

hd. He writes to H.R.H. -

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Lord Melville has the honor humbly to submit herewith for Your Royal Highness's consideration, & in obedience to Your commands a memorandum of the services of the following Flag Officers, viz, Sir Edward Thornbrough, Sir George Campbell, Sir William Donnet, & Sir Thomas Foley. Though Lord Melville was aware generally of the claims of the two last mentioned Officers to the favorable notice of Your Royal Highness, he was not so minutely acquainted with the details either of their services, or of those of the two former Officers,

since the whole had respectively been
advanced to the rank of Post Captain;
but after perusing the accompanying
Detail, he ventures most humbly to submit
to Your Royal Highness that unless it
were to be understood that in conferring
the honor of the Grand Cross of the Order
of the Bath, the principle of seniority
were to have a much greater influence
on Your Royal Highness's Decision than
Lord Melville has hitherto supposed was in
the contemplation or intention of Your
Royal Highness, the services of Sir William
Dorsett & Sir Thomas Foley are so much

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more conspicuous than those which have
fallen to the share of the other two Officers,
(though both are most respectable in their
Profession,) as to give the two former
a strong claim to Your Royal Highness's
favorable consideration on the present
occasion, -

Melville Castle
4th August 1819.

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The Queen's Regent

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