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Prince Adolphus
26th January 1795

Gütphen. Jan. 26th 1795.

Sir

I hope Your Majesty will excuse my long silence, but really things have gone on of late so very ill that I did not like to repeat them as certainly You will have been informed of them. I have been of late continually marching and at such a distance from Head Quarters that I did not know how to send off my Letters. I arrived at this Place last Monday and believe that I shall march again to morrow. Every thing has been quiet for the last week. Some here with a Brigade of 4. Battalions but further one I very much fear they dont remain here above 300. Men therefore Your Majesty may perceive how our Regiments are reduced. Mine is

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the strongest in the Corps; but I conceive Doyle is right, however I hope that if we get a little rest our men will soon get again healthy. The last News we have of the Progress of the French in Holland is their Entry into Amsterdam, which took place according to the Capitulation they had made with the Town some days before. The Cold we have had of late has been pretty severe that one day according to the Thermometer it was 2 Degree colder than the fever 20. A great Number of men during the March have had their Hands and Feet frozen. To day it is not so cold, and I hope that at last we shall have a Thaw, though I do not trust it much for we have had already three Thaws and it never lasted more than a few

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Hours. The only Consolation we have by it is that the French suffer at least as much if not more than we do. In the last Engagement between the Rhine and the Wahl I had the misfortune to loose my Lt. Colonel, however he has awoke, and mentions that they treat him exactly well. I am very happy to be able to mention to Your Majesty, that Prince Schwartzenberg who was with the Second Battalion declared that it was impossible any thing could behave better than it did, the Battalion was almost surrounded, but it fought its way through. Last March the 2. Regiment of Cavalry under the Command of Captain Ende, who was sent to Your Majesty just at the Beginning of the War, shared a

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French Column which was advancing to attack
a Village called Volp there were Dismounted Hussars
were, Repeated them to Sally out Down 60, & took
24. Prisoners. This rejoices me the more, as there
was nothing but Skirmishers at the Advanced
Post. I have nothing more to add at present
than that I ever shall remain

Your Majesty's

most Obedient and Dutyfull

Son & Subject

Adolphus Frederick

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Cleeven. March 18th 1795.

Sir

Your Majestys gracious Letter of the 6th. of this Month I received at Ibbenbühren the very day before I marched for this Village, which prevented me returning You sooner my Thanks for it. I certainly should have wrote from Munster but as every thing was quiet I would not trouble You with a Letter particularly as I had just wrote when we retreated from Holland. God knows this Campaign has been a sad one particularly the last 8. Months of it. The fatigues we have undergone are very great indeed if one reckons the Inclemency of the Weather, and the most disagreeable as they have not helped any thing. We have enjoyed very little rest this Winter, I was exactly with my Regiment four weeks at Munster, often marched into Cantonments which are very bad in this Country. I am at this Village since last Friday with my Regiment, & the next

of my Brigade consisting of 3. Batallions 9a Regiment
of Cavalry are cantoned in the Villages round this.
I am here in the second Line as a Soutien for the first
in case of an attack of the Enemy, but hitherto every thing
is quiet. I can assure Your Majesty that I never can
thank You enough for taking [illegible] let me remain this
Winter with the army as it is the greatest comfort
in the World to have shared all Hardships with the
Men; and now the Regiment never I would not have missed
them for any thing. My Regiment is now beginning
to get very sickly, this is the consequence of the
severity of the last Campaign. However I hope that
in a short time I shall get a great Number of
Reconvalescents. The worst is the Hospital
[illegible] for off, but it lasts a long time before one

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can get the Men back. The Weather has since some days grown milder: but the Ice is still not yet gone. The Roads here are so shocking much worse even than those in Holland which is saying a great deal. It is with very great Difficulty one can get on our Artillery, and if the Rainy Weather sets in I do not know how we shall get on our Guns. I have now nothing more to add, than that I ever shall remain with the greatest Respect

Your Majesty's
most Dutyful & Affte
Son and Subject
Adolphus Frederick.

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Prince Adolphus

H. Mary

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Duke of Cambridge
May 1st 1795.

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Oldenburg. May 4th 1795.

Dearest Brother

I can not help troubling You again with a few Lines to express to You my Sincere Joy on Your Marriage. May You enjoy every Happyness and Blessing this World can afford You is my Sincere Wish and fervent Prayer and that for many many Years.

I should have been infinitely happy could I have come and not have been present at Your Marriage but as that could not take place I hope it may soon happen. We have no news Thing to alow as the Peace between Prussia and France is made; The former will take us very soon the Position we held in East Friesia, and consequ[ently] all our Troops will come here. How I should wish to get away it is so very long since I have not been at home

and when a Person likes his Family as I do it is not agreeable to be so long absent. — Ernest is now with his Regiment. He is perfectly recovered His Locks are very much altered by his having cut his Hair short round his Neck; He says it came from the Fever, but I believe she has cut it for the Locks better, I is very much cherished in it. — I am a great deal better now & I hope in a few days to be able to join my Regiment, God bless You my Dear Brothers, Dont for- get

Yours ever Affte
Friend and Brother
Adolphus Frederick.

