

Dutch It is a grand Expedition but I begin to fear for its result. as to the Army part of the Story (the Navy you will ere this have heard is fall'n into our hands) [it was] the intention of Ministry to reinstate the Stadholder. restore the antient Sovereignty and afterward penetrate into France in Cooperation with the Russians, Austrians &c &c &c—but I begin to think the allies will find it difficult to execute there intended plan, as the Dutch have already shewn a determined opposition by land, little expected by the Duke of York and our other Generals. When I left Ireland, things remained in a state of uncertainty, a kind of torpid state in that Country, the People still restless, and ready to rise at the least movement of the French in their favor, who are ever holding out fresh promises of Succour to enflame their Minds into Villanious rebellion, but My Lord Cornwallis, equally Active as Lord Lieutenant and Commander in Chief, is ever ready to put them down upon their Shewing the appearance of a Stir. I dined with the good old Lord the day previous to My leaving Ireland at his Villa in the Phonix Park. he lookd well and feeling determined to hold it out with the United—or rather deluded—Miscreants who know not what their delusion would lead them to, altho so many recent examples are before their Eyes. there is little doubt that the Union with England will take place. I never saw people (upon cool reflection) so much changed in their sentiments on that subject. I think it will prove the Salvation of both Countries, if carried into effect, at same time be a complete stab to the wishes of the Common Enemy, whose seeming interest is to disunite all nations. I have little further to add, as to the Politicks of the day, nor is there any news interesting, to inform you. when I get settled at Woolwich, shall have both leisure and inclination to tell you all that's going. My dearest Archange intends writing to her dear Mother by this oppo[r]tunity You will be pleased to hear that She and our children enjoy exceeding good health, altho they have encounterd in Ireland much trouble and fatigue. we are at present staying at My Friend M^rLewes house in Grosvenor Place untill I can get covered in at Woolwich. There are good Barracks for a Capⁿ of a Com-