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Sandringham Dec 9 1878

Dearest Brother

I write You a few lines from here. There is a wreck day before Yesterday to give You a further account of the troops, the ones I see of them, the more convinced I am that the Expedition has made a great Progress. I will not trouble You with Details, as You are fully aware what should be the first requisite, that is, you can eat the fields, that they should be together, and an active clear headed General at their Head, You may do any thing with them, as the

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Yours sincerely Joel, and the
Prince the only but disposed, or-
-dinary and abstemious person.
The Hanoverians of property
manage it the very best plan
but we never know how to deal
with them. I know how fond
old Lord Lucan always had the
good luck to manage them admi-
-rably. The Staff is capital, that fails
therefore are easily to command.
Again Yes fairly honestly my
opinion, great luxury less use
for a military force & luxury loves
so long as a country there entirely
the Military system is in my
humble opinion the best, and
since the luxury taking to great
one should suppose that they

must have ample opportunity
to try & prove every thing. As
for any thing to my taste to the
Military, it would be to multiply
the enemies, to shorten the lines
of communication, to expose in the
neighbourhood of enemies with those
of our neighbours the Prussians
with whom naturally, of course it
ought to unite, we should most
probably have to join, therefore
for us all German troops
from 3 deep I should adopt
that, but they are only 2 deep
the great advantage of the
three deep, is that you can
always employ the 3rd rank
as flankers; here they have

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for turn the Town Sheriff. Shall be
armed with Cutlasses and one
Man employed but at other times
Legislature time the Lock Chain is
to cross all Gun Movements
Shall be observing or obtaining
with Standing, Hoop Petticoat
two feet 6 Inches Diameter
they are under Law in Time
Delinquents by the number
of Muskets, Should there is no
Exception that if the Butt of
Musket has two that ought
ought to suffer for any Crime
as cast Suspicion Butt of
they come into Law, have only
to place the Flank Officer of
Law with the Butt already

2/ Hand, and all is obtained.
There are hopes that can be
in a fortnight or three weeks
brought there. I need only give
you the yourself are so completely
Master of the art of conveying
troops this part of the Peninsula
System of Defensive, that in
the 9 different Army Corps
which are stationed from Coblenz
to Strasbourg. You shall take
all the Officers from the 8th Corps
Stationed at Coblentz & Ehrenbreitstein
there in that 1st Corps at Lö-
wenberg, who actually have
never seen that Corps, & they
shall distinctly understand that
1st Corps, as perfectly as if they

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had three cuirassed Regts with them. I think this knows the sentiments of my Officers. The body of them are very fine and are they better or rather I should say were they better, until both sides bitter, as they fight the Infantry, that for the three or four Squadrons cuirassed, that they should all have Sabre Swords, that every Prussian Heavy Cavalry Infantry (or Cavalry also in case this) have a musket such of our Soldiers have except as an old three years Infantry Soldier Prussians. Hessians &c are all, and a Cuirassed cuirass, are then all lost, for they have no Weapon of defence but three Bayonetts which is no defence against a short Sabre, and I fear this is the opinion here of all the Generals. It must be done by degrees, to save the Expense, but had it originally been done, all could now have been armed. The Weather has till now been pretty favourable, there has been some Rain, but not till the Troops had entered the Camp.

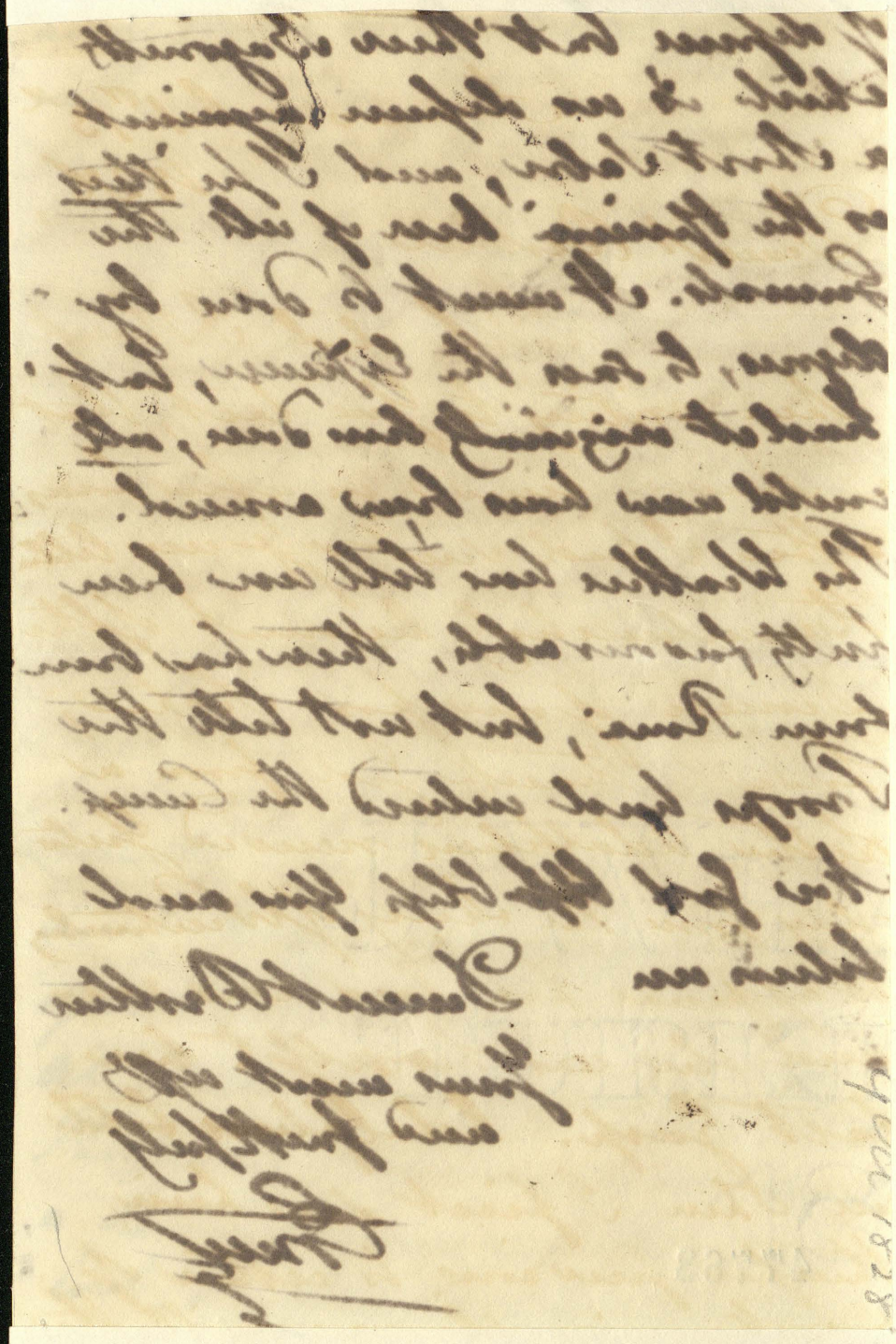
God first bless You and bless me Dearest Brother

Your most affte and truthfully

Ernest

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Hanover Oct 13th
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Dearest Victoire

Little did I think
when writing to You last, that
I should write in a few hours
after I had sent off my letter
the melancholy account of the
Demise of our poor Sister;
I received Your kind Letter from a
Letter Adolphus received Yester-
day from the Duke of Wirtemberg
it appears her End was easy
and she was brought to her
last Sleep. Adolphus told
me when I first saw him,
Himself perceive to either of
us knowing she was so ill, that

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he was very much struck at her
Altenatten he had found at her
Sister last Year, that she had
a most extraordinary sort of Letter
-gic Affection, that she attaches
herself as deep, Rich enveloping,
and could there entwine your
Image in that State. He Thinks
never seen her since June 1797
upwards of 31 Years ago, Thinks
hardly a recollection of her, how-
-ever one cannot help feeling
deeply Shes one branch of the
old Tree drops off. Adolphus
she has frequently seen her and
been in constant Correspondence
with her naturally feels her loss
much more than Solo, as really
I cannot say I do not know her.
Poor Elizabeth will feel it very
deeply I fear, and the more so as
she could not manage coming to
Frankfort to see her.

