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Carlton House 4 Jan 1813

My dear Friend

It is with the most heartfelt concern, that I have received officially through my Brother by Your Grace's particular desire your Request to retire from the Service, as well as from the Command of the Regiment of Royal Horse Guards.

I had flattered myself my dear Duke, that the steadiness of my Friendship personally to you for so many Years, and the uniformity of my sentiments, and conduct, during that long series down to the present
moment

moment, might have secured me, (at least
in your Grace's opinion) against, even
the suspicion of any want of attention
still more of neglect towards You, in the
most distant degree. Relying my dear
Friend upon your giving me full credit
for these feelings and for such conduct
towards you, I wrote you about three
weeks since a letter, which I had hoped
would have proved highly satisfactory
to you, in its explanation, as it was
entirely dictated by these sentiments.
However it is with the deepest regret,
that I now find I have failed in the

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of (at least) object I had so much at Heart. Still,
even I can not help cherishing the flattering
tion hope, that all this misunderstanding may,
in the and has arisen, from some unfortunate
dear misapprehension, or from some inconceiv-
credit able misrepresentation, I therefore have
nduct desired and directed my Brother to
at Three be silent upon the subject, and to sus-
d hoped pend all steps in consequence of it,
actory until I have the pleasure of hearing
it was from you again, when I can not but
ents. hope, that upon a reconsideration of the
regret, whole of the case, you will bring yourself
in the to view it under different colours,
opuring you at the same time my
dear

Duke that whatever your decision may
ultimately be, I shall never cease to
entertain through life, for you the
same sentiments of affection, regard,
and esteem, that I ever have done,
and with which

I remain

Your very sincere
Friend.