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Odenburg. Aug.st 13. 95.

My Dearest Brother

Ten Thousand Thanks for your kind Letter which Prince Frederick Solms sent me from Hietzhenthal where he arrived on the 29th Tomorrow finally I hope to see by it that you are well, and that you have not forgot me. Be assured you should have heard oftener from me, but of late I really was afraid of troubling you so frequently these last three Weeks. Months when you there is been so very much to do with us. Besides every thing being here perfectly quiet I have had no News in the World to relate that could render my Letters interesting. We are here still in the same Situation we were three Months ago, expecting with Impatience every Post-day from one English Mail to another. I

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We thought that the Arrival of Prince Frederick will have some influence upon us, and that we may soon do something; personally to me laying here doing nothing is very tiresome and certainly if another Campaign is to take place we are missing the best time just. Great many Reports are spread about the Peace with the Empire, but as probably You will be much better informed about their Authenticity than I can, I will say nothing more upon that subject except this, that I send a Peace to take place soon, I am very much afraid our Affairs in Britanny will not succeed. — I must now trouble You with a few lines in favour of a Young Man who was Mid Shipman in the Yacht which brought us over to Germany in the year 86. and who

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was made Lieutenant about five Years ago in
consequence of an application made by Lord
to L.d Clothorn. He has begged me as the Promo-
tion is going on so very fast in the Navy if I
could not address myself to the first L.d
of the Admiralty & to him a Commander-
but as I dont know L.d Spencer I cannot
write to him and therefore address to you,
my Dearest Brother to beg you to do
something for him. His name is Dunbar
and he is [illegible] L.d of his Majesty's Ship the Jupiter. You will
oblige me infinitely could you do something for
him as I should be infinitely happy to see
him advanced. — Should a Peace take
place I hope then to get Leave of Ab-
sence & come over to England, when I shall then

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have the Satisfaction of seeing You, which I do
You very much. — I have not heard from
Ernest these three Months, he is a good deal
at Brandau where he amuses himself very
well. — Adieu my Dearest Love Believe me
ever Your most affectionate

Friend and Brother

Adolphus Frederick.

P. S. I this moment hear from England that
the Princess is with Child. I cannot express
that letter without writing You most fervent
by Joy on the Subject. Reassured that no one
is more fully of it than myself, and the more
I do I know how fully it must make You
Allow me also to wish You Joy for Her &c.

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of this Month. May You enjoy every Blessing
this World can afford, and is the sincere
Wish of

Your ever affectionate
Adolphus Frederick.

Prince Adolphus
Cumb. 3. 1795.

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Prince Eckstühlen
Coumbo 6. 1795

Sir

Though I have nothing of great Consequence to write, yet I can not let this Mail set off without congratulating Your Majesty on the great News which You will receive with. General Clerfayt passed the Rhine on the 29th. of last month at Mentz, attacked the Ennemy's Entrenchments which he forced by storm and compleatly defeated. The French Army consisting of 52 Battalions and 5 Regiments of Cavalry. Two Generals, two Aide de Camps, sixty Officers, and two thousand Men have been taken Prisoners. The Austrians have had two Generals killed, but their Loss is not considerable. The Consequence of this Battle was that General Pichegru

passed the Rhine the following day at Nackenheim
and has taken a Position near Guntersblum & Dienge.
We also received last night by private Letters from
Darmstadt the news that General Wurmser had got possession
of the Rhine Schantz near Manheim, This
is of great Consequence for the Austrians, as it
will facilitate a great deal the taking of that
Place. I hope now that the French will be
soon over the Rhine before the Winter, and
then Germany is saved. I am infinitely glad for
General Clerfayt that he has had this success,
he certainly is one of the best Generals in the
Austrian Service, and his Reputation, which
had suffered by his Misfortunes in Flanders

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he will now regain again.

I am very sorry to be obliged to inform Your Majesty that poor Wangenheim has had the misfortune to break his leg about a Month ago. I should have mentioned it before but I thought it would be better to say nothing till I was sure how he would do. He is going on very well, and I hope that in three or four Months he will be recovered. He suffered at first very much, by his leg being fractured, but now the Chirurgeon gives me great hopes of his being getting not keeping a stiff leg. Till his Recovery I have taken an Officer of my Regiment, as Gentleman. He is a very fine young man, the

Son of late General Busche who was killed last
Winter in Holland. I hope Your Majesty will
approve of this, as I should never wish to do any
thing which Your Majesty could dislike. As soon as Worgenbeim
can be transported, he is to go Homeln to his
Family where he will certainly get soon cured then
here. I have now nothing more to add than
that I ever shall remain

Your Majesty's
most Dutyful and Obedient
Son and Subject
Adolphus Frederick

Oldenburg.
Nov. 6th 1795.