Now was a letter more acceptable
to me than the last I received
from Stuttgart, for I had heard
from Adolphus the day before
that You had had an inflamma-
tory attack, but his Letter has
set me at Ease, as he assures me
that Stahrenberg felt perfectly easy
and satisfied that the Evil was
completely removed, God grant
that this fit of the Gout, which
has been hanging about You
now ever since last July may
ultimately, having freed you from
Gout may secure You a good
Winter's health; but I am
Solo long more & more ever

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to hear you are happy together
in the Cottage, but I am sure
during the Winter months must
be very inconvenient to You both
there the Cottage, however delightful
it is; as in wet Weather it must
be damp; and You can easily
enjoy You Drive from the Castle
as You have now a Drive thro'
from the Castle through the
little Park, which is as private
as the Lodge, and You have the
opportunity even in bad Weather
I am unable to get You dear, to
walk about that beautiful
Gallery. Our Manœuvres on
last Saturday & without any
one accident occurring the
whole time, after the whole the
Weather was very favourable

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AA D. of Cumberland to H.M. (Geo. IV)

Oct. 13/1828

2 it is true we had rain, but it only did so after the troops had got into their Camp & the Cavalry into their Cantonments. I never saw Horses stand their Work better, for though they certainly had hard Work, especialy the last 4 Days, the Country being a very fat rich Soil consequently very deep there as yet they did not [illegible] at all jaded, & I assure they were never under 10 Hours being in constant Exercise. On Thursday last, it being a resting day, I took the opportunity of riding over to Meerut which is about five English Miles from Hapur to see the Stud there. The

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AA D. of Cumberland & H.M.(Geo. IV)

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buildings are very bad & out
work repairing, especially as
the Paddocks, of one may term
them so, or rather I ought to
say the fields are separated
from the Stables by the Ware
which usually overflows in
Autumn, and thus makes the
distance from the fields to
the Stables I should think
upwards of two English Miles
and at times it is impossible
to move the Horses the roads
being utterly impassable from
the Water. In my humble
Opinion the Chamber should
try to purchase an Estate
which is perfectly contiguous
to the fields being on the same
side of the River & only between
two & three miles from them,
it could not be my way to
purchase this Estate,
but many that part which
is so contiguous & this so conve-
nient, I am told by those
who know the Estate that it
is perfectly adapted for it,
and Stabling it may be had
for 30,000 Dollars about 6000 £
English, and that was not
counted might either be let
or packed with. The Stock
of Young Horses seem to me to
be very promising there are four
Young Black & Bay Horses
which I think will in the
Course of two Years be good

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Hayes's for the Carriage Horses
the day after tomorrow I propose
going to the Saloon to see
the Stud at Kirkham, the
the Saddle Horses are; and
shall not fail to make You
any report of it. Then I am
shewed the Buildings in
capital. To prove to You how
correct I am in what I state
respecting the advantage it
was to the Country the Encou-
-raging the Breed of Horses,
I saw during the Manœuvres
nil saw those Horse dealers who
had bought up from the
Peasants in the Neighbourhood
of Anya ninety Colts, fallen
last Spring & taking one with

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3/ the other he had paid ten
Louis d'ors for him, which is
no less than 900 Louis ors all
Money coming out the Country
from the neighbouring Countries.
They give for 4 Year old Horses
from 60 to 90 Louis ors. He
told us he had bought one
Young Stallion for which he
had given 120 Louis, and
unfortunately for him had sold
it the next day for 150, and
that had he kept it only a few
Days longer he might have
had 200, as it had been
bought from the 2d Time
for that Sum to go to Vienna.
I think this speaks for our
Land being much improved.

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Now dearest Victoria I hope
You have had many happy
and will wish me Congratulations
for having written You so long
a letter, but the pleasure of com-
muning with You being denied
me at this Distance, I feel too
happy in being able for Victoria
Scripture to do it. Now God
Almighty bless You & grant
that You may my dearest be
restored to perfect Health,
this is the most sincere Wish
of dearest Victoria of

Your most devoted
and faithful

Albert

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Hunstanton Dec 17th
Private and Confidential 1828

Dearest Brother

I returned here last night from my visit to the Coast at Heacham, which is about between 50 and 60 English Miles from here. The first part of the Road I drove, but the latter 20 Miles I rode as it was through the Mountains & Roads, such as is to be seen all over the best part to tell you the honest truth the Management of the Light Roads, Chevaux

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(x) terrain

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is so dammable bad, that they
even can hardly call Chaplin
and Colonel Pratt the two that
the Arrangement lays off are
in constant dispute respecting them. Therefore they are
pretty nearly as unpleasant
to Genl as the other.
I wished them to take the
Wed[y] Evening to be able to
see every thing, except just
the Appearance of the Country
as I rode by Yesterday Morning I began to inspect the
Works, & even in the greatest
Haste appear You ask my
Heart I found every thing
in the most perfect Order, but
a very fine Show of Young
Women, most promising in
every Way. They have improved
both as to Size & Bone, and
the two Three Years old
are enfants. There are seven
very fine Grown Women indeed
and I have settled with
Skikunnappe to keep over
Three but last as really how
bone & are able to carry eight
I have two very fine large Yoke
Skin waves made too large
for me, which I have promised
to Jack Swin and Skik I think
will be a great Acquisition for
the Stud, the one is 6 Years the

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(X) terrain

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I bought her two Years ago.—
Then she was a Grey but was
beyond the middle hours carriage
age, but she is grown so
much, that she is now 16
Hands high, which is much
too high for my purpose, as
I do not hunt now, and I
always look to what can
convey me as a Military horse
which this is not accordingly
to my taste, being a heavy
Cavalry Nt. The other is a
Grey Mare about 15 Y. 3.
She is only 5 Years old and
I think she will produce
excellent Foals. She
are very extensive Hands

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2/ and being in a hilly country
the streets but few have foot
steps finish Yacht going safe
up and down hill. The
buildings are excellent, and
superior, the majority of
those at Bermuda, which
are all wooden and comparatively
flimsy rotten. This
Town really with a Royal
Establishment, there is to
belong for Dockyard streets. The
buildings for the people
belonging to the Yard and
Fort and commodious, and
there is a most comfortable
Residence for any one of
your Family, who should

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happen to go there either to
see the Stud, or for a pastime
de Chasse. I saw many in
the Woods of Spain that have
been terribly devoured with,
and the Bears sometimes
bite us, that there have
been given very strict orders
respecting them and, there
are beautiful parts and
some Rabbits we see quite
delightful. The Soil is
very rich & fair, and they
cultivate the Land very
neatly, where I say they, I
think merely from the appear-
ance and uniformity I
make to that I see in Portu-

Your Army has been put
out with a very serious and
attentive mind in my humble
opinion an irreparable loss
to the Death of Major Gen.
de Lowben Chief of the
2d Regt of Artillery, I saw
him that day Work, and he
was still on the Saturday
at the Close of the Exercises
and, he had been complaining
a little of a Weakness in
his Thumb, but nothing of
any Consequence, & that they
may be encouraged with an
intelligent Enemy, Captured
from Bonnin, when he was
to Dishabille, when his Regt

