

Duke of Northumberland  
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Private

My dear Colonel

I have just learnt that a large  
Breach is coming out, & find that Lord  
James Murray will be left by it the third  
Lt. Colonel in the Army. Would the Report  
do him the honour to appoint him one of  
the King's Aid de Camps in the place of one  
of those who will be promoted to the Rank  
of Maj<sup>r</sup> General by this Breach?

After what has passed, I ought certainly  
never again to presume to interfere in anything  
that relates to the Military; but when the  
new Connection between Lord James Murray  
& myself is considered, & the great Importance  
of getting the Rank of Colonel ~~or promotion~~  
the present Promotions, I trust they will be  
deared some excuse. Dear My dear Colonel  
& believe me ever most faithfully yours  
The Right Honourable  
Colonel Macdonald.

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