

Pce. Adolphus (aft. D. of Cambridge) to H.R.H.

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Dearest Brother

I thank you very much for
the excellent horse you sent me by Express.
I have rode him & I find he goes remarkably
well. — Express arrived here last Monday
night, and I first saw him on Tuesday. I saw
I find his back very good, but I am afraid
he is not well enough to bear the fatigue of
a Winter Campaign should we have one. He
complains very much of a constant fever, and
his sight is impaired so that it gives me
concern. In my opinion he ought not to have come
out at present, for you know his ambition
& if anything was going forward, and he was
ever so ill, he would not say it.

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Last Thursday night all the English, and
Hanoverians with their Artillery left Min-
neger. and two Dutch Battalions, 800. Eng.
200. Hon.^d and 100. Grenadiers remained in the
Town. These spiked the Guns, and ruined all the
ammunition they could. However three
hundred Dutch found means to be taken
Prisoners. They were bound to the Wall in a
flying Bridge as the Bridge of Ships had been
burnt down. The French cut one of the
Ropes off, by which means the Bridge could
not get on, they waited in the middle of the
Water, refusing all assistance from
Boats which had been offered them, till

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the Enemy got hold of the Rope and pulled
them over to the other side. The Colonel of
the Dutch declared he would rather be
taken prisoner than run the risk of being
flung overboard in a Boat. - Every Body who has
seen it says that if they had cut the other
Rope off the Stream would have forced
them over to our side. - I am just going
to march for Elft where I am to find Gen.
not a mercenary under whose orders I
come. I ought to have marched by Day break
but was prevented by a Confusion in the tide
which must first be cleared up. - The Duke
has not been well for some days but he

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is now better. Pray forgive this scrawl,
but I'm in great haste, and have really no
other pen. God bless you, my dearest
Mother and be assured I ever shall remain
Your affectionate friend & brother
Dorothy M. de la R.

Duke of Cambridge
Nov. 11. 1791.