[illegible] on the Death however
as he had great confidence
in the Surgeon, but after
being there only three hours
he expired. He entered on
in my Opinion the only three
who could have superintended
the Cavalry, and I can express
my Sorrow I am at a loss
to know (Who there is, for
to take On the hard Situation
with many Difficulties
there is now. I am certain
the Individuals will recom-
-mend to You to succeed to
the Command of the Second
Regt of Hussars. The Officers
who follow in Seniority are
Busche, Reisewitz and

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Brunswick, knowing them
all as I do personally if I
was the Commander in Chief
of this Army here, pushing as I
do from the bottom of my
soul the Success of Wellesley
of the Army, I should feel it
my Duty to recommend
the latter Brunswick at
present Lt Col. to the 3 Station
he is Still active and able
to do his Duty. Besides him
is a most worthy Man but
from his circumstances Wealth
for at least he might 20 Years
he is utterly unable and to
visit and to do his duty

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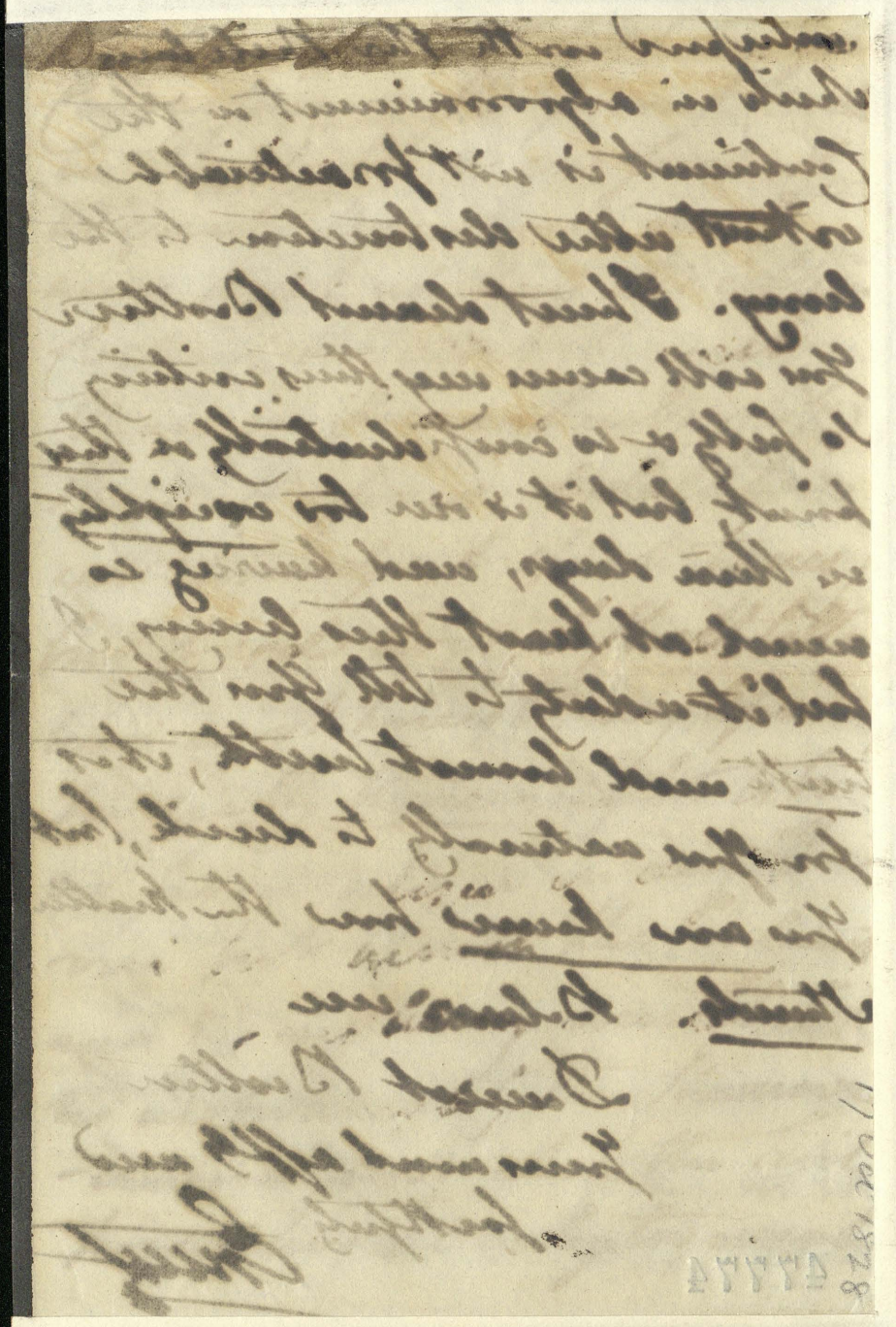
Bourbon who is detained in the Conciergerie is the poorest Creature in the World, & are friendly at present Downtown, and never stept out any the citizens entertain the most sufficient Man is Manufacturing of the 3 Sheperes. But Sheperes will certainly not speak to me, but if Sol does, I shall tell him must know the way Opinion, for really there ought to be no favouritism in any one, but between the Citizens and we are living criminals as unfortunately the Honourable is now when the Civil powers has abandoned

connected with the Military which in abomination on the Continent is not practicable without utter destruction to the Army. I must demand Butler You will excuse my thus writing so fully & so confidentially as that point, but it is over too weighty in their days, and hurries so must at least thus hurry I feel it a duty to tell You the truth and honest truth, that for You actually to decide, but You are known how the matter stands.

Believe me
Dear Butler
Yours most affy and
faithfully
Grey

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1828

Dearest Brother

I just write You a
few Lines to say we all
well thanks God & that I
find Adolphus beginning to
wear out of his melancholy
Spirits, I was able Yesterday
to prevail on him to accompa-
-ny me to a Chapel, we had
us three Woods near Sternber-
-g, when You must remember
to have passed the Troops
in review Order; the Weather
was finer than any day or
last Week the Summer,

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us had delightfull Sport I
Shot one Fox & four Hares
altogether I have been very lucky
having each day killed some
thing, the one day I killed a
Rabbit, a Fox & two Hares,
and another day a brace
of Hares. But if your Ser-
vices Employment is at an
end and the Government
has no more claim upon
you as to Your Rights
as Soldiers, You still have
no Leave at all, except
that in the Letter there
formerly the part Clauses
and to the there are some of
the Guard Orders, that we

us one hundred head of Deer
in the whole County. God forbid
that I should wish to keep
so much Game to do Mischief
but at least there is reason
in everything & certainly a
Soldier has a right to have
that any emoluments to his
Employment. I understand
from Monsieur de Gaston
the Grand Veneur, who is a
most excellent Man for his
Situation for he certainly
has not only Your Interests
as Soldiers, but also the
right Respect for his Employ
what is just & right towards
the Country, that he has

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or means to such a plan for
applying a remedy to the Evil
for he declares of encouraging
is not done to keep in Check
the Complainants, Upon wh
have we ever Sworn in the
County. And it is the
Spirit of the times to try
in any Way & Shape to
lower the Prerogatives of Sov-
ereigns & put them in the
same footing as their Subjects
To prove I am going for a pun
ishment to Schleswig &c.
is the Remarks of the
Gazette de Cologne, which I
always protested against

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ever from their first occupation in 1821. as they had
and totally unfit for that
they had been intended; I
have they can ever
a tranquil
they cannot stand, & if they
are to be further continued
they must be rebuilt. Meyer
deputy the Head of the
Chancellerie de Justice has
begged of me to inspect them,
and in case they really, which
I have no doubt of, are in such
a deplorable State, then I
should propose giving them
up & then reflect all

