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Fasc: 13. Betr. Eine Erklärung Sr. Königl-
Hoheit des Herzogs von Cumberland
No act: ad 16.a.

Brighton November 7 .1831

Sir,

I have been honored with the Kings
Commands to transmit to Your Royal High-
ness Copies of a Letter from His Royal High-
ness the Duke of Cumberland to His Majesty
and of His Majesty's answer with the reference
to the arrangements which You desired
Mr. Falcke to submit to the King and which
He authorized Baron Ompteda and Mr. Falcke
to communicate to the Duke of Cumberland.
His Majesty considers it adviseable that
Your Royal Highness and the Hanoverian
Government should be in possession of
these Documents and He trust They will
prove satisfactory to You.
I have the Honor to be with the most
destifful Attachment

Sir
Your Royal Highness
most Devotest humble
Servant
Taylor.

Field Marshall
His Royal Highness
The Duke of Cambridge

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Copy. Private
Kew October 31. 1831

Dear Brother,
I cannot resist troubling You with a few lines to express to You My gratitude for having sent Baron Ompteda and Mr. Falcke to Me in order that I might be made acquainted with the proposed arrangements in the new administration of the different branches of the State at Hannover and I cannot sufficiently declare My perfect satisfaction in all, at every point. No man could possibly have acted more nobly and disinterestedly than You have done, acting not by Words but by Deeds, and proving thus that Your sole Object is to place the finances of the country of Hanover on a footing that Your Successors may not have difficulties. I was rejoiced to find not only from Yourself, but equally from what those gentlemen have since told Me that you perfectly considered in Opinion with me on those three points I took the liberty of submitting to You, and Baron Ompteda told me that the same had struck You

originally when the two first were mentioned to you, therefore it does appear to Me most extraordinary, how the Government, who must not only from Reflection, but from their experience that they must have abstained from dearing what has been going on of late in the States of Bavaria and Württemberg, have even for a single moment allowed themselves to entertain such an Idea, which it is. My firm conviction if ever granted must lead sooner or later to the total subversion of the state and Ministry there. And I know that the King of Bavaria is now fully convinced of the folly of having given way on that point of Public discussion, but once granted and once introduced can now no more be denied them. I was the more surprised at the proposal having been made to You as Baron Bremer and Myself have so often discussed together over that Point of Publicity against which He was as much opposed as Myself, this first point

point appears to Me to be the most essential, the 2nd respecting the Payment of the members I think equally objectionable and better it not adopted but should it be upon the whole thought more prudent to give way; then at least the Expense must fall upon the Country and not on the Sovereign and with such restrictions that the States cannot protract the business in order to be paid the longer. I this view of the subject I think but these Gentlemen seemed fully to concur with Me. I understand that the Proposal respecting the military point must be brought forward not in this Arrangement but afterwards, and in this necessity of this they agree fully. I took the liberty of skewing them, that there could be no difficulty in the Execution of it, for as all the Cavalry that are on Furlough are forced to report themselves to the Officers who are quartered nearest to them, so the Infantry would equally be inspec-

ted by the same Cavalry Officer or by the Infantry Officer if their Garnisons are contiguous and all complaints immediately forwarded to that Officer who was nearest the Complaint. By such an Arrangement no additional Expense could possibly be incurred as their officers are now obliged to inspect all their Quarters Monthly and the Men on Furlough I think three times in the course of each Month.

I think now I have explained Myself perfectly clearly, at least I hope so, and I beg once more to offer You My warmeest and sincerest thanks for Your communication.

Believe Me

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(Signed) Ernest

a true copy

Taylor

Abstract of a Letter from His Royal
Highness the Duke of Cumberland to
H. R. H. the Duke of Cambridge, dated
Kew October 30 th. 1831

On Thursday last by direction of the
King I had a long meeting with Omp-
teda and Falcke and they laid before
the a new Plan proposed; I must say
that it does both the King and the Go-
vernment the highest honor the man-
ner in which they have drawn up their
Proposals and there was not one single ob-
jection that I could find an alteration to
propose except in three Points.

