Duke of York

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Lyppe Kuys October 4. 1799

Sir

I have not let my Aid de Camp Captain Fitzgerald carry over to England the Account of the Success which Your Majesty's Arms have had on the 2d of this month without begging leave to express to Your Majesty my self how much the Conduct of Your Majesty's Troops is worthy of Your Majesty's Approbation, it is to their Steadiness and Gallantry alone that through Divine Providence the Victory was gained, their Loss I am afraid is considerable particularly in Officers, as the Chief part of the Engagements was in the Sand Hills and Brush Wood along the Village of Bergen, Too much praise can not be given to Sir Ralph Abercrombie and Lieutenant General Dundas for their Exertions in leading their respective Columns, I am sure that Your Majesty will be pleased to hear that both Lord Chatham and Lord Paget distinguished themselves very much

Lord Wellesley and General Moore are both wounded but neither of them dangerously

Lord Cavan had the misfortune just as Sir Ralph Abercrombies Column began the Attack to be run over by an unruly Dragoon Horse by which his right Leg has been broke, and is otherwise very much hurt.

I shall not conclude for this Night begging Leave to offer to Your Majesty my most humble thanks for the two very gracious Letters which I received by the last Messenger they relieved my Mind from an anxiety which I naturally felt lest Your Majesty might impute the failure of the attack of the 19th to any fault of mine, I trust in God that the consequences of the Victory which we have gained may be such as to answer fully Your Majestys Expectations, at least Your Majesty may be assured that no effort or no exertion shall be wanting on my part to fulfill Your Majestys intentions, and to bring to a prosperous conclusion

Duke of York

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the great and important cause in which we are
engaged

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

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Gracious Condescension

Duke of York

October 4. 1799

Earl Spencer
October 6. 1799

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Earl Spencer is much concerned to acquaint your Majesty that in consequence of the differences which your Majesty is already apprized had subsisted in the Mediterranean between Admiral the Earl of St Vincent and Vice Admiral Sir John Orde, the latter has thought fit to send a Challenge to the Earl of St Vincent, and though in the first Instance his Lordship very properly declined accepting it, yet as there appeared to be some reason to apprehend that the matter might proceed further, it was judged advisable to put a stop to it by causing the Parties to be respectively bound over to keep the Peace. This Expedient will however only avail for a certain Time, and on consulting

with Mr Pitt and others of your Majesty's Confidential Servants, we have agreed, as the only effectual means of preventing further mischief, humbly to recommend to your Majesty to permit your Royal Authority to be interposed, by signifying to the Duke of Clarence that the Earl of St Vincent should be commanded by the Board of Admiralty not to accept of a Challenge from Sir John Orde on this occasion, which will justify his Lordship in refusing to meet the Vice Admiral and may, it is hoped, put an End to this very unpleasant Business.

Admiralty. 6 Oct. 1799.

To the Chancellor

October 7. 1799.

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Weymouth Oct. 7th 1799.

This Morning I have received the Commission for passing the Bill for accepting the Services of an Additional number of Volunteers from the Militia which having Signed will I trust receive to-morrow the Assent. I perceive by the Minutes of the House of Commons that a Bill is coming forward enabling Parliament to be summoned during an Adjournment this will certainly obviate difficulties which might at present arise, if the business closes on Saturday as the Lord Chancellor's note seems to expect, I hope he will not lose an hour in setting out for Bath and that he will so dispose his business as to drink the Waters a suitable time, his having an excuse for not attending Alderman Coombe's Dinner may be an additional reason for protracting his stay at that place.

George R.

Telegraph Message from Deal Oct. October 7. 1799

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Telegraph Message from Deal
7th October 1799 — 1/2 p. 2 P. M.

Arrived a Lugger, left Texel the 5th P. M. — We attacked the 2d. at Alkmaar .... 4000 Prisoners taken the 3d. Nile sailed with Dispatches when Lugger sailed.

Henry Dundas

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Downing St. 7th Oct. 1799 ½ 11. A. M.

Mr Dundas thinks it his Duty, altho the Details are not yet arrived, to forward a Messenger to inform Your Majesty, that Your Majesty's Arms under the Command of His Royal Highness the Duke of York have gained a complete Victory over the Enemy and are in possession of Alkmaar. The Weather is extreamly bad, but the troops have not yet become sickly.

