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As I find your Majesty does not come to
St. James's ^{to day,} and as I dare not presume to be importunate
to you at the Queen's house, I have ventured to write to
your Majesty on the Report made by the Board of General
Officers which I sent a few days ago for your Consideration,
and which I humbly conceive your Majesty would --- have
dispatch'd without any unnecessary delay. If there is any thing
in the Report which does not meet with your Royal appro-
bation, it must be sent back to the Board; but if your
Majesty approves it, your Signature will be necessary to a
Warrant which I have prepared & sent herewith. It will
be also necessary that your approbation should be signified
by me to the Judge Advocate: I have ventured to send

the draught of a Letter for that purpose, humbly submit-
ting it to your Majesty's consideration. I have added a good
deal afterwards as from my self, which will want a little
pious explanation to your Majesty.

In consequence of what I conceived to be your
Pleasure arising from your opinion, I have constantly refused
to propose to your Majesty, that officers should sell any
more than those Commissions which they bought. This has
not been understood, and has occasion'd some ill humour
among the Colonels of Regiments, as well as the Gentlemen
immediately concern'd. I have long wish'd for an opportu-
nity of explaining in writing the grounds of this regulation, &
of shewing that it was founded on principles of real huma-
nity and the ^{general} good of the Service. That opportunity has
naturally offer'd itself on this occasion; but I will not venture
to make use of it, till I have your Majesty's approbation, &
know that my sentiments & reasonings are conformable to your

own.

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I thought your Majesty would be glad to know the grounds on which the Board had proceeded in fixing the Prices, and therefore wrote to the deputy ^{Judge Advocate} for this information. His answer seems clear and satisfactory and therefore I have ventured to add it to my packet.

I am hard at work on the final settling of the non effective fund, & stock Purse; but many persons must be consulted, in order to make those essential & important regulations perfect enough for your Majesty's sanction. I hope however to have them ready soon for your inspection.

Your Majesty's health and ease are the most earnest wishes of my heart; and it shall be the business of my life to contribute every thing in my little Power to the latter.

Barrington.

D. Barrington
(Feb. 7. 1766.)

To
His Majesty's Secretary
Mr. Knipe

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of the House of Commons