sailed from England, I believe it would obviate all difficulties with the Duke of York, who would feel that Sir Ralph had the Rank before he joined the Army.

Duke of York
September 16. 1799

Duke of Portland

Sept. 19 1799

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The Duke of Portland humbly begs leave to acquaint Your Majesty that the Sheriffs of London have desired him to request Your Majesty's pleasure respecting the time at which they may be permitted to receive Your Majesty's Commands when Your Majesty would please to be attended by the Corporation of London with the Address which they have voted to Your Majesty on the glorious success of Your Majesty's arms in Holland & the surrender of the

the Dutch Fleet. the Duke of Portland ventured to intimate to them the possibility of Your Majestys condescending to admit the Sheriffs on Tuesday next before Your Majesty went to the House & of Your Majestys appointing the Corporation to attend Your with their address on Wednesday, after Your Majesty had received the Address of the House of Lords —

The Bishop of Oxford, who was consecrated the beginning of this month, has requested the Duke of Portland to signify to him Your Majestys commands as to the time at which Your Majesty

Duke of Portland

Sep. 19 1799

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Majesty will permit him to do his Homage —

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Thursday Even 19th Sept: 1799

Duke of Portland

September 19. 1799

Wm. Pitt

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Downing Street
Sunday. Sept 22. 1799

Mr Pitt humbly begs leave to submit to Your Majesty the Draft of Your Majesty's Speech for Opening the Session, which has been postponed till this Time from the daily and almost hourly Expectation of further Accounts from the Army in Holland. - Should any of a Decisive Nature get arrive before the Meeting on Tuesday, some Addition may

probably will be necessary in the Paragraph relative to that Subject, but Mr Pitt has thought it best in the mean time to lay the draft before Your Majesty, in case there should be any Part of it on which Your Majesty may wish to honor him with your Commands. – It has been thought advisable to recommend voting the

Wm. Pitt

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Annual Duties substituted for the Land Tax, and the Annual Malt Duty; as the forms necessary for that purpose, will add at most but two or three Days to the Length of the present Session, and will render it wholly unnecessary to meet Parliament again till after the Christmas Holidays.

Mr Pitt.

September 22. 1799

Henry Dundas

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Downing Street. 24th Sept. 1799
½ 4 p.m.

Mr Dundas begs leave humbly to state to your Majesty, that he intends this evening to send off a Messenger to the Army in Holland, in order to convey to His Royal Highness the Duke of York the Sentiments of your Majesty's Servants, that His Conduct and that of His Army is entitled to every degree

of approbation, and that the disappointment His Royal Highness has met with is solely to be attributed to one of those accidents, to which such combined attacks are liable. From the Spirits the troops are in, and the proofs of steadiness and valour they have given, Mr Dundas

Henry Dundas

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trusts your Majesty may soon expect accounts of a different nature. Mr Dundas wishes to be informed whether your Majesty has any intention of writing to the Royal Highness, that the Messenger may be instructed accordingly.

Mr Dundas

September 24: 1799

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London Sept. 25. 1799

Baron Wimpffen

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Mylord.

Je recois dans ce moment, avec une Lettre de S. A. S. Le Duc de Wirtemberg, en date du 6. de ce mois, l'ordre de communiquer à Leurs Majesté l'extrait suivant de cette même Lettre:

„ Je vous charge d'écrire dabord à Weymouth et d'assurer que le danger devient toujours moindre; que dès l'arrivée de l'armée aux ordres du general Starray, tout pourra rentrer dans l'ordre et ma femme revenir ici (à Louisbourg). Le quartier General de l'archiduc etoit avant hier à Donaueschingen d'où il m'écrit. a.

Son Altesse Royale madame La Duchesse etoit encore à cette époque à Gœppingen.

Je suis avec respect,

Mylord

de Votre Excellence

Le très humble et très obéissant serviteur.

Le Baron de Wimpffen

28. St. James's Street. ce 26 Sep.re 1799.

Summary of French Newspapers

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White Hall September 27th 1799.

French Papers were received in Town early this Morning to the 22d instant inclusive; but they contain no intelligence of Importance.

It appears by an Article in the Paper of the 16th that a considerable body of French Troops had entered the Canton of Glaris on the 2d September and after several

obstinate

obstinate Engagements had made themselves masters of that Canton. They afterwards marched to Wallenstadt and Illanz with a view of joining Lecourbe.

There is an official Letter from Masena to the Directory dated Head Quarters Lenzbourg 9th Septr giving an account of an affair which took place the day before at Wollishofen. The Russians fought most desperately and some of them rather chose to be

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The French are sending all the men they can raise to Holland.

Bulletin from French Papers

September 27. 1796

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Bp. of Worcester

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Hartlebury Septr 29 1799

Sir

I presume to trouble your Majesty with this Letter, occasioned by one received from Sir Edward Littleton, who informs me, that, having been to attend your Majesty's Levee on Wednesday last the 25th inst., your Majesty had the goodness to inquire after me, & that your Majesty said – you was sure the B. W. was lazy, for that some time ago your Majesty had sent him a book with a Letter inclosed in it, to wch your Majesty had received no answer of three months, & was sure he had never opened the book in all that time. If this refers to a book sent to me by your Majesty's order within three or four months past, I certainly had not the honour of receiving any such, nor consequently the Letter which your Majesty was pleased to inclose in it.

I am therefore very anxious to clear myself immediately from the imputation of laziness,

or rather of want of duty, in not acknowledging so signal a mark of favour, and address the inclosed to your Majesty under cover to your Majesty's Equerry in waiting at Weymouth, who is requested to deliver it to your Majesty without delay.

I am, Sir, an old man, under many infirmities, but the least degree of carelessness or inattention with regard to any favour wch your Majesty vouchsafes to confer upon me, cannot be one of them.

I thank God for his mercies of all sorts showered down upon your Majesty, & in particular for the continued health of your Majesties & the Royal Family, & am with all possible duty,

Sir,

Your Majesty's most obedient & most humble subject & servant

R. Worcester

Earl Spencer

September 30 1799

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Earl Spencer has the Honour of acquainting your Majesty that a Message is just come up by the Telegraph by which it appears that the Happy Sloop was just arrived from the Texel having left it on the 26th Instant at which Date no Action had taken place since that of the 19th but 3000 more Russians had arrived for the Baltick.

Admiralty 30 Sep: 1799
4 P.M.

Mr Pitt.

September 30 1799

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Downing Street.

Monday Sept 30th 1799

Your Majesty having been graciously pleased to approve of the Warrant, which the Duke of Portland at Mr Pitt's desire laid before Your Majesty, for paying to the Privy Purse the Sum of 10.000 £ from the Regie Fund at Martinique, in order to apply it to some Objects of Secret Service in Ireland, Mr Pitt takes the Liberty of humbly requesting from Your Majesty the necessary Authority to Lord Cardigan, for carrying the Arrange-ment into Execution; for which Purpose

it seems ~~most convenient~~ that Lord Cardigan should give the proper Receit for the Money at the Treasury, and should receive Your Majesty's Directions to pay it over to Lord Cathcart or any one appointed to receive it on His Account.