

The Duke of York  
to  
The Prince Regent

Military Business

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Dear Brother,

I am happy to learn from Sir Benjamin Bloomfield,  
that you have been pleased to approve of the intended  
Brevet Promotion, but have settled with Lord Melville  
that it shall bear date from the 12, instead of the 1<sup>st</sup>,  
his death, as suggested by his Lordship.

I have now to report to you, that I have for some time  
had repeated and very pressing applications from Sir Alexander  
Hope, whose health has not been good of late, for resigning  
the honourable Post of Governor of the Royal Military College  
and expressing a willingness to accept a Government Award  
less lucrative for the present, in the hope that you may  
hereafter appoint him to one of our adequate profits.  
This I have thought of as long as I could, being fully  
sensible of that essential use Sir Alexander has been  
to the College, and how difficult it is to find a person  
equally fit in every respect for such a situation.

Sir Alexander Hope has been ordered to be  
Sir George Murray, the late Quarter Master General to  
the Duke of Wellington's Army, who has certainly proved himself  
perfectly adequate to his situation, and willing to exchange  
the Lieutenant Government of Winkburg Castle, which he  
at present holds, for the Government of the Royal Military  
College:-

I therefore send enclosed my larger delay, saying this  
proposal before you, and if you are pleased to sanction  
the exchange, and to beg you to allow it to take place  
immediately, as Sir Alexander Hope has very good family,  
offered to pass a month at the Royal Military College  
with Sir George Murray, in order to initiate him into  
the whole business of the establishment where he has  
been employed for the last year, where he intends to pass some  
time for the Education of his children.

I am ever, Dear Madam,

Yours most affectionately  
Frederick