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if it could not be more advisable to build one more for the Stone Guards here in the Shrubbery Alley as there will there not be occupied by the Yeoman Warders, which could be advantageous for all purposes. I have still one more to make to Lemberg to see there the new barracks, that have been built there for Your Majesty's Regt. which Marquis de Gozo is most anxious I should do as they are, as I am told by Colonel Wally a Standard for Wednesday so perfect in every way. I shall perfect if this occasion to go & see the Guards, which You know was the Colonel of the Regt of our Forefathers and which are in former days ornament magnificent

Wagen hier to let me know and to be a hundred days the Master, all that is gone to the Devil, by neglect & false economy not having at the proper time repaired the Roof which is one of the first that they have after, or are pulling down the whole. The Grand Vienna Express to give me there a Chapter on Tuesday next the 27th, and the next day I go to Lemberg & on the Thursday returning here,

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after stopping with Ella & us
the Count probably there.
I shall probably there hear
with Adolphus one or two
days first & there return
home. Now God bless You
dearest dearest Brother ever
believe me ever

Your most affly
and faithfully

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Duchess of Cumberland to H.M.

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Sire.'

Le Duc se trouvant encore à Hannovre, je prends la liberté d'addresser à Votre Majesté quelques lignes pour Lui envoyer la Copie de l'assiette, qui par ses Ordres a été faite à la Manufacture de Porcelaine de Berlin: Nous sommes, le Duc & moi, très peinés qu'on a été si lent, en cette occasion, pour remplir les desirs de Votre Majesté; le Directeur de la Manufacture nous dit pour s'excuser, qu'il a été très difficile d'imiter la forme de l'assiette, ce qui aussi rend ce premier essay plus cher, mais il nous assure, qu'après avoir vaincu

cette premiere difficulté, il n'y en aura plus à executer
les Ordres dont Votre Majesté voudra l'honorer à cet égard.
Il me semble que la Copie répond assez bien au Modèle
et je serai trop heureuse si Votre Majesté en est contente.
La Notte ci jointe, qui marque le prix de l'aspiette,
je dois observer à Votre Majesté, que toutes les autres
qu'Elle voudra faire faires sur ce modèle, seront
de plus de la moitié moins chéres que celle-ci.

Dans l'idée qu'il se trouve encore plusieurs Aspiettes
de ce service dans la posession de Votre Majesté, j'ai gardé
celle qui a servie de modèle; je ne sais si j'ai bien fait —
mais il m'a semblé, qu'en cas que Votre Majesté voulut
en faire imiter davantage, ses Ordres pourroient être

Duchess of Cumberland to H.M.

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plus promptement executées en ayant le modèle ici, que
s'il fallait en attendre le retour. Dans le cas contraire
je ne manquerai pas de la renvoyer au premier avis.

C'est avec la plus grande peine que j'ai appris, Sire,
que Votre Majesté a encore souffert d'un refroidissement,
avec
et bien joye que j'apprends la nouvelle de sa convalescence. Puisse-t-elle
être bien durable! sincerement que personne ne peut faire pour
la bien-être de Votre Majesté des voeux plus sinceres, que
celle que, avec le plus tendre et profond respect, a l'honneur
d'être

Sire

de

Votre Majesté!

Berlin 30 Octobre
1828.

La tres humble et tres
obéissante servante et
belle-soeur
Frédérique

Le cher petit George, qui Dieu merci se porte très bien se met aux pieds de Votre Majesté. Voilà 3 semaines qu'il a fait toutes ses leçons en perfection, et qu'il vous a donné la plus parfaite satisfaction à tous égards. Il parle très souvent, et toujours avec la plus grande tendresse et la plus vive reconoissance de Votre Majesté.

The Duchess of Cumberland.

30 Dec 1828

Private 47781 2 Kensington Palace Sept 4th

1828

Dearest Brother

I regret to hear at all times from one of the Directors of Your hospitable Roof in order to receive correct News how You are, but even was a letter more welcome than the one I received Yesterday afternoon from Stockmar, written by Your Commands, as it tells me You are well in health and at work from the dreadful long

confinement You have had.
Your last attack I fear was
brought on from entirely cold
Oh how I long to hear You
have taken Your White
Quarters in the Castle, in
that beautiful, & at the
same time comfortable
bed Room. I leave this
tomorrow & have entered
my brother to accompany
me apart of the Way to
Reinpelhuisen Ernest Duke's
Estate, about 30 English Miles
from this place, & on Thursday
we go to the Neighbourhood
of Goslar to hunt a days

Shooting together, and on Friday
I shall take leave of him and
set off for Berlin, where I
hope to arrive the following
Evening, as I shall travel
all night. I say, entice my
brother, for I am not at
all comfortable about him,
and I have wanted every
possible Means to rouse him
and get him out of the low
Spirits he has almost been
in ever since he left England.
At first I despaired of succeeding
but by degrees I have got
him out & he now seems to

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to relish again his shooting
which at first he absolutely
refused doing. All the time
of the Manœuvres he was in
that State, he rode out, it
is true, but seemed to do it
entirely de mauvais cœur, not at
all taking any Share or
Concern in it; his Physician
I saw and he assured me
that it was absolutely nec-
essary for his Health to make
him take Exercise, & I
trust that I have been to
have benificial to him in
thus getting him out. It
appears to me that everything

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that is not in the common routine of affairs here, & he cannot inform himself enough to take any decided step, which attains or absolutely requires This has driven us to speak to Gen on one circumstance that has taken place here, one of the most unfortunate & disagreeable that possibly could have occurred, on account of the frontier of our Possessions with Brunswick through the Credulity and Ignorance, not to say Malice of the Lieutenant the Honble Colonel Prott. he made Copies of our troops entering of the 6th Regt of Infantry

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and I believe one or two Squa-
drons of one of the Lancer
Regiments hoisted through
the Streets of the D. of Brunswick
without first asking his leave,
the moment they appeared
at the frontiers, the principal
Magistrate there first visited,
the field Officer commanding
however replied that Post
he had received obliged him
to go that way & he did it.
Internally the Duke has taken
this up very high & has
written to Petersburgh, as
very exaggerated & absurd
relation of the whole thing

they could have been out of
order at all times, but cer-
tainly circumstanced as we
are with the Sovereign of
that Country, it is our bound-
den Duty to avoid anything
that may put us in the wrong
Glad I know it the moment
it had occurred, (that I do
not, and only learnt it from
a private Letter I received
from Brunswick, which
caused my making enqui-
ries) I should most assu-
redly give Adolphus the
following [illegible] to turn
round & not to [illegible] this

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"apparent Insult, which defiance
"on it the Duke will take it,
"Therefore put Colonel Pitt
"immediately under Arrest,
"and send directly one of
"Your own Aids Camps to
"the Duke to say that this
"had been done without
"his Knowledge (which it
"was) and that You had
"in consequence put the Lieu-
"tenant General under
"Arrest & had reported
"the whole to the King"
This would have been my
Advice, the Duke could
not then have said any
thing, for ample reparation

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I/ was made, whereas a man ow-
-ght reprimand to Colonel Peel
circumstances as it are, does
not appear to me sufficient;
the real fact is Adelphus is
much too good natured, and
they all know how he cannot
say, or do any thing decisive.
I owe I am deeply owed
at the Embassy, & thereby
feel the Necessity of doing
something, & that to some
thing public. I do not know
but I should rather think
that Lennig's Mission ought
-plain You will agree with
me I am right. On my
return to Berlin, I will