It is impossible for Mr Dundas
in the first moment of receiving
the Dispatches to convey any par-
ticular Suggestions to your
Majesty, or to conjecture what
may be most expedient hereaf-
ter to pursue, but your Majes-
ty may rest assured Mr Dundas
will take the first possible
moment of transmitting to your
Majesty every information in
his Power. at present He has

Henry Dundas

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it only in his power with much humility, but with heartfelt satisfaction to congratulate your property on a Brilliant Success obtained under the auspices of His Royal Highness the Duke of York.

The only officers of Rank wounded are General Moore and Lord Huntley, but neither of them dangerously. a good number of officers of inferior Rank are killed and wounded

in all about 72 officers killed wounded and missing, and about one thousand Privates. The Praise due to the British troops cannot be too greatly stated. Mr Dundas wishes he could say as much with regard to the Prussians, but it is essential at the present moment that no Idea of that kind should be uttered. Mr Dundas has instructed Capt Fitzgerald accordingly.

Mr Dundas
Battle 7. 1806.

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Horse Guards, 9th Oct. 1799.

Sir Wm. Fawcett.
9th Octobr 1799

Your Majesty's Ministers having taken into their consideration, the expediency of reinforcing, with as little delay, as possible, the Army, under the Command of His Royal Highness, the Captain General, now serving in Holland, with such part of the disposeable Force, as can be spared at present from this Country, it is proposed to appoint the Light-Infantry Battn. of the Foot-Guards for this Service, to be augmented to 800, Rank & File, from the other Battns. — and the 11th Regt. of Foot, to be added to this Battn.—

Genl. Sir Willm. Fawcett is directed by your Majesty's Ministers, to lay this Arrangement before your Majesty, & most humbly to solicit the honor of your Majesty's Commands thereupon, for their information.

Genl. Sir Willm. Fawcett has the honor to send herewith to your Majesty, the usual Weekly States of the Troops; — together with a Return of the General, & Staff-Officers, in the several Districts in Great Britain.

Henry Dundas

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Downing Street. 10th Oct. 1799 ½ 3 p. m.

Mr Dundas humbly transmits to your Majesty the accompanying correspondence with His Royal Highness the Duke of York for your Majestys perusal and consideration. Independant of his general feeling of Duty as an officer and a good Subject, Mr Dundas has personally reason to

know that no Reward He could
ever receive, nor no Distinction that
could be conferred upon him
would give Sir Ralph Abercrom-
bie half the Satisfaction He
derives from every opportunity
afforded to him of Proving
the High sense of Gratitude
he feels from the Generous
Support your Majesty and
the Duke of York admins:

Henry Dundas

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tered to him on his last Re-
turn from Ireland, a time
when every effort was ne-
cessary to protect him from
the unprincipled Faction
which was then combined
against him. Mr Pitt has
never said so to Mr Dundas, but
He cannot help thinking that
part of Mr Pitts Anxiety to
mark Sir Ralph Abercromby

on the present occasion may arise from his recollection of some Circumstances that occurred at that time.

Mr Quantock
Letter 10. 1766

Earl Spencer
October 16. 1799

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Earl Spencer in Obedience to your Majesty's Commands has caused a Letter to be written to the Earl of St Vincent of which the inclosed is a Draft, and has also notified it to Sir John Orde by transmitting to him a Copy of that Letter. The Draft of the Letter to Sir John Orde is also sent herewith for your Majesty's Information

Admiralty 10. Oct: 1799.

To the Chancellor
October 11. 1799

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Weymouth Oct 11th 1799.

I return to the Lord Chancellor the Commission for passing the Bills now finished for the King & Assent as also the Commission for Earl Gower as Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire having signed them.

I am glad to find the Lord Chancellor proposes setting out in the course of tomorrow for Bath as I trust the waters will be of essential use to his health.

Grenville

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Horse Guards, 11th Oct. 1799.

Sir William Fawcett.
October 11. 1799

Your Majesty's approbation of the Arrangement, for the immediate departure of the Light-Infantry Battn. of the Foot-Guards; & of the 11th Regt. of Foot, to join the Army, under the Command of His Royal Highness, the Duke of York, Captn. General of Your Majesty's Land Forces in Holland, as signified to Genl. Sir Wm. Fawcett, in Your Majesty's most gracious Letter of yesterday's Date, rendering it necessary, to withdraw the 2d. Battn. of the 1st Regt. of Foot Guards, from the Tower, where it is now quartered, to assist in the performance of the ordinary Duties, at this End of the Town, Your Majesty's Order, in the usual Form, for quartering the said Battn. in the Borough of Southwark, is herewith enclosed, for Your Majesty's Signature.

