

Sir John Graeme to the King

Clichy. October 14, 1746.

SIR,

This being the happiest day of my life¹ beg leave to rejoice with your Majesty on the Prince's safe arrival in France. As I am about setting out to meet His Royal Highness I have not time to make this longer which I leave with the Duke to be forwarded by a Courier he intends to dispatch tonight.

I am ever with the most hearty zeal and profound respect.

Sir,

your Majesty's most faithfull most dutifull and
most obedient Subject and Servant,

JO. GRAEME.

The Same to the Same

Clichy, October 17, 1746.

SIR,

Your Majesty will be glad to know that the Prince is arriv'd at Paris in perfect health and in high spirits. Tho' the fatigue, the want of all necessarys, and the dangers he has undergone are beyond imagination, yet he looks as well as when I had the honour to see him more than two years ago. Nothing was ever so tender as his first Interview with the Duke, which I am sorry I was not witness to, having met him on the road in the night time, and found them together on my return next morning. It is an unspeakable pleasure to me to see how much they love one another, and I hope in God it will always continue so. Col¹ Obryen is gone to Fontainebleau to concert his Interview with the King of France. We wait his return with impatience to know the manner of it, tho' by some letters already writ from thence we have reason to fear that the Court will insist upon its being done privately, which will not be at all to the Prince's taste, and it is no wonder.

Besides Messrs. Warren, Sheridan, Obrine, and Lynch that went to look for H.R.H. there are come over with him Lochiel, his brother Doctor Cameron, Lochguery and Roy Steuart. He also brought over one Macdonald of Barestal² against whom there were proofs that his intentions were treacherous, and has recommended him to the care of the Intendant of Britany. H.R.H. has been very private at Paris since his arrival, and will be so for some days longer. The Duke din'd with him on Saturday and yesterday, and after dinner they came out together to this place, where the Prince stay'd about an hour and return'd again to town.

There being no letters from your Majesty by last post I shall only add the profound respect with which I am

Sir,

your Majesty's most faithfull most dutifull and
most obedient Subject and Servant,

¹ This phrase was also used by Richard Warren, who actually brought the Prince from Scotland.

² Barisdale, a traitor to both sides.

JO. GRAEME.

It is said that the English who landed near L'Orient are reimbarcked. There has been an affair in flanders where the french have had a considerable advantage, but the particulars are not yet come our length.

*After the return of the Prince
James Edgar to Prince Charles*

Albano. Nov. 3, 1746.

SIR,

My heart is so full of joy on Your Royall Highness safe landing in France, that I most humbly beg leave you would permit me to lay myself at your feet on that happy occasion, full of thankfulness to God for your miraculous preservation, and of most fervent wishes that Your Royal Highness may not be long without having another opportunity to exert your valour and heroick virtues in relief of your distressed Country, and attended with all the success you so highly deserve. I shall think myself happy in the meantime if I can contribute in any thing to Your Royall Highnesses satisfaction by obeying any commands you shall please to lay on me.

JAMES EDGAR.

*Extract—Sir John Graeme to the King
(The Prince had left Paris)*

PARIS, Feb. 27, 1747.

SIR,

There are several letters at Paris winch bear Humphry's (The Prince's) departure from Avignon, but neither Jonathan (The Dukc) nor I have heard from thence since the letter which Luke (O'Bryen) sent you by last post. We have here a very troublesome task by the impossibility of contenting so many people as we have to do with. Every body imagines to himself he has as much merit as another and deserves from the Court as considerable a gratification. Others are quite out of humour that some few have had the Cross of St Louis or a Commission of Colonel, and thinking they have as good or a better pretention to such favours are dunning us continually.

Lord Ogilvy is at Versailles these eight days past waiting for a final decision concerning his Regiment. This will be an occasion of placing several of our unfortunate Country-men. There is lately a private letter from London which gives some hopes that there will be soon an Act of Indemnity,³ in which case I suppose many of those who are not attended and have any thing to return to will go home. I am with the most profound respect,

Sir, Your Majesty's most faithfull, most dutiful and most obedient Subject and Servant,

JO. GRAEME.

³ The Act of Indemnity was passed that summer, bur eighty-three prominent Scotsmen were excepted from its provisions,