Send You a copy of a very curious
letter I have received Yesterday
from Denmark, which made me acquainted
with all this, & which upon
Enquiry I find to be perfectly
correct. I shall then have
time to write more; I am
happy to find You approve
of all I have sent You by
the Messenger, I received
Yesterday a letter from
Fredensen, who informs me
the plate is finished, was
packed up ready to be sent
over by the first Opportunity
Believe me ever Dearest Brother
Your most affte
Affectionate Niece

Private and Confidential

Balmoral Nov 11th 1878

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Dearest Brother

I returned here on Sunday Evening, the Day before Yesterday, and was happy enough to find a large packet of Dearest Letters awaited that Morning the Letters up to the 30th I had even from my Dearest Daughter & I am happy so far at least to learn that You had much recovered from Your late attack of Cold, and

that You had resumed Your old habit of dining below Stairs again. I only hope that the Weather is not so cold with You as we have it here, for since Thursday we have had Snow and Ice. Staff Adolphus at Augustenburg on Friday last having persuaded him to accompany me there to enjoy a day's Shooting near Gotha, which answered magnificently, for we shot one hundred and seventy Hares, of which I layed 84. he appeared to enjoy the Sport much, and he has promised me to get a great deal of it Slightly afraid me, that it was absolutely necessary for him to get out. Our Fund Society is returned from the Russian Army, and is to dine with me today. The King has appointed him his Adjutant General for the Cavalry, a post just filled up for some Years now, & thereby a very great Distinction and has given him Northe

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pour la Main with Barkley
from the Emperor he has rec
ved the Wladamir Grand
Cross 2, and a Sabre d'Hon
neur. I shall be most ear
ous to hear some Conversation
with him, as we now shall
learn the real State of things
there, which certainly requires
a great deal of Explanation,
for even our Bulletins se
largely unintelligible as
they are have raised. Bu
thing however is most clear
that is, that the Army of
Russia supposed to consist
of near 800, thousand men
has nothing like that,

2 for as far as I can learn they
must have more than 120
thousand in the field, & entire
it is that from want of proper
management, they could have
had those they had there.
I enclose You a copy of a letter
I have received from Brune-
tow and which is pretty
correct in all it states, and
Minister Brune to show
I shall do all I can
as a constant communi-
cation with the same
person, therefore that
being the case, I should
entirely dislike any

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unnecessary, as Bonnie has made no Engagement but I am very glad to have done. But I have drawn and look upon the Money as my own employed as I have the Copy of the Duke's letter to Parliament on the Passage of our Troops through this Country, which as we cannot prevent more than I do, for strength it is in their attempt, Still circumstances as we are might to have been most Gracious Gracious and actually Colonel Pitt brought at the Moment to have been put immediately into Execution he had committed a military fault in having done this without informing my brother. Had this been done, the Duke may have been intercepted. I paid Yesterday my Visit to the King here, & he asked me the meaning of all these Buildings as it has been published in all the Newspapers, he positively understands it was and expressed to me, it could not be considered as a breach of military discipline. But quite enter

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your Adelphian is no Soldier
does not like it, much than
for it is frequently excessively
in him, for certainly there
were easier & better knights
than or one the riches
next to the right than he does
I went to Aldershot to inspect
the new Cavalry Barracks
built there for Your Regt of
Hussars, & must say they
are magnificent, & have
exceeded my Expectations,
this is a Building that does
honour to the War Office.
and as I am now upon the
Chapter of Barracks, You

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3/ must permit me to call
Your Attention to the one that
was arranged at Stettin when
the two Squadrons of the
Grand du Corps, and built
by the Provincial States of
that Province, they are of
Dutch influence built, I
built as much in 1820 Since
I first saw them at the
Late "Dornberg and congra-
tulated them with him for
having taken part in
them. They are now in
so deplorable a State that
they are dangerous for
them to inhabit them and

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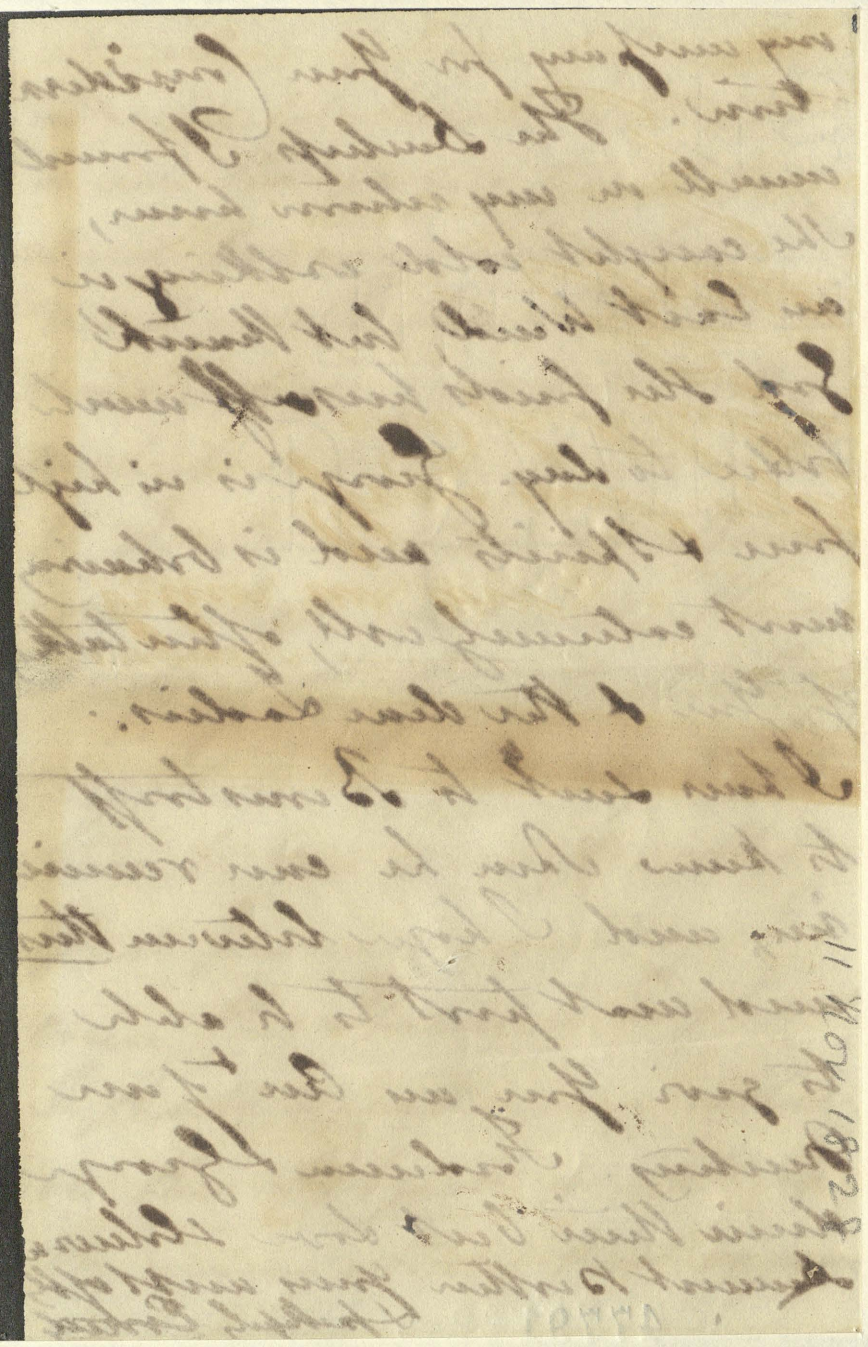
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it will be absolutely necessary
to rebuild them, now appears
to me the proper time for
some Arrangement being
made with the States to
remove these barracks either
and if it be necessary to build
to do it rather at Stamford
-ton, where certainly the
Staff of the Guards during
ought to be; I must
this to You now, & with
Your permission when I
come this Spring to England
I shall speak more at large
on this Subject as well as
on many others that appear

my company for Your Consideration. The Duchess I found
much as my return home,
She caught cold walking in
an East Wind, but thank
God she finds herself much
better to day. George is in high
Spirits and is behaving
most extremely well, often talking
of You & the dear Ladies.
I have sent to Bernstorff
to know when he can receive
me, and I hope between this
and next post to be able
to give You an Audience
During. Fondest Love Albert
Dearest Victoria Ever most affly
Yours Faithfully Ernest

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Prince George of Cumberland to H.M.