In order to equalize the 8 Companies of this Light Battn. of the Guards, with those now serving in Holland, they have been completed to 120, Rank & File to Company, amounting in the whole to 960, which it is humbly hoped Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to approve: They are to assemble, & march early Tomorrow Morning, to Greenwich, to be there embarked in Vessels, prepared to receive, & convey them to the Nore, where Ships are ready to take them on Board. — The 11th Regt. of Foot, now quartered at Chelmsford, will be em=
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-bark'd at Tilbury Fort, on Sunday next, & proceed down the River to the Nore, to be there in like manner, put on board of Transport-Ships, in readiness to receive it, & to sail with the first fair wind afterwards, to the place of its destination.

The 52d. Regt. has been ordered to furnish a sufficient Detachment, to replace the Batt. of the Guards in the Tower.

The Official Orders, & Instructions, for carrying into Effect, the new Act of Parliament, to enable your Majesty to accept the Services of an additional Number of Volunteers from the Militia, being just sent in circulation from this Office, Gen.l Sir Will.m Fawcett most humbly presumes to transmit the enclosed Copies thereof, for your Majesty's information.

Sir H. Neale
October 12. —
no Year

Sir Harry Burrard Neale

See note below

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St. Fiorenzo Port Oct. 12th

Sir

The many & repeated favors I have received from your Majesty, induces me to take the liberty of begging you will bestow some Church Preferment upon my Brother. He is at present without any, & all my efforts hitherto to serve him have proved ineffectual. From your Majestys great Condescension to me upon every occasion, I cannot help applying to your Majesty as my only Friend, to whom I already feel bound by every tie of Gratitude & affection.

I am Sir
your Majestys
most dutiful & aff.t Serv.t
H Neale

(Rev. Geo. Burrard, brother to Sir H. Neale, was appt.d Chaplain to the P. of Wales in Nov. 1799, and later became Rector of Yarmouth I.o.W.)

Henry Dundas

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Downing Street 13th Oct. 1799 ½ 6 P.M.

Mr Dundas has the honour humbly to inform your Majesty that the Messenger is arrived from the Army with the Detail of the action of the 2d, and a very short account without Details of another action on the 6th Mr Dundas thinks it his Duty to send this Short account to your Majesty without any Delay. The accompanying Bulletin is the Substance of the Dispatches so

far as yet received

Bulletin

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Secret.

Downing Street,
Oct. 14th 1799.

Dispatches have been received from His Royal Highness the Duke of York, dated Alkmaar the 7th giving an account of a severe action which took place, on the 6th Instant, between that Town and Beverwyk, which terminated in the Enemy's retiring after sustaining a very considerable Loss in Killed and wounded — Upwards of 500 Prisoners were taken —

The Loss of the British is stated at 500, and that of the Russians at 1200 Killed, Wounded and Missing. — The Difficulty of advancing in a Country naturally

so

so strong, the Reinforcements daily rece
by the Enemy, joined to the unusually
bad Weather and impracticable Roads
determined His Royal Highness to no
occupy, on the 8th the strong position pos
which the Army had advanced on
the 2d, and there to wait for further
Instructions.

Genl. Sir Wm. Fawcett.
Horse Guards 14th Oct. 1799.

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Horse Guards, 14th. Oct. 1799.

General Sir Wm. Fawcett most humbly presumes to inform Your Majesty, that by direction of Your Majesty's Ministers, the Embarkation of the 10th (or Prince of Wales's) Regt. of Light Dragoons; — of the Light Infantry Battalion of the Guards; & of the Eleventh Regt. of Foot, is countermanded: & that the two last are ordered to return to their former Quarters.

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Bp. of Worcester

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Hartlebury Octr 14th 1799

Sir

I had the honour of receiving your Majesty's most obliging Letter from Weymouth of Octr 5th 1799, but have omitted to make my acknowledgment of it till this day, when I conclude your Majesty will be returned to Windsor.

Your Majesty makes me extremely happy in so readily accepting the vindication of myself from what your Majesty calls by the softest name, laziness, but wd indeed have been an unpardonable fault, if I had been capable of committing it. If two years ago, I incurred the blame of any such charge, it must have been occasioned by the book's lying too long at Worcester.

