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My dear Sir.

In consequence of your note of yesterday I have notified to the Secretary at War the two appointments in the first Reg^t of Life Guards & the one in the second which the Prince Regent has been graciously pleased to approve. — In regard to the memorial of Sir John Davis praying leave that his Son's resignation may be recalled, & on which His Royal Highness is so gracious as to say "He can only be regulated by my recommendation." I am bound in duty to reluctantly state that I can not take on myself to recommend to His Royal Highness a compliance with that request which might seem to militate against the authority entrusted to the Marquis of Wellington, who has not only approved ^{of the resignation,} ~~thereof~~ but has marked, as it appears to me his displeasure at the cause of ^{it,} ~~the resignation~~ by recommending the succession to go out of the Regiment. —

No further document on the subject of the transaction alluded to has

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reached me except a letter on the subject from Captain Davis Himself, and
having received no statement either from the Officer commanding the
Regiment or Brigade, I have not thought myself at liberty to
lay before His Royal Highness an ex parte account of the matter
which at this distance could not be compared with any opposite
representation. — With respect to Captain Davis, I certainly
was inclined from what I saw of Him in this Country to think well
of Him & to wish Him well, and I am therefore heartily sorry that
He did not take the proper steps to clear Himself from blame by
covertly enquiring on the spot, ^{and thus preventing the} ~~proceeding to his~~ resignation, of any
which He reported, ^{being} ~~being~~ forwarded to this Country. — I am with great truth & regard,

My dear Sir,
Your most faithful
& most obedient Servant
Harrington,