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Bushy House
Friday
Even.

Dear Brother,

My motive for troubling

you is in behalf of Colonel Batters who is natu-
rally very anxious to succeed General de Perthant
as Lieutenant-General to the Royal Military
College: I have been acquainted with him for near
six years and can bear the most honourable tes-
timony to his conduct on every occasion during
that time: if he had continued in the Royal Artillery
he would at present be a Major-General and very

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now having a Battalion: thus situated and being
much senior to Lt. Howard Douglas he hopes
you will consider him as the fittest person to be
the Lieutenant General: more particularly as
Howard Douglas was first brought forward
by Colonel Batten and would now only be a
Major if he had continued in the Royal Artillery.
Colonel Batten has superintended at the Military
College fifteen hundred Cadets since he has been in
his present situation and trusts that all these cir-
cumstances considered you will be gracious enough
to let him succeed to the situation of Lieutenant

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I am glad from his great attention
to my three sons that I must ever feel very much
interested in his welfare.

I remain,

Dear Brother,

Yours most affectionately

J. H. P.

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M. R. W. M. Duke
of Cornwall