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Crown Letters
November 16. 1795

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Oldenburg. Nov.r 10.th 95.

Sir

I can not express in Words the sensation I felt upon hearing of the Imminent Danger in which Your Majestys Life has lately been. It is the Almighty Hand of Providence alone which has saved You, and preserved You for Your Nation and Your Family. We never can thank the Almighty for this fresh Proof of his Goodness, for what can be more precious to us Your Children and Your Subjects than the Preservation of the Life of the best of Fathers and Sovereigns. Your Majesty will I hope excuse my having troubled You with these few Lines which are the real Sentiments of my Heart: Your Goodness towards me has been always so great, that I should be the most ungrate-

ful of Creatures if I did not feel in the Bottom
of my Heart the least dis Misfortune that can
happen to You.

I have this Moment received an Order
to march from hence on the 14th. on the 22d.
my Regiment will march into Hanover, from
whence I shall have the Honor of writing to
Your Majesty. With the most fervent Prayers
for the Preservation of Your precious Life I
conclude this Letter in subscribing myself

Your Majesty's
most Dutyful and Obe.
Son and Subject

Adolphus Frederick.

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Sir

I have the honor to inform Your Majesty that I arrived here with my Regiment last Sunday amidst the Acclamations of an immense Concourse of People who came out to meet us, and who seemed very happy at our return. We were all of us very glad to see our old friends and in particular am very much attached to this Place as every body is so very kind to me. I was extreamly glad to find old General Malortie well, and in such good Spirits; He lives now at Herrenhausen. so that I can often see him, and he has promised continuing giving me his good Advice as he used to do. Indeed in this World a real Friend is so very seldom a thing, particularly for a Prince that one is quite happy if one has one. I can not enough thank Your Majesty for the excellent Education that has been given me and for the excellent Governors I have always had; and be assured, Sir, I shall always do

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my Utmost to behave in such a manner here as to
gain Your Approbation as nothing in the World can
render me happyer than knowing that I am in
possession of it. I must now address myself to Your
Majesty in favor of my two Gentlemen Captains Wan-
genheim and Hedemann both of whom are very much
attached to me & have been of great service during the War.
With the Pay which they get at Hannover it is impos-
sible for them to live at & their Expenses are very great
as they are forced to attend me every where. Besides
being married men they would be forced to send their
families to some cheap town, where they would
perhaps never see them at least very seldom as
their Situation binds them from going on Furlow.
I believe however all this could be remedyed if
Your Majesty would agree to the Proposition

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I am going to make you, which is that you would add the Batta wages of Soft Junkers to their pay. By this they would be able to live and to stay with me. I spoke to the Field Marshal on this subject, and he told me that I should write to you, and that he was sure you would grant my request. I am now very much employed about our new organisation and I hope that every thing will be soon settled. We received yesterday the good news of the surrender of Thorn, and of the Enemy having retired into the lines of Weissenbourg. The Crown Prince is now going to seperate and General Obernitz is marching towards the Mosel. I must just add that I cannot through thank the Duke of Oldenburg for his goodness to the Horse Artillery who have been in his Territory and particularly to my Regiment

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He has treated us just as if we were his own
Troops, and the two days we marched through
his Dominions to go back to Stade we defrayed
my Regiment and furnished it with every thing it
wanted. Indeed the goodness he has had for me has
been very great and I never can thank him enough
for it. I will now not trouble Your Majesty
any longer but only just add that I shall
remain

Your Majesty's
most Dutyful & Obed.t
Son and Subject

Hannover Nov.r 28.th
1795.

Adolphus Frederick

Prince Adolphus
24th Dec.r 1795

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Hannover. Dec.r 24th 1795.

Sir

I was rendered very happy at the Arrival of Mr. de Steinberg by hearing that Your Majesty was so well; and I only wish that God may continue to many and many Years — Since I had the Honor of writing to You I have seen Ernest whom I do not find by any means well, and in a Situation which I think it my Duty to mention to Your Majesty: He suffers still a great deal with his Arm, which though certainly better than it was when he went to England last Summer has still kept a Weakness, which nothing but Bathing can remove; and that is impossible in this Country at this time of the Year, as the Waters are never good but in Summer. He has besides

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a Cataract upon his Eye which must also be operated
and he does not like trusting this to Mr Wickte
at Göttingen on account of his age, and of his Hand
shaking which certainly renders the operation
very critical and dangerous. I hope Your Majesty
will forgive the Liberty I have taken of writing
this, but I thought it my Duty to inform You
of the real State of my Brother's Health as certain
by some Step must be taken on this Subject.
I will now not detain You any longer, but only
add that Peace shall remain

Your Majesty's
most Dutyfull & affte
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Adolphus Frederick