No intelligence could be more welcome to me than that of your Majesty & the Royal family having benefitted by the fine air & sea-bathing of Weymouth: And the usual good effects I hope will follow, of your increased health & spirits. For these supports, your Majesty's unwearied exertions for the general good of Europe, as well as of your own Dominions, are likely to call for in no common

measure. I judge so, from your Majesty's late success & efforts every where by sea & land, & particularly from the news just now received from Holland, & of the Cau-tells wch his Royal Highness the Duke of York has acquired in a cause so just & important. I beg your Majesty will have the Goodness to accept my sincerest congratulations.

Nothing can be juster than what your Majesty is pleased to intimate of your attention to Ecclesiastical Preferments, & of wch your Majesty has given a recent proof in filling the See of Oxford. I doubt not Cambridge will be able to furnish it's proportion of candidates for your Majesty's notice; tho', from my long absence from that place, & total unacquaintance with it's present members, I am unable to mention particular names. Of Dr Paley, I know nothing but from his writings, wch shew him to be a learned and ingenious man. And, if in any of these he may have

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been somewhat biassed by his obligations to Bishop Law, his riper age & experience must by this time, I suppose, have reformed his judgment.

I am with every sentiment of respect & duty,

Sir,

Your Majesty's most obliged & most faithful subject & servant

R. Worcester

Bp. of Worcester
Hartlebury Oct. 14th. 1799.

Henry Dundas

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Downing St 14th October 1799. ½ 3 h. m.

Mr Dundas has the honour to transmit to your Majesty, along with the Dispatches Received and Made, a Minute of Cabinet, and a Proposed Draft of a Dispatch to His Royal Highness The Duke of York founded on the opinion of Your Majestys Confidential Servants. Mr Dundas at the Same time takes the liberty of troubling your Majesty with a Copy of

the Answer Mr Dundas means to return to the Private Letter He has had the honour of receiving from the Duke of York by Col. Browning. It is Mr Dundas's intention to dispatch Colonel Browning this Evening or at a very early hour tomorrow Morning.

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Downing Street. 14th October 1799 ½ p. m.

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Present

Duke of Portland
Earl Spencer
Lord Grenville
Mr Pitt
Mr Wyndham
Mr Dundas

Cabinet Meeting

Humbly represent to your Majesty that having perused the Dispatches formerly and now received from His Royal Highness The Duke of York, They are of opinion that every thing has been done in the execution of

your majestys Instructions that
military Skill or valour could
accomplish, and have a full
confidence, that if it was expe:
:dient to prosecute the Campaign
further in the Direction where
the army now is, the same
Skill and valour would con
:tinue to be displayed. But
from the Losses the army has
already sustained in the Severe

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actions they have fought, from
the additional means of rein:
forcements the Enemy possess from
late events on the continent,
from the small progress your
Majestys army have been enabled
to make owing to the unexam
:pled inclemency of the Weather,
and from the late season of
the year which leaves no
room to hope that at present

these complicated Difficulties can in any Degree be removed, and therefore They humbly recommend to your Majesty that Directions may be immediately given for withdrawing the allied troops from Holland to be conformed according to Circumstances in great Britain and Ireland and the Islands of Jersey and Guernsey.

Sir Wm. Fawcett
18th October 1799

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Horse Guards, 18th Oct. 1799.

In compliance with the desire of your Majesty's Ministers, Genl. Sir Wm. Fawcett most humbly presumes to submit to your Majesty's consideration, the expediency of your Majesty's being graciously pleased to grant to Capt. Fitzgerald, of the 3d. Regt. of Foot-Guards, Aide de Camp to His Royal Highness the Captain-General; — & to Capt. Browne, Aide de Camp to Lieut. Genl. Trigge, & Eldest Capt. in the 59th Regt., the Brevet Rank of Majors in the Army, on account of the agreeable intelligence, of the successful Operations of your Majesty's Forces on Foreign Service, which these Officers have respectively brought Home, for your Majesty's information.

Henry Dundas

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Wimbledon 21 Oct. 4/11 h. m.

