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To Mr. X  
Nov 1. 1759

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I make no doubt but you will be surpris'd  
to see a letter from y<sup>e</sup> most distressed and affected  
of mortals, but as you did my Dear son the  
Honour to intrust him, with so great & important  
an affair as y<sup>e</sup> taking of Quebec, which you  
Pland and he Executed, I hope to his Majests  
your S<sup>r</sup> and his Countrys satisfaction, (tho to  
my irreparable Loss) it occurs to me that there  
may be some Papers, or orders of y<sup>r</sup> relating  
to y<sup>e</sup> Government Service which will come  
to me, if you will honour me with your Comand,  
I will send them by a faithful and trusty  
friend, and no Eye shall see them but your  
own,

The present situation of my tortur'd mind will  
I hope Plead my excuse for all mistakes

I have y<sup>e</sup> Honour to  
be with great respect  
y<sup>r</sup> most obedient  
humble S<sup>t</sup>. H. W.

I beg S<sup>r</sup> you &  
Lady Kester Pitt  
will except of my  
gratfull Thanks for y<sup>e</sup> honour  
you did me, in inquiring after my health

Annella Wolfe

This letter was printed in the "Chatham Correspondence," Vol. 1, p. 451. — H. W. (182).  
With two slight variations, 1st, "excuse," for "see my 2<sup>d</sup> line," the insertion of "of God know," after  
"tho," in the parenthesis — 7th line; it is dated Nov. 6. 1759

Draft of letter from Wolfe's mother to Prime Minister Pitt concerning her son and the forwarding of papers to the government, circa 1 November 1759.

Dec. 18. 1759

Mad<sup>m</sup>

Miss Aglmeers having, once  
answered a letter, I wrote M<sup>r</sup>. Wolfe, drew me  
into the error, of addressing, her again; but  
I now Desire You, to accept my, sincere thanks  
for, Obliging (tho') Melancholy, Epistle.

I am not surprized to hear, y<sup>e</sup> patient  
Sufferer, submits with Calmness, & Resignation,  
to this severe trial; because I c<sup>d</sup> never doubt  
the Magnanimity; of General Wolfes Mother;  
— but I wish, if her Health would permit; she  
c<sup>d</sup> by degrees, be brought to bear New Objects;  
perhaps they might, & call her attention one  
Moment, from y<sup>e</sup> Melancholy Subject w<sup>ch</sup>  
Engrosses it; & in time dissipate; tho' not efface,  
or drive from y<sup>e</sup> Memory; so just, & deep a  
Sorrow; — not that I shall ever attempt; intru-  
ding, my Company, since (tho' I feel for her; ~~as~~

Letter from Wolfe's fiancée, Katherine Lowther, concerning the death of Wolfe, dated 18 December 1759.

Mrs Lowther Decr 12. 59  
formerly Bishop of Eborac, whom Wolfe was to have married

more than Words can express; & should if it was  
Given me to alleviate her Grief, Gladly exert  
every Power w<sup>ch</sup> Nature or Compassion has  
bestow'd) — yet I think, we are y<sup>e</sup> last people in  
the World, who ought to meet

I knew not, my Picture was to be set;  
but I beg Mad<sup>m</sup>, y<sup>e</sup> will tell M<sup>r</sup> Wolfe, I  
entreat her to take her own time, at giving y<sup>e</sup>  
Necessary directions; I can't as a Mark of  
His Affection Refuse it, otherwise, would minimal  
spare my self y<sup>e</sup> pain, of seeing a Picture, given  
w<sup>ch</sup> far different Hopes; & expectations; — M<sup>r</sup>  
Wolfe will, I hope, accept Acknowledgements &  
her Good Wishes; & that Almighty God, may comfort  
& support her; is y<sup>e</sup> Earnest Prayer of Maria

Katy Castle 10<sup>th</sup> Decr.

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Yours  
Oblig'd Humble  
Servant  
H Lowther

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(Vol. 1, page 462)

for the right about Jan. 10, 1760.