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Berlin Novr. 17th 1828.

My Dearest Uncle

I am sure You will have been much astonished to find that my last letter arrived so late — I had not quite finished it in time for the post of Saturday & therefore I kept it till the next ——

All the horses arrived the day before yesterday; I have seen my little horse, & it does not seem to be atall tired,

or

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or unwell. Papa had given us the order to ride
& meet them, I rode 12 English miles,
but all in vain, as they came an-
other way. Coming back I met Papa &
the Duke of Leeds of the Prussian
Court, M^r. de Knobelsdorf, who rides
very badly & I accompanied him home.
Mamma I am glad to say is better,
& Papa has nearly recovered his cold.
I am sorry to say I must
conclude

Prince George of Cumberland to H.M.

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conclude.

I remain My Dearest Uncle

Your dutiful & affectionate Nephew

George.

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To H. Geo. of Cumberland Nov. 1828

Kind Hawaii and infidel Berlin Nov 28
Dearest Brother

I thank God I have received such a comfortable account of Your health the day before Yesterday from Windsor, it was a true Gift from God as there was all sorts of vile work for being Officers spread about the Town here the Day before yesterday at Wilhelmstone having Deserted & gone over to the Enemy though I certainly did not believe there was

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[illegible] one is [illegible] attack
to Person, and one is at
a distance, may depend upon
the Sort it must feel for one
more or less, and Shall not
deny that it did, but the
Prudence Enough of, for
some other Reason but that
this Account for the Difference
to the Doctors here. The
Complaint is one of no Con-
sequence, if properly attend-
-ded to, and whenever You
find any Appearance in Your
Chest or Pains in Your Head
apply Leaches to a sufficient
part and that will prevent

all attacks in the Stomach
of Acid. I add also a Recipe
besides for with Pills, which
Count Fritz Louis Suffered
so long, but it is now Perfectly
cured after taking Fourteen
Bottles, which I should Direct
to You to Do, it would be
well Necessary to go for an
Month, July to Aug, that
is just a English Month
from October. Dear Gen
eral I hope you will Excuse
me if I Have, I am
sure it is very Long that it
Nothing either in writing
or Knowledge, Whereby I
could Serve. Yours ever

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when you is [illegible] attack
to Person, and one is at
a distance, any Description of
the Sort must feel put out
more or less, and Sir ask
they that it did, be the
Freedom Enough of, for
Some one Read last Sat
ter Journal for Ellsworth
to the Borders here. The
Complaint is one of no Con-
sequence, if properly attend
-ded to, and whenever You
find any Appearance in Your
Chest or Pains in Your Head
apply Leaches to a Sufferers
part and that will prove of
all attacks in the Stomach
of Sick Sad always attended
to write Peter, & with
Thanks Fifty Dollars Sufficient
So long, Yet is one Dollar
and after taking Physic
Medicine, & if I should Receive
to Prove void, it would be
unnecessary to go for an
Month, July to Dec, that
is Just a English Mile
from Portland. Barbon You
must In of the Things, the
one is very Thing that is
Sending either in Eating
or Drinking, Whereby I
Catching cold. There are the

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two things principally to be
aware of. One never
think Prince Albert to be
Rhadamanthus to have
a sort of duty that you may
withdraw with safety as from
the Throne, and to
to the Throne, I always choose
that moment to retire. Prince
Adelaide etc in our own house
in the season of the year.
Well, last night I
retired in time after
the Burying and went
but to bed quite
satisfied with all to be done
and all to be
the Duke Buccleuch proposed
to go and I to his Bed

It is as clear as ever he expected
to see that all his power had
been based, not exactly to say
contrived by Bolingbroke,
that he would deliberately
(Bolingbroke) that had he as
the first instrument
to his purpose, strongest
pleasures and dangers
lead and, therefore best
have a greater probability
of success. That it was pro-
fitable then to him, that all
that much had been, and
was driving at, was to gain
time, & thereby Young the
and finding that you had

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"a right to have their Marriage
"to be kept secret, and that it
"ought to have been finished
"long ago, & he knows that very
"well that the Monarch had
"just now no Revenue
"to bestow, that he knows
"nothing more could be done,
"by their Intervention and
"that it would only be about
"tied to the Business long, that
"Parliament had to proceed
"to have his Income settled
"in laying it before the House
"of Commons but that he had replied
"he must first know what
"Income, and if that Income
"he meant to fix it, he added
"he if I find that the Case

"Language is to be used, & that he
"entirely refuses to join with
"them, for in my Opinion, steps
"must be strongly urged even
"to his Ruin the Parliament
"does, and he added, that
"that the Duke has spoke
"somewhat the King my Master
"by desiring to see, what the
"Land Revenues by Forfeiture &c
"produced to Civil List
"Money, that it would be more
"Comfortable Justices were now
"made Perpetual & have
"made to Dismissing them
"That [illegible] will appear to
"Master that he should

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"a right to have his Accounts
"for Civil Causes, and that it
"ought to have been granted
"long ago. He knew that Lord
"Eldon had refused
"further Copies of those Writings
"for his Establishment, that he knew
"nothing more could be done,
"by their Interposition and
"that it would only be about
"Trifles to the Duke's Injury, that
"Mr Adamson had proposed
"to have his Journey all for nothing
"in laying it before his Grace
"for but that he had replied
"he could not settle here on that
"Score, and in that terms
"he could take it. He added
"he if I find that the Duke

"Language is humbly submitted
"entirely refers to Your Opinion, that
"must be strong enough to ensure
"his Grace from the Importunities
"of Debt, and he added, that
"that the Duke has greatly
"mortified the King my Master
"by changing to us, that he
"had first come to Scotland &
"pursuing his Affairs there
"before he came to Civil Court
"Lastly, that he would
"Lord Justices upon hearing
"the Proposal to have
"made to Divestiff Clark
"that he will appear &
"Matter that his Lordship

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"bring Some Instrument on the
"part of his Court to join him
"as Inquire to write anyone
"to you that Reports that they
"should use Such Insinuations
"as they Cou[ld] expect and
that Such light company
in order that it may not
appear as if You should
find with that they have
Done, I hereby assure to
you that Your Conduct
meets at the Duke's hands
Demeanour approved and that
the Duke had empl[oyed]
time fruitfully in his Endeavours
to procure the Queen's Consent
& that Such stay to her Journey

3/ Sir. Hastie notwithstanding
he had refused his Card
in the first instance, Hastie
had waited on Lady Worsley
that and in the slightest
degree satisfy her Wishes
Mr Hastie replied he knew
was a Lady of Honour
Name the Grand Duchess of
Darmstadt, Baden, Meckle-
burgh, & Hastings & Wives
Countess. What the Queen
to say, I cannot even
stop to say, but I must
Shrewdly suspect they will
say "They have no business
Card." Here is that case