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Mr Dundas has just learnt from Mr Nisbitson that he has transmitted to your Majesty the Letter this day received from the Duke of York addressed to Mr Dundas, but that in several particulars the information it contains was not complied. It is probable the

official accounts may arrive in the course of the Night, but Mr Dundas thinks it his Duty humbly to transmit for your Majesty's Perusal all the Private information of which he is possest. Mr Dundas from what he sees has no hesitation in submitting his opinion to your Majesty that the arrange

Henry Dundas

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ment which is supposed to have been made is in every respect judicious. Mr Dundas has been informed that the prisoners to be released are about 8000 men. Without any stipulation it would be desir:able to get rid of that num:ber or even more. If by such a facilitie, We are re

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lieved of all the Difficulties attending such an Embarkation, no Person can hesitate in rejoicing in any arrangement which has been productive of such consequences.

Mrs Sp. Dundas.

Windsor. 21 Oct. 1798

Duke of York
October 21. 1799

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Schagen Broek October 21 1799

Sire

I beg leave to return Your Majesty my most humble thanks for Your most gracious letter of the 17th Instant which was delivered to me by Colonel Browning yesterday.

I must wish to express to Your Majesty how much I feel the Personal and Affectionate Expressions which You are pleased to make use of upon my Conduct during the time I have been employed in this Country I can safely say that no Officer ever was placed in the Command of Brave Troops this Been when Your Majesty has entrusted to me, and it has certainly not been from want of Courage or Resolution on their part that I have not fulfilled Your Majesty's expectations.

Whether Your Majesty will fully approve of the step which I have thought necessary to take

of making a truce with the Enemy to avoid the loss of Many brave Men on our embarkation. I can not pretend to judge, but I must by leave to say that I believe the loss that he must have sustained of his best officers and soldiers that your Gallant Army & the Navy and Air our Home, I thought it my duty bound to sacrifice all personal and private feelings, that I can not conceal from Your Majesty, lest any harm to that I judged the advantage of Your Majesty's service, and the saving of Many valuable lives lost.

Every Reason shall be taken for the immediate removal of Your Majesty's Troops from this Country, and I hope that it will not be long before I shall have the happiness of paying my duty to Your Majesty.

I have the Honour to be

Your Majesty's

Most dutiful Son

and subject

Edward

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Gen. Goodwin

Gen. Sir Wm. Fawcett
Letter 22. 1799

Horse Guards, 22d. Oct. 1799.

The Note with which your Majesty has been graciously pleas'd to honor General Sir Wm. Fawcett, of yesterday's Date, has not less Dis-tress'd, than surpris'd Him, fearing that your Majesty might think He had been guilty of a neglectful omission, in not having regularly reported to your Majesty, the circumstances re-fer'd to by your Majesty, respecting the forming a Battalion, from the Volunteers of the Staffordshire Militia, to be added as a 2d. Batt. to the 52d. Regt.; & commanded by Lord Granville Leveson Gower; — But no Official account of any such Arrange-ment, had arrived at his hands; nor had He received any authority from your Majesty's Mi-nisters, to take your Majesty's Commands upon the Subject, till his arrival at the Horse Guards, from Chelsea, this morning, when, upon Enquiry, He found that a Letter had been received at the Office, from Mr. Secretary Dundas, the 18th. Instt., though it is dated the 10th., explaining the particulars, relative to the formation of this Battn.; but which it was thought unnecessary to communicate to Genl. Sir Wm. Fawcett, untill His Royal Highness, the Capt. General's Opinion upon it, had been received, which Colt. Browrigg (who, it seems, had been made acquainted, while He was lately here, with the whole Business, at the Secretary of State's Off-ice,)

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-ice,) promised to transmit, for Your Majesty's information, as expeditiously as possible, after his return to Holland, which however is not yet arrived. — Gent. Sir W.m Fawcett most humbly presumes, for Your Majesty's farther satisfaction, to lay before Your Majesty, copy of a Letter, with its Enclosure, which He has this moment received from Mr. Dundas, relative to this Transaction.

Having made Enquiry at the Admiralty, & the Transport-Office, concerning the insufficiency of Tonnage, which Your Majesty mentions, Sir Wm. Fawcett is informed, that the former Board, has sent over to the Texel, in Ships of the Line, — Armed Transports, & other Vessels, Tonnage for about 24,000 Men; — & that at least 50,000 Tons more, have been sent from the Transport Office, for the conveyance of Cavalry, Infantry, & Military Stores, of all kinds; — it is therefore to be hoped, that there will be Tonnage sufficient in the Texel, for the accommodation of the whole Army.

