(Letters to Gen. R. G.)

Ld. Cornwallis to Gen. Richard Grenville

Calcutta May 22d 1790

Dear Grenville

I have to thank you for two very kind and long letters, one dated in Oct.r and the other the 3d of February, and I premise never be above you again for being a bad correspondent, tho' I hope you understood that my attack was not meant very seriously.

I am afraid this cursed fellow Tippoo must keep me another year in this Country, for our if Medows should proceed with his conquests with as much facility as he has begun, and our allies the Marattas and the Nizam should after the rains act with sufficient vigor

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to crush the Tyrant effectually; still it will require a negotiation of some delicacy to ~~[illegible]~~ obtain the most essential advantages from our success; and as I think from the confidence which the Native Powers have been taught to place in my Government, that I could conduct this business more easily than a New Governor, I should be tempted to sacrifice another year, for the satisfaction of leaving every thing here in the best and most flourishing condition. At all events I hope you will continue to write, as you may be sure that your letters will be returned to me with the greatest care, if I should ~~be~~ have left the Country.

Your accounts of the King's health give me the greatest satisfaction, I can only earnest

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the conduct of other people, it presents a most dreary prospect. After hazing my respects on my arrival, I shall keep very much aloof. You will do me the justice to remember that I never took delight in the society of Princes, I thought I could have made one exception, but I was mistaken, and shall retract it here. I am with the greatest regard, and the most sincere good wishes, Dear Grenville

Your Most Faithful
and Affectionate Friend
Cornwallis

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