

Lord Buntington
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As your Majesty was pleased to mention yesterday to me an Idea of raising men in Ireland, I think it my duty to submit to your consideration whether the best method would not be, that the Lord Lieutenant should permit proper Lieutenants to raise Companies on the usual conditions, like those raising in Wales, to be afterwards formed into Corps; or draughted to complete old Regiments, as was practised last War, in England. By this means the Irish Army would get a little promotion in the inferior ranks; and the Members of both Houses gratify'd, as their friends would

reap a good part of the benefit of this Levy, either
as Captains, Lieutenants or Ensigns. As nobody in
Ireland has any Clan or following, the reasons given
for raising Highlanders in Corps does not in the least
degree apply; & Captain Dalrymple's success (entirely
owing to his officers) plainly shows that the men are
raised by the Captains and Subalterns.

I hope your Majesty will pardon my well
intended presumption on this occasion.

Barrington.