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Mr.

I cannot delay a moment returning my thanks to you for the very obliging letter. I had the pleasure of receiving from you this morning which gives me great satisfaction to find that Mr. Wraxall and you continue in health and enjoy yourselves so much at Hastings. The party you are in must make it very agreeable, and I am glad to find by your account that the Duchess of Dorset is able to partake of your society as it must be a great relief to her spirits.

Lord Wellesley is at present in London and proposes going for the remainder of the Season to his brother Joseph Lord Cadogans and last to Lord Chesterfield in Derbyshire, he went to Weymouth to attend a council which was held there, and
I am much obliged to you for thinking of my son in India, neither he heard from him since the late glorious expedition to Seringapatam, in which he most undoubtably must have been concerned as the last letter he received from him was dated Camp at Vellore, Feb. 10. with Gen. Harris of Madras Army. We must therefore feel great anxiety to hear from him again, being quite uncertain of his destiny at present, though we may flatter ourselves he has not suffered from the expedition as he is not married in the British at this time. From the Chinese and Tartars, should he be so fortunate as to return to this country in health, it will be a very pleasing reflection that he had been engaged in so glorious a campaign, as to the advantage of his country. We may suppose that must be uncertain and we do not reckon upon it, although there is reason to think the Army of Hoisted Seringapatam must have a right to partake a share of Tipcee's Treasure. I perfectly agree with you that all circumstances considered, we may reckon a certain fortune is being as far from Holland as this time, as India through all such a distance is in a more prosperous state. I should have trouble you with a letter you may be prepared if I bad heard any thing from my son, but as that has not the case, waited till I could inform you what he said, in the last letter which I received from Vellore, he entreat me with utmost importunity not to forget to inform you of indeed you are always mentioned amongst his best friends. I do not think we have any chance of seeing him before next April or May at the latest, as he can but just
Now have received his Letters of recall and the News of his Promotion, the first we sent him was overland in April, how soon that could arrive we are ignorant.

The last Account from Holland is so mortifying and vexatious that we cannot think upon it without the greatest regret to be obliged to give it up, after so many valuable lives being sacrificed and such uncommon bravery and exertion shewn by the Troops. We are sorry for the Commander in Chief, as he appears very much affected by it, and to feel very sensibly his loss—

all we have left to hope, is that they may return safe with all those that remain in this country.

My daughters desire to join in best compliments to Mr. W neglect and you. The Doctor is studying Divinity in a great style with a clergyman at Gloucester. he was very well when she wrote from him last. I am

Your Much Obliged Friend

And truly your servant: Augusta Walingham