

short space of time—'tis now that Ministers are become aroused, and are acting in a proper way, viz. directing the Fight upon that Element which this country has been renowned for—the Computed Land Force in this country at this time including our Corps &c &c is 150 Thousand Men—immense Camps will be formed early in the Spring on the coasts of Essex, Norfolk & Suffolk, comprizing the Eastern Division, and likewise all along the Southern Coast, for as the French have now obtained and seiz'd the greatest part of the Dutch Navy and being immediately opposed to our Eastern Shores, it is now firmly believed (in the Triumphant State in which they are) that they will attempt different Landings, indeed I sincerely wish they may put it in practice, for although it may cause a bustle and be attended with inconvenience at first, yet it would serve to unite John Bulls to each other, and there is little doubt but John would soon turn out to defend his *Dirty Acres*. The remnant of our Brave Troops who have been obliged to retreat to Embden are to be immediately brought home by way of the Elbe. A large reinforcement of Troops have sail'd to secure the safety of our West India Conquests and the largest Detachment of Artillery accompanied that every went from England at one time, namely 520 Men which in addition to those of our Corps already makes more than a thousand artillery Men. Speaking of our Regiment I am sorry to add that we have lost His Grace of Richmond as Master General. He received a letter of Dismission from the King on Monday last, and the Marquis Cornwallis is the one named with certainty as his successor, 'tis said the reason of his dismissal was because He would not attend the Cabinet, and was of very different Sentiments. We have reason to regret him for he has done much for the prosperity of the Regiment. We are going to invite him to a grand Mangé in testimony of our wishes towards him. The Marquis Cornwallis is a good man, and also a Friend to the Corps, having ever mentioned the Artillery most handsomely in his different Dispatches officially to Ministers. We yet expect much augmentation.