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You must take decided steps
yourself, and I will be bound
for it, in a week her doubts
& fears is settled and the
Gentleman will be on his knees
to you; for he is the damn'd
cowed'est fellow in the World
I forgot to say that Bonaparte
told me, which shocked me
much, though I can hardly
surprize me, "namely that
"Buttercourt has positively declared
"to Lavicey that Queen
"Caroline, which Heaven confound
"such a circumstance
"if such was the case
"in my opinion, she should
"be hunted down,
"had persuaded Henriette to

that took his Words very kindly
so disposable as that I am sure
in my life, & shall always
I shall ever be convinced, that
Providence has created a wretched
Creature of Misfortune for
what end to be supposed, that
he could do any good here
sat down & written to desire
that a Messenger of all that
passed in that memorable
Conference, if it had
actually occurred. that
I should strongly recommend
this to all over your
Letters & keeper & Restraint
-ority of removing him from
Thereby, that he can be of

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You must take steps to
Yourself, and I will be bound
for it, it is a Walk the Duke
Kennedy is settled, and the
Gentleman will be on his own
Town land, for he is the Queen's
Cousin that was the Man
I forgot to say that Bounty
Lord Ch. Justice Kenyon
Court, though I am told
surprise me, "means that
Lieutenant has positively given
Town having held that Comm.
"Islands, which Records bespeak
"Fund us so circumstantially
"of Duke and the rest of them
"in my Opinion, these Records
"Island could, and that he
"had persuaded himself to

put back his Words" long thing
so desperable as that I have seen
in my Life, & shall say
I shall long sufficiently, that
I should have heard a single
Conduct of Mathematics, for
who is not to be supposed that
he could do any good here
Sat down & written to date
last a Chronicle of all that
passed in that memorable
Conference, if it had not
actually occurred. And
I should strongly recommend
this Plan all over Europe
Letting a Lecture Reporter
Liberty of removing hair from
Kennedy, where he can buy

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begin my Story, as that will be
shortest form, that he is not
your Servant but a Madman
& Visionary. You must now
my speaking to Lady my Wife
-ness, but it is a Subject far
above talking to You & by
-words, that, that I should
Sorry & wrong it is my Opinion
but at least I give you fairly
and candidly that
Sentiment

The King has been very
much affected at the Death
of the Empress Mother, as he
had at the slightest Shew
of her being ever indisposed
& was to them with him the
day. Frederica is [illegible]

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I/ confided with her favorite
Child & I fear either awake
by Thursday's Post it should
give pain to two beautiful
Creatures, which would pain
with my baggage two days
I proceed to Stuttgart for
all other Posts after
this I shall gratefull George
has written himself, to thank
Fredy & Mary for their, he
has Gathering Expenses
first Evening Upon. Lord
Denbigh's Letter, which You
deemed right to communi-
-cate to me is the very
best & most perfect Confession
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I shan not need, I trust add I
should think the circumstances
good. it shall ever be my pride
by the fidelity of Honor, who
confirm our Situations to Ka
f Poupin & the Mountains,
which till our last breath
Justify Dear
ed to Weight to Shew
You, the Esq of my Duty to
and Ennis Letters which
they the Selections of Grave
Master of the Kings Lodge
Institution in Scotland, which
I trust will meet with Your
Approbation, at least I
have written it with any
great Caution, I trust

that in adding Your Name to
that of our late Father, I
have only done that which I
thought necessary to prove
the fidelity & Zeal of all that
had been so indefatigably
put about last June. Let
me have a reply though
Weight and believe me

Dearest Brother
Ever Yours most affly
and faithfully

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I shan not need, dear Ada, I should think, to request you to keep it from every body except the Princess, who enjoys our confidence to the fullest extent. Princess Louise and Prince Arthur are coming to Windsor to-day to see us, the Grey Ruby to and Emmis Rollers are staying the Schoolroom. Grace Archer of the Living Rooms Institution is to read, which I trust will suit with you Approbation, at least I have written it with great Caution, & trust

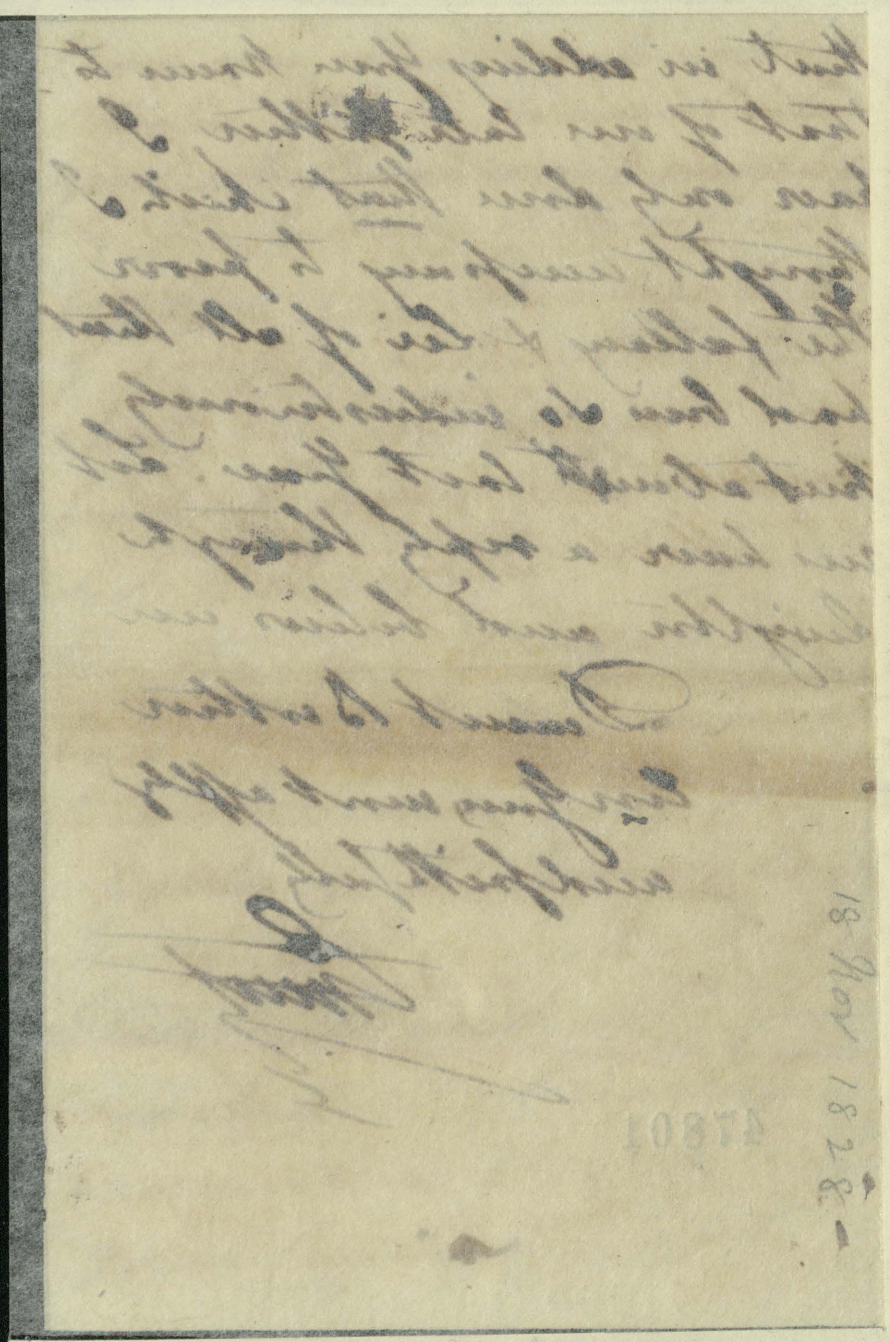
that in adding Your Name to that of our late Father, I have only done that which I thought necessary to favor the Feeling & Wish of all that had been so industriously put about last June. Let us hear a reply though Knighton and believe me

