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Ld. G. Lennox Stoke March 22<sup>nd</sup>  
1779.  
to the Secretary at War.

In Mr. Jenkinson's  
of 27 March

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Stoke 24<sup>th</sup> March 1779.

Sir

I had the honour the day before yesterday to receive your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> and by the favour of you to express in the most respectful terms on my part the high and grateful sense I have of the notice the King has been graciously pleased to take of my memorial, and after which it would be presumption in me to trespass any more on His Majesty's time, yet I should think myself happy if you had an opportunity of explaining to His Majesty that I never had a doubt of Lord Amherst's right to give leave of absence to whatever Officers he thought proper, what I represented against was that in the present instance that power was exercised by his Lordship not when of his own accord he chose to order an Officer on any Duty he judged necessary for the good of the Service, but at the request of an Officer who was acting contrary to the 6<sup>th</sup> Article of the Royal Instructions, by which means Lieut. Rose who was acting in absolute disobedience to His Majesty's positive orders, carried his point against his Commanding Officer who was endeavouring to support the King's regulations, which point out the Field Officers as the only Channel for such applications to go through, and the necessity of which evidently appears on this occasion when it is allowed that for want of it Lord Amherst was misled, which would not have happened had his Lordship

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at first done me the honour to have enquired of me about it, or even  
have listened to the representation I made to him on the subject  
instead of giving me no other answer than that he should dispense  
with the usual forms when he thought there was occasion for it,  
which of course implied that the present instance was included  
in that idea, especially as not one word was mentioned of Lieut.  
Rose's leave being recalled, in consequence of which I no little  
doubted Lord Amherst's right of giving him leave that I  
entirely looked on him as out of the reach of my command  
and your letter is the first intimation I have of the disposition  
it seems Lord Amherst has shewn of discouraging what was  
disagreeable to the Regiment, for how was it possible for me  
to guess at his Lordship's having such intentions when he was  
so liberal to me upon them in every respect except in informing  
that he should exert his right when he saw occasion for it.  
Had Lord Amherst been so good as to have explained  
himself at all to me, or only told me that what had pass'd  
would be sett right if disapproved of by the Regiment,  
the whole of this disagreeable transaction would have been  
avoided.

I have the honour to be Sir  
Your most Obedient humble Servant  
(signed) Geo: Her: Lenoir