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Henry Dundas to Sir Wm. Fawcett Enc.

Downing Street
22d. Octr. 1799

Sir,

In consequence of some communication Mr. Pitt and I had with Lord Granville Leveson Gower before the late Act was passed, we formed an opinion that the number of Men to be raised from the three Staffordshire Battalions under that Act, amounting to 854, would be much more likely to come forward if they could be formed into a Corps under His Lordship's Command, and finding that His Lordship had no reluctance to such a command, it appeared to us that by recommending him to it with the temporary Rank of Lieutenant Colonel only, we were consulting the Interests of His Majesty's Service without interfering with the Regulations of the Army. — On these grounds I addressed to you my Letter of the 10th. Instant.

General Sir William Fawcett, K.B.

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× Not received till the 18th.

A few

A few Days afterwards in consequence of a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel Maddon of the 2nd Stafford, of which the enclosed is an Extract, I desired, under the pressure therein stated, that Major General St. John should be informed that a Corps of Staffordshire Volunteers was to be formed, and in order to give authority over them, I recommended a Letter of Service to be prepared.

I must observe that it was by no means the wish of Lord Granville Leveson Gower that this Corps should be attached to the 52nd but that, on the contrary, this condition was impressed upon him for the advantage of the Service, and for this reason, that the Men belonging to that Regiment as a second Battalion might be turned over to the first, whenever it might please His Majesty to reduce the 2nd but, should they form a different Corps of Staffordshire Volunteers (as was Lord Granville Leveson Gower's wish) they must be dismissed

and

and totally lost to the Service, when reduced, as the power of drafting them into any other Regiment is expressly prohibited by the Act of Parliament.

I lament that the urgency of the circumstances I have stated, should have rendered it necessary to take any steps until you could hear from His Royal Highness, but I trust His Majesty will be satisfied that if erroneous, they had for motive to promote the success of the late important Act of Parliament, by procuring a body of Men which could not otherwise have been formed.

Should it be His Majesty's Pleasure, after this statement may have been submitted to Him, that this Corps should be established distinct from the 52nd or that it should be dissolved altogether, I shall take measures with Lord Granville Leveson Gower for executing His Commands, but I must observe that, in the latter case, a valuable body of Men would, I am afraid, be lost to His Majesty's Service.

I am, &c.

(Signed) Henry Dundas.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. Secretary Dundas to General Sir William Fawcett, dated Downing Street, 22d. Octr. 1799. –

Sir Wm. Fawcett
October 25 1799

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Horse Guards, 25th Octr. 1799.

The Note with which your Majesty was most graciously pleased to honor General Sir Wm. Fawcett, of this Day's Date, arrived at his hands, at the Horse-Guards, at 12 o' Clock; & Your Majesty's Commands therein contained, were immediately dispatch'd to Mr. Secretary Dundas, in obedience to your Majesty's Orders.

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Bp. of Worcester
Hartlebury Oct. 25th 1799.

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Hartlebury Octr 25th 1799

Sir

I received yesterday the Gottingen Prize Dissertations for 1799, wch your Majesty has had the goodness to send me, together with the honour of your Majesty's gracious Letter of the 18th, & beg leave to make my humble acknowledgments for both these favours.

I cannot be enough sensible of your Majesty's condescending to take notice of my health, and even to take an interest in it. I wish it wd enable me to express my duty in any way that might be acceptable to your Majesty, & agreeable to my station. But I can only applaud the efforts of others, among my brethren, to oppose the encroaching impiety of the times, and to supplicate the divine blessing upon them. And when I consider how much depends on your Majesty's zeal and endeavours to promote so good a cause, and

how uniformly they have been expressed thro' the whole course of your reign, I cannot but join my fellow subjects in the most heart-felt acknowledgments of these sweet & publick blessings, & particularly in the ardent prayers & good wishes, wch they are everywhere putting up to heaven for your Majesty's life, health, and prosperity on this day.

I am,

Sir,

Your Majesty's most obliged & devoted subject & servant

R. Worcester

Ld. Spencer

Oct. 26 1799

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Earl Spencer has the Honour to convey to your Majesty the accompanying Letters from His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent, and is happy to inform your Majesty that His Royal Highness arrived safe at Halifax on the 6th of Sep:r last.

Admiralty 26. Oct: 1799.