First, to the Proposal of the Discussions
being Public. This I protested against, being
convicted from experiences, that this must
lead to the most serious mischief, as it
will induce the Democratic Members in
the Second Chamber to harrangue for
the Public, and not for the Benefit of

the Topic before Them;
I was told in reply, that there was to be the following Safeguard; first Every Member could move that Strangers should withdraw, and secondly that the Government had reserved to itself the Right that at any time any measure they chose should be discussed privately.

My opinion on this is the following, whoever proposes clearing the Galleries becomes a marked man, which is an odious thing, and would prevent many from taking this step tho they might think is necessary, and if Government should at any time adopt this Right, it would create the most serious suspicions. All this would be avoided by remaining as You are and to which they have been accustomed.

My second remark is to the idea of giving Diäten to the Members, this must strike You would lead to the proccastination of business instead of

of dispatch of business and therefore I am decidedly against that idea. And lastly it appears to Me highly necessary that arrangements should be made, whereby the Military for the time of years they are obliged to serve should be under Military Law alone whether with their Regiments, as on Farlough and on this point there can be little or no difficulty for as the Cavalry Officers are distributed in the different parts of the country, and they are non obliged to visit their Cantonments so they would equally be ordered to inspect their Men of the Infantry and all Complaints being made instant to them when they could be forwarded to the next Garnisons for Enquiry. These are the only three Points I have to remark upon and the King who I saw on Friday, and who had heard My remarks in a letter from Ompteda said "He agreed most perfectly and entirely with Me, and has stated the same to Ompteda." It is impossible for

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any man to have behaved more nobly
or disinterestedly than the King has done
in this whole business and both his head
and heart have shone on this occasion.

Ernest

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Brighton November 3. 1831

My dear Brother,
I have to thank You for Your kind
Letter of the 31.'of last Month and to assure
You of the Pleasure with which I learnt
that the arrangements which I decided
Baron Ompteda and Mr. Falcke to commu-
nicate to You had proved in general so sa-
tisfactory to You. I rejoice also that
You have so correctly understood the feeling
and the principle which have guided My
Decision upon the points which are im-
mediately connected with My own Position
as King of Hannover and the Interests of
My Successors. The consideration of these
applies particularly to Yourself and to Your
promising Son and it has been My cor-
dial Inclination, as I felt it to be My
Duty to make such arrangements as would
be conducial to the advantage and the se-
curity of My Successors, under any Contigen-
cies which might arise out of these trou-
bled times.

With regard to the Measures which are

For the Duke of Cumberland K.G.

more of a Public and administrative Character it appears almost superfluous that I should say that it had appeared to My of the utmost importance to the Welfare and Prosperity of the Country which in the course of Nature You may be called upon to govern, and to Your own comfort and tranquillity that You should be fully informed of what has been proposed to Me and that You should be satisfied that the omission of it has not been hasty nor inconsiderate, nor inconsistent with a just and liberal, tho I trust not a timid, view of the state of My Kingdom of Hannover, and of those general circumstances which have produced the Desires of changes in the Constitution, and the necessity of attending to such a manifestation of the feelings of the several classes of My Hanoverian Subjects.-

It has been My anxious desire to consult Their advantage and the general Interests of the Country and I hope, that what is proposed to be granted may be considered, as

as the result of just and equitable reflection, and not as conceded from motives which would deprive the Boon of its value and security.

As You have had an opportunity of communicating to Mr. Falcke Your Sentiments upon the Subject of Publicity of Discussion and the Payment of the Members of the Lower House, He will be able to call the attention of the Duke of Cambridge and the Government to these, and I have not doubt that such consideration will be given to them as circumstances may seem to admit.

I agree with You that it would be very desirable to subject the Infantry Soldiers when on Furlough to the Muster and Inspection of Officers quartered within convenient reach, but as they do not receive Pay when on Furlough, I should doubt their being then amenable to the Military Discipline and Superintendance, although liable, from being Enliated and Attested, to answer call

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when required to join their Corps in which they receive Pay as Soldiers.- This is a question for the consideration of those who are cognizant of the Military and indeed of the Civil Law, as administered in Hanover and I conclude that the Duke of Cambridge will refer it for their opinion.

Believe Me to be

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(Signed) William R.

a true Copy

Taylor.