

Lord Wellington to Col. J. W. Gordon.

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Quinta de St. Lou
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My dear Colonel,

I received this morning your Letter of the 30th May, and I am sorry to say that Mr. Kennedy did apply to me to be relieved from his Situation, but I prevailed upon him to allow me to delay the Application for some time. — I did not understand that his Application was founded on his own want of health; but rather upon the anxiety of his wife that he should return to England; and I shall have to thank this Lady and her Sister M^{rs}. Bourke for having deprived me of the assistance of two very able Officers. —

I don't know how to fill Mr. Kennedy's place; Mr. Ogilvie is certainly the best here; but as I have lately discovered, even he is not entirely fit for such a charge; he certainly did not manage entirely well the duties of the Commissariat of the Troops which were here with Marshal Beresford. — matters were not going on well when I arrived here in April, or afterwards in May;

Colonel Gordon

and

and the wants of that Department, of which however I believe that Mr. Thompson was the cause, occasioned the fatal delays of the end of March and beginning of April. —

If therefore I must submit to the misfortune of losing Mr. Kennedy, I believe you had better send out Mr. Bisset. — I hope however that Mr. Kennedy who is as well as I am, will be prevailed upon to stay. —

Ever I am, my dear Colonel, most
Sincerely
Signed Wellington