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Lt. Gen: Kippel to Lt. Harrington  
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My Lord

Having been made acquainted by a letter from General Lord  
Amherst dated Nov: 12<sup>th</sup> "That the Command of the Lieut. Generals  
"commanding in the Camps of Cock's Heath, and Warley cease on the  
"Regiments arriving in Winter Quarters," and having yesterday received the  
last Return, and Report of those Corps that were immediately under my  
Orders, I must now beg leave to desire the favour of Your Lordships  
to lay me, with all possible Humility on my part, at the King's Feet,  
and entreat His Majesty's Permission for me to retire from the Staff:  
at the same time I must beg Your Lordships to assure His Majesty  
that He will always find me ready to receive and execute with  
cheerfulness such commands as His Majesty shall be pleased  
to honor me with

I have the honor to be  
with great respect

My Lord

Your Lordships  
Most Obedient and Most  
Humble Servant

Lt. Viscount Harrington &c.  
Secretary at War

(Signed) W Kippel

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