

Mr Walpole
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My dear Lord

Mr John Wadehouse has been with me again, & has been with my Nephew, but has had no success in dissuading him from sending both battalions to Norwich. I find all the Norfolk gentlemen now in town equally alarmed at this measure; & as there is no time to be lost, I believe, if I may presume to say so, that it will be necessary to have it intimated to Lord Oxford, that his Majesty wishes to have that disposition altered, the greatest Inconveniences being apprehended; & that both battalions should be quartered, as they used to be, at Yarmouth & Dereham. Perhaps this being intimated by Lord Townshend from his Majesty might be a proper channel. However, it was my duty to state these apprehensions; my Nephew is so impetuous that I fear nothing but his Majesty's name will controul him. I am in great pain at the thought of his commanding the Militia at all at present himself, both as it will hurry him too much, & as I fear he will

only exhibit Scenes that are surely not fit for the Public Eye
I never saw Sr John Wodehouse till Thursday last, but he
appears a most amiable sensible Gentleman, & expresses so
much tenderness for my Nephew, & at the same time such
prudent attention to the Public, that I cannot doubt but
his apprehensions are well founded. I am going to
sleep out of town to compose my own mind a little, that
is much agitated with these Distresses, but shall be back
tomorrow by dinner, if you have any commands for

my Dear Lord
Yr most obedient
Son
Hor Walpole