

affected French have endeavoured to establish a party in this Country which has been instantly quash'd by a Strong Proclamation from the King, and an Encampment of Five Thousand Men takes place the 18th of this Month on Bagshot Heath. We are all busy preparing. the Contracts are made for Sixteen days only, but t'is thought we shall be out much longer. Dissaffected Clubs and improper and dangerous Phamplets were got to such a height that it was high time for the interference of Government, who had received the most pointed information of a bad tendency. What will be the Event of this Camp is not known. We March from Woolwich more than a thousand Strong with Thirty four pi[e]ces of Cannon. it is a Political matter and meant to awe the Dissaffected, for Government are determined to quell every thing of Riot imm[e]diatly in its bud. A Very grand Tent is providing for the King who means to be with us each day. Should Woolwich be attackd in our absence, the Women must defend it, for there will be only them and the Invalids with Cadets. My dear little woman with our little Anne who by the bye, grows charmingly, I leave at her own Snug *Maison* where she will be unexposed to the distress and Miserry of a Camp, for we are told it is to be a flying one therfore shall never be certain of our situation. the Duke of Richmond Commands in Chief. Sir W^m Howe Second in Command, and Lord Harrington, (both of the line) Colonel Fox, and Col Drummond of ours, Commands Brigades Each. there is to be two Regiments of Horse. Should another occasion soon present itself I will write you fully and in such a manner as will make me certain you can read my letter, for I am sure you will have difficulty in reading this scrawl which am obliged to hurry. I shall therefore Conclude with my best respects and Esteem to M^{rs} Askin and Family, to the Commodore M^{rs} Grant &c, and believe me with great truth how sincerely I subscribe myself my d^r Sir

Yours ever with regard

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Com^t to M^r Leith & all Friends