Earl Spencer.

Admiralty – 26th Oct. 1799

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Minute of Cabinet
Oct. 27. 1799.
From Lord Grenville

Cleveland Row Oct. 27. 1799.

Lord Grenville has the honour to submit to Your Majesty the minute taken at the meeting of Your Majesty's Servants yesterday, and if Your Majesty should be graciously pleased to approve

it

if the Messenger might be dispatched to St. Petersburgh on Tuesday night.

In order to obviate the defects which Mr. Wickham and Lieutenant-Colonel Clinton have pointed out in the composition of the Russian Army in Switzerland, Your Majesty's Servants have thought that it might be useful to instruct the former to endeavour to obtain Marshal Suwarrow's cooperation in such representations as it will be necessary to make on that head at St. Petersburgh, and

eventually

eventually to authorize Major-General Lord Mulgrave to take upon him an active and efficient station on the Staff of that Army.

Lord Grantham.
Received from Lord Grantham
at Oct. 1799

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Oct. 26. 1799.

Present

The Duke of Portland

Earl Spencer

Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer

Mr. Secretary Dundas

Mr. Windham

Lord Grenville.

On consideration of the present state of the allied Forces, and of the prospects and means for pursuing the War with Energy in the ensuing Campaign it is humbly represented to His Majesty,

That it may be proper to instruct His Majesty's Minister in Austria to propose to the Emperor the conclusion of a treaty of Subsidy for next year,

year, by which the Emperor shall engage to employ under Field Marshall Suwarow, in operations in Switzerland, and from thence into France, a force of not less than Eight or Ninety Thousand Men, in addition to the troops to be furnished by the Elector of Bavaria. And that Sir Charles Whitworth should be authorized to agree to the same terms as have been already given.

That it should also be proposed to the Emperor of Russia to treat in concert with His Majesty at Vienna, for the cooperation of the Austrian Army in the next Campaign. And that His Majesty's readiness should be expressed to concur in such arrangements respecting Italy and the Netherlands, as may best facili-

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tate these objects without any infringement of those principles of Justice on which His Majesty and the Emperor of Russia are acting. – Particularly by a just and equitable exchange, if it shall be necessary, of the King of Sardinia's dominions in Piedmont for an adequate compensation in another part of Italy, and by making such a disposition of the Netherlands as may be subservient to this plan.

Minute

Oct. 26. 1799.

Sir Wm. Fawcett.
October 26. 1799

(One Enclosure)

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Horse Guards, 26th. Oct. 1799.

The enclosd Copy of a Letter from Mr. Secretary Dundas, which Genl. Sir Wm. Fawcett has the honor to transmit to your Majesty, though dated yesterday, was not delivered to Him till this Morning, having apparently been just brought from Wimbleton: — Your Majesty will perceive from its contents, that it is meant as a Reply, to the substance of your Majesty's Commands, re==garding Lord G. L. Gower's proposd new Battn., conveyd to Sir Wm. in the honor of your Majesty's gracious Note of the 22d. Instt. — Mr. Dundas's receipt of your Majesty's further Pleasure on the same subject, dated, & receivd by Sir Wm. yesterday, & dispatchd to Him without delay, has not yet been acknowledgd; probably by reason of his remaining out of Town, the whole Day.

H. Dundas to Sir Wm. Fawcett Enc.

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Downing Street
25th Octr. 1799 ½ 11 a.m.

Sir,

Mr. Huskisson has delivered to me Your Message, on the subject of the Corps proposed to be raised from the Volunteers of the Staffordshire Militia, and to be commanded by Lord Granville Leveson Gower. — If it is conceived that all the Militia Men to be disembodied will be speedily recruited into the Regular Regiments of the Army, I am positive, and I have not hitherto been mistaken in any of my Ideas on the subject, that this expectation will lead to disappointment. — To prevent such disappointment and to accomplish my wish that not a Man of them should be lost to the Public Service, is the sole object of every Clause in the Bill, and of every measure I have suggested. — If, after disembodying them, they do not recruit into the Army, there is no means

To General Sir William Fawcett, K.B.