Dearest Mother

Ever Your most affly
and faithfully
Child

Victoria R

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Berlin June 10th
1829

Dearest Brother

I found here on
my return from Magdeburg
where I went the 2d on a great
Shooting party three posts arri-
ved from England, all that day
I returned, and I had
flattered myself I should have
had either from Stockmar
or Watson, but no letter
has reached me from them
give me the very best and
most comfortable Accounts
of Your Health, and a most
interesting detail of Your
reception by the whole Queen

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Dear I feel happy that You
are able to Share her Wieden
Earth dues Lustre as Glorie,
for I do think it must Strike
every one for its good taste and
magnificence; and I rejoice to
hear You feel Yourself so per-
fectly comfortable there. I
long to see it now that it is
opened. I saw with great
satisfaction afsen You, I
found Adolphus and per-
fectly well, & received his
2nd Spirits, I passed three
Days with him at Magde-
burg, where we had excellent
Sport, there were in the 4
Days Chase 3000 Hares
Killed, but the last day
the Cold was so intense, that
I could hardly use my fingers and
I still suffer from the frost in
my fingers. Perhaps read Times
Yesterday his last dispatch
which will inform You exact-
ly of the very excellent
feelings the King & his Govern-
ment have in the Bonaparte
Business, and we must now
await what further Steps
the Austrian Chancellor will
determine upon, but from things
is certain that if Metternich
does not act with Vigour, thing
Bonaparte is fully determined
not to join him in his Effor-
ts. It appears to me that

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whenever You bring the business
before the Diet, You must at
the same time declare that
in doing it You reserve to You-
self the right, that in case
the Diet does not quickly
dispatch it & that too in
a Manner due to Your Station
and Character, You shall
take it into Your own hands.
This Declaration will soon
settle the Work, Sirth, I fear,
although Nuncio will use
every Means in his power to
keep in Suspense, as it is
to all prudently clear, that
his unpermitted fraudulent and
double Conduct is solely owing
from his personal hatred

AP

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to Minister, and thus does he sacrifice his Duty as Servant to the Emperor to his own private feelings. The Opinions how are all most decidedly against him, and I think I never saw such a policy as it is now. I have expected to have had some Intelligence from You tonight Especially after that most curious Letter of the Duke of Wellington to the Archbishop of York. As I shall probably see You ere long I shall reserve giving You my Opinion upon it, but Your Letter does not satisfy me, and I feel positive that our

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position would have been totally
dissipated had not our Bonus-
wick Clubs been in Existence,
I am sure would attain in hour
had a repetition of what
unfortunately passed last
Spring regarding the Corpora-
tion & Post hats, some vile
Compromise. I am still in
I hope plenty of Petitions pour-
ed to me Mama for the
not granting any thing more
to the Catholics. If You wish
me to be with You by the
5th Feb. only let me know
per Return of post and
that privately, and I will
be there, I think I may be
sure prove to You, and thereby
You know there is no Sacrifice
I am not ready to make, except
change my principles on that
great Question on which I
took the Summit if Your
Crown depends. This letter
I reckon You will receive this
Letter the 16th or 17th and if
You send me Your Answer di-
rectly I can have it here the
21st or 22d. and then I will
be with You the 5th of Feb. but
me only send a Steam Vessel
at Calais, and I should return
to be in time. A Telegraph from
L'd Strathaven put in word here
this at 6 this Evening & thereby
can return to me England

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the 16th. You cannot bring out
of the following day will reach
me the 24th at latest, and I
shall depart the 26th. at la
clock at Jute, only order Water
to have fires lighted in my rooms
that I may not find them cold.
Now as Wind came impetu
the Chain, I inclose You the
Reply of Summus de Rosenha
the Head of the Royal Chan
pering, and it depends n
upon the Order from You, if
I shall order the Chain to
be made or not, Your Highn
of You choose it even being
Empty as with Sand, I
beg Pardon, for as the Wind

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how are, we cannot be sure as
to the arrival of the Mails, viâ
Holland or Hamburgh. Now
God Almighty bless You dearest
dearest Father, & may You
live to see many happy returns
of the Same. Fredericka and
Sophy desire their best love
and with my best Regards
to all friends believe me

Ever
Dearest Father
Your most affte
and faithful Child
Victoria

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[1831]

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Royal Lodge
Augt 19th 1831

Dearest Brother

I cannot leave you
hospitable Roof without
one more thus thanking you
for so many Marks of your
Kindness & friendship
we during my stay here
in this Country, I trust
I need not say that your
kindness has not been bestowed
upon an ungrateful Heart,
I am at a loss of many
Words or of able Expressions

[1831]

47808

but am ready at any time
to pass to You my submissive
Attachment & affection,
however often at any time
You can think that I can
approach my humble mean
so to of the least use or
Comfort to You, and am
only glad & sorry instantly
come to You; I cannot if such
be the case previous to the
Meeting of Parliament, at
any rate as soon as I
know for certain it is to
meet I will come over, &
I hope know that in the
beginning of May, the
Spanish concerns for
a few weeks, then am
told Georgy will ac-
company her; when
she will have an Oppor-
tunity of thanking You
in person for Your
submissive kindness
to my dear Child, for
which both Mother and
future will ever remain
grateful. God Almighty
bless You & preserve You
prays Lop for the
happiness & welfare of

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of Your family, Your Country
and Army by all
Europe. How soon

Dearest Brother

You must appear
and publickly
declared

Brother

Child

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18, Long Wall,
Oxford.

Oct. 21. 84

My dear Mr. Holmes.

After taking this picture out of the scrap book it has been waiting for days & the post as properly I know. I am sending 'the good old King' with great pleasure back to his own old apartments. There to remain forever - he were brought up to reverence him as a gracious Sovereign to whom Demainbray & Bignand owed every thing - in the way of patronage. That was due to merit. in a great measure but they felt so grateful that

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they never asked a favour & never spoke an ill word
of one of the Royal Family.
Cumberland perhaps was not
much loved, or spoken of with
the affection that C. III. D. of
Cambridge - Gloster - Kent are -
Do you know the real history
of the valet Sellis' (2d) attempt
to murder D. of Cumberland - I learnt
it from Sir E. Home's papers
who brought him through the
danger - Lord Tollemache was
Sellis' master first & the D. the
exchanged valets because S.
shaved well & the D. did not
like shaving himself - the D. was
passionate & abusive & beat
Sellis badly - at last one
day when dressing to go out
riding - Sellis kneeling
at his feet arranging his straps
& spurs - the D. got in a rage
at his slowness, & with the
disengaged foot kicked him
brutally in the mouth -
S. could not stand it - &,
brooding over it, concealed
himself at night & attacked
him - & Sir E. Home also said
that the D. was an awful
liar & when he recovered &
visited Queen Charlotte - She
asked him "what he had done?
as - 'he must have done
something to provoke his servant -
But - he swore by all his gods
he had never done anything
to provoke him - The Queen

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however did not believe him -
Amongst other things was the
case of poor Lord Camelford -
Shot by Jno Best in a duel -
Sir E. Home gave all the
circumstances - which were
curious - but not agreeing with
Grantley Berkeley's account quite
however the Story is too long
for this letter - I am glad you
like dear H. L. Coxe's Castle -
I find 3. more Dignitors in
that same Scrap book - if you
wish for them - or any of them
Say so - & believe me
Very Truly Yours
Gibbes Rhigaud -

1. Sir David Dundas K.B. C.in Chief
2. Lieut. General Macdonald -
3. A noble Student of Oxford.
(Lord G. Grenville afterwards L. Buckingham)

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