The great Honour your Letter of the 28<sup>th</sup> Nov: does me  
has given me Resolution which no other Consideration  
could do to make an application which I hope will  
not Disapprove

my Dear son not knowing the disposition his  
father had made of his fortune, which was wholly  
settled on me for Life, and Magnified by Name  
greatly beyond what it Really is, has left to his  
friends more than a third part of it, and tho' I should  
have the greatest Pleasure Imaginable in discharging  
these Legacies in my Life time, I can't do it without  
distressing my self to y<sup>e</sup> highest degree.

my Request to you most good and great Sir is  
that you will honour me with your Instructions  
who I may in the properest manner address his  
Majesty for a Pension to Enable me, to fulfil  
the Generous and kind Intentions of my most  
Dear lost son to his friends, and to give the  
Relief of Gen: Wolfe and Gen: Wolfes Mother  
I hope Sir you will pardon this Liberty.

I have the honour to be  
with great respect Sir  
your most oblig'd and most  
obedient humble<sup>r</sup>

Letter from Henrietta Wolfe to P.M. William Pitt requesting information about how to obtain a pension, in the wake of the death of her husband and son.

Madam

At Yard St. Am<sup>s</sup>. 18<sup>th</sup> March 1762.  
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I have reced<sup>d</sup> your commands of the 13<sup>th</sup> with  
Colonel Farleton's letter inclosed which as you desire is herewith  
returned to you. He acquainted me with his thoughts upon  
your affair before he left London which agreed with what he  
writes to you, and as soon as I can form the state of the case as  
he would have it represented to Lord Barrington, I shall send it  
to you that you may forward it to me to be delivered to him -  
but I think it absolutely necessary it should come from yourself -  
it will leave him without excuse should he continue to give  
opposition, & he can have nothing to say should you find it  
necessary to apply solely to other people; and I beg Madam  
you will not give the point up. I am convinced the justice of it  
when it comes publicly to be considered will render it successful.

Your letter I confess gave me concern, having  
in my most retired thoughts had your interest at heart, which  
I feared you might doubt; and I beg you will not do it without  
very sufficient reason; & when that is the case I shall deserve  
your severest censure, & I think your good opinion (which I  
highly esteem) justly forfeited.

My wife and girl are much obliged for your kind  
enquiry, & with me present their respects & best wishes, and I am

Madam Your most obedient and most  
humble servant  
Thos Fisher

M<sup>rs</sup> Wolfe

Letter from Thomas Fisher to Harriet Wolfe explaining the problems associated with obtaining the proper payout to her from General Wolfe's salary.

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8 War Office 14<sup>th</sup> September 1764.

Madame

I have had the honor to lay your Memorial, desiring  
a Warrant for the payment of Ten pounds a day, during the time your  
Son Major General Wolfe commanded the Expedition against Quebec, before  
the King; and I am to inform you that His Majesty commanded me  
to acquaint you, that when M<sup>r</sup> Townshend was Secretary at War, a  
full state of this demand was laid before him, and His decision  
thereon taken, which was that His Majesty did not think the  
General entitled to Ten pounds a day during this Expedition, and  
His Majesty sees no reason to alter that determination.

I have the honor to be

Madam

Your most Obedient  
most humble Servant

W. Ellis

M<sup>r</sup>s Wolfe.

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Letter from Secretary of War, Welbore Ellis, dated 14 September 1764, explaining that the King has denied her claim that her son was entitled to £10 a day for every day he was on the Canadian expedition.

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The justice of my Cause will, I hope,  
~~The justice of my cause will, I hope,~~  
~~plead my excuse for troubling you with this.~~ As  
 I have no Friend now left to assist me I  
 flatter my self from your humane & generous  
 disposition you will do me the favour to lay before  
 his Majesty this Memorial. the contents of which  
 I need not repeat. I make no doubt s<sup>r</sup> but  
 y<sup>r</sup> interest will achieve accomplish what I  
 have been so long in trying to obtain. I  
 believe my poor D<sup>r</sup> Lost son behaved, conducted  
 himself like an Honest & Brave man to his  
 King & country & I cant help thinking it a  
 little hard that every commander in Cheife shd  
 be allowed the full pay as such him excepted

You will good s<sup>r</sup> excuse the tenderness of  
 an afflicted Mother who cannot write on this  
 subject without her wounds bleeding afresh.  
 I must now s<sup>r</sup> rely on your Candour &  
 Goodness to lay before his Majesty this  
 Affair which will be esteemd the Highest  
 obligation I have the Honour to be,  
 with great respect s<sup>r</sup>  
 y<sup>r</sup> most Obedient humble  
 Serv<sup>t</sup> H. W

3 Drafts of this  
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Draft of letter from Mrs Wolfe to Welbore Ellis concerning the justice of her cause with regard to obtaining her son's back pay.

