

Col. H. Torrens to Col. McCracken

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Strictly Confidential

H. G. Phillips
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My dear Sir

It was no later
than yesterday M. 8 that the
Com. in Chief refused to recom-
-mend Capt. Lamer for the brevet
rank of rank of Major. I need
not therefore explain to you how
much the old Genl's feelings
will be hurt by the order
contained in your note of
yesterday for that promotion
being given without consulting
Col. McCracken

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him in the very face of the
refusal he had already given.

In fact Capt Hamae seems
more apt to the rank than
I have to be an ^{Chief} Bishop
He was not ^{mentioned} sent by Lord W.
as the bearer of his despatches -
He rather belongs to his staff
or to his Army - Chance placed
him here, as the political
presence of the Ambassador -
And had Lord W. either intended
or expected that rank would be
given he would have sent

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one of his own family - &
he will therefore not look
upon this as a compliment.

It is quite sufficient that
it is the pleasure of H.M. B.
but as a point I cannot
but explain upon the circum-
stances of the case, in order that
you may if you think proper
upon a future occasion, suggest
that the Comdant should be
communicated with before an
absolute order is given - to
prevent his being involved in
his situation by his decision

being put aside -

In God sake burn this
note -

Genl. M. B. Smith
Stonewall