

Pce Adolpheus to L.R.H.

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Head Quarters St. Amant
April 1st 1794.

My Dearest Brother

I can not thank You enough for your kind
Letter which I received the day before yesterday by your
hopeful. I promise you faithfully I will follow your
Advice in my Behaviour towards him, and I must must
say that I do it of my own Accord, for I will endeavor
not to ruin a very good Officer: he has a great deal of
good for the Service and now he has got out of the Misery
he will certainly grow much better. He told me how
very kind you had been to him; and that he should write
to you by the next Post. — I shall now answer the
Questions you put to me knowing that you never will
show my Letter I shall write exactly what I think.

The Field Marshall received a letter from the King
by Cap: Ende his aide de camp from he sent over
to inform the K: of Shakers death, ordering him
to come over to England to remain with him, the King,
as long as the War lasts. This Letter, which he received
during the Duke's Absence from the Army, was written
in the most gracious Terms imaginable; the King said
that G. Clermont had refused the service under him,
and that he was forced upon for to command
the Army which was to remain for the Defense
of Flanders, he thought the best way would be
for to recall him, and to place him near his Person:
That every thing regarding the Peninsular
should come to the King through his hands,
That G. Pittman was to have the Command

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of the Hanoverians. This is all I know about the
Mr. Marshall: He showed me the King's letter,
but they have perhaps taken not to mention a word
of it. He seems to be very much hurt at young, but
on my going to him that his health would have pre-
vented him from making a fresh Campaign, he
seems to believe it. I suspect for myself that
Mack ^{of Mergelst} made it out when they were in England; but
that is merely supposition. It is certainly a very
honourable retreat; for he is going to pay a great
advantage for our Corps for now Wallmader
is our Commander & he being very much a Man
of ^{the world} will certainly succeed in many things for
us in which ^{they} could not. Besides the King's death
has shocked the old Hanoverians much and he certainly

ly never would have found a man in whom he would
have put his Confidence so much: for he loved him
quite like his own Child. What Regards the Duke I
he told me the same about Tuesday, he said that Holles
had refused to serve under him. I am fully
sure that he was not sorry at his going for you, & as
he never was well with him. The Duc is exceedingly
kind to me, he has ordered me to the Quarter where
I am since last Saturday. All the Cannoniers
are left behind for the defence of Bloncles, and
my Regiment is in Garrison at Meaux. He did
not choose that I should remain here: here at
which I believe he is perfectly right for, the
the French are so very well informed of every thing
that they very probably would have attacked the
Place with double Vigour had they not been so

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Sons, and certainly, never can I quit the Regiment as long as it is once in France. It is very interesting for me when the Army advances, to be here, for I am able to see how the French take place which I cannot, when attached to a Battalion, Regiment or Brigade. Whether I remain here I do not know, for it depends entirely how the Army takes it. Our Army seems entirely to be governed by the Austrian Count Merveldt who is at Headquarters seems to be the leading Man. All the Prussians are left behind in the most shocking state to defend the borders. I am convinced that this has been cheaply done for to get Count Wallmoden out of the way knowing that he is infinitely cleaner than they are, and that they are afraid of his being too well with the Duke. I give you my opinion that if the French were to attack us, which they

ought to do I would not have done for a single Man
of the Honnorable being here. I give you
an Echontillon of the batt^d Dutz we have: at
Mearin where my Regiments there are to be
9. Battallions: where 3. of Grenadiers, 2. of
the Guards. (which were to serve but as one.)
for they are scarce 300 one.) and 2. of the
B. Regiment. - The Dutz is 309. Men a Day,
of all these 4. Batt: from here 1700. Men
so that we are obliged to make the Men serve
every other Day almost. For Gods sake, dont
mention that I write you this, for if some
one suspected some unclean (all this has been
made out in England; and represented to
the King that it was for the ease of his
Troops who are going presently. What do you

say to this? — Besides G. Olescott who com-
 mands at Tournai a combined Corps of Eng-
 lish & Germanese has three times refused
 to take the Command till he was forced to it.
 By this you may judge of the situation of things
 The fortifications ^{of the place} ~~of the place~~ which were to be
 finished ~~on the 15th~~ ^{on the 15th} March, won't be ready
 till next Month; wherefore it is impossible
 of the Enemy's attack with any care to keep that
 Place. — The Duke is, in my opinion much more
 popular than he was; and I must declare that I
 can just believe there are few better meaning men
 than he is. His misfortune is that he has no man
 with him who sticks him when he goes too far. I
 mean by this that where he goes to Valenciennes
 there are so many people Austrians who blague

him that he at last agrees to things which perhaps
he would not do if somebody was with him
whom he entirely trusts, and who could stop
him. This situation of the Transvaal which
I have just related, certainly does him no good
in their opinion; I certainly all who do not him
must judge that he is neglecting them: but I am
sure I do not think so for I am sure he does not
mean ill. — I must again beg you my dearest
Prince of Wales not to mention a word of this
letter; and to burn it after you have read it.
I have opened exactly my letter to you; and I
know your goodness too well to think that
you would say a word of it. When you write
to me again I hope you will tell me whether you
think I am right or wrong. I am sure I do not

mean to make matters worse, just as I
 hate to see them and I never should have said a word
 had you not asked my opinion. Had you
 that I may soon have the pleasure of seeing you
 again and in perfect good health. I hope that
 after this cursed war is over, I shall have
 the pleasure of coming over to England and seeing
 you again. My best love to Mary &
 to Philip, I believe they in your next letters
 tell me how things go on in our family. I hope
 better than when I left it. Adieu my dearest
 brother I am quite afraid you will be tired
 to death before you finish this letter, but I
 really had so much to say that I could not help
 it. I had hoped that I ever had remain

Your affectionate friend & brother
 Adolphus Frederick.

P.S. I have just seen little Swanton last week
at Courtani where I went to her. She had left
Swanton I had gone to Tully General's office.
but I believe she will now make a happy
with her former friends. She is here but I have
not yet seen her. I have just bought a hall.

Duke of Cambridge
April 1. 1794.