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means left but to have recourse to their former Officers or others animated by Public Zeal or a point of honor, who from County influence or otherwise, may have weight in bringing them into general Service. — If Corps formed upon this principle, are attached as second or third Battalions to established Regiments with temporary Rank to the Officers employed in raising them, they bring no ultimate additional expence on the Country; and it would be in His Majesty's Power, at any time, without any breach of Faith to the Privates, to draft them into the Regular Regiments, to which they might be attached as second or third Battalions. — By raising them as separate Corps of Volunteers, without being so attached, they cannot, consistently with the Act of Parliament, be drafted into any other Corps whatever. —

If however His Majesty has been pleased to decide that they are to be so raised without being attached, there cannot be a

reason

reason why the Corps under Lord Granville Leveson Gower should not be called the Loyal Staffordshire Volunteers, or any other local name His Majesty pleases to direct, but His Majesty will probably not think it right to allow the Word Fencible to be added to the designation because that Word is generally given to Corps applicable only to Home Defence, which I take it for granted is a limitation nobody can wish to countenance, nor would it be consistent with the terms of the Act to place any such Volunteers upon the Fencible Establishment, though I am ready to admit (and to claim credit to the Officers for it) the terms for themselves are less advantageous than are allowed to Fencible Regiments which agree to serve beyond the limits of the Kingdom.

I have troubled you with this additional explanation, not from any personal anxiety, for I can have none on

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the subject, but because I am anxious to have it distinctly understood that if, at the distance of twelve months or any other period, His Majesty is deprived of the means of incorporating ten or fifteen thousand Men into His Regular Regiments, it may not be imputed to Mr. Pitt or to me, that We had not afforded the means of suggesting to His Majesty, in what manner that object might have been accomplished.

I am &c.

(Signed) Henry Dundas

Copy of a Letter from Mr. Secretary Dundas to Genl. Sir William Fawcett, dated Downing Street, 25th Octr. 1799.—

Recd. the 26th.—

H. Dundas to Sir Hew. Fagcott Enc. to 9389

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Wimbledon, 26th Octr. 1799.

Sir,

I have this morning received your Letter of yesterday's date, enclosing the communication made to me by His Majesty's Orders, and I shall not delay to inform Lord Granville Leison Gower, that His Majesty disapproves of my proposition contained in my Letter to you of the 10th of October.

I shall privately communicate to Lord Granville Leison Gower the terms of His Majesty's Orders, that he may feel that His Majesty's disapprobation of my proposition does not proceed from any personal disregard to him.

With regard to what His Majesty states respecting a Fencible Regiment to be raised by Lord Granville Leison Gower, I certainly know no reason why it would be right

General Sir Wm. Fawcett,
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right to do so, and after the full explanation of my sentiments in my letter of yesterday, you will have no difficulty in perceiving it is a measure I certainly could not recommend.

If Lord Granville Leison Gower makes any proposition of the kind to me, it will of course be my duty to transmit it to His Royal Highness the Captain General, or to You for His Majesty's information.

I am, &c

(Signed) Henry Dundas

Copy of a Letter from Mr. Secretary Dundas to General Sir William Fawcett, dated Wimbledon 26th Octr 1799. —

Henry Dundas

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Wimbledon 27th Oct. 1799 $\frac{h.}{11}$ P. M.

Mr Dundas on transmitting the ac-
companying Papers to your Majesty
takes the liberty of humbly sug-
gesting to your Majesty that
if the Draft of the Dispatch
proposed to be sent in approbation
of the Armistice meets with
your Majestys concurrence,
your Majesty will be

pleased to signify that appro-
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Majesty's Pleasure
on
Mr Dundas's
Minutes – 27 Oct. 1799

Sir William Fawcett
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Horse Guards, 28th. Octr. 1799.

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General Sir Wm. Fawcett has the honor to transmit herewith to Your Majesty, Copy of a Letter recev'd yesterday Evening from Mr. Secretary Dundas, in reply to the communication, which had been made to Him, of Your Majesty's last Commands, on the subject of the propos'd new 2d. Battn. of the Staffordshire Volunteers, dated the 25th. Instt. —

The usual Daily Return of Militia Volunteers; — & a General Return of the Forces, under the Command of His Royal Highness, the Capt. General, are also enclos'd herewith, for Your Majesty's information —

Sir William Fawcett
October 29. 1799

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Horse Guards, 29th. Octr. 1799.

General Sir Willm. Fawcett, most humbly presumes to report to your Majesty, the Death of Genl. Clarke, Colonel of Your Majesty's 30th. Regt. of Foot, which happen'd, after a long Illness, on Saturday last, at Bath.