

Extract from 23788-91

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"
General Sir George Anson is in
Parliament and uniformly
opposed to Government, and
Major General Lord George
Beresford and his Family
have as uniformly supported
the Government. But your
Majesty has for Seventeen
Years, and my lamented
Predecessor in Office had
during Sixty two Years of the
exercise of the Command of the
Army established the principle
that the pretensions of Officers
to your Majesty's favour, and
to the Honours & advantages
of the Profession should
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be fairly considered, notwithstanding their Conduct in Parliament. There is no part of the uniformly meritorious Conduct of my lamented Predecessor in Office which has been more highly approved by Your Majesty, extolled by Your Ministers and applauded by the public, than this impartial selection of Officers recommended to Your Majesty for your gracious favour; and I thought it most important for Your Majesty's Service that the first occasion at least which should offer should not afford an instance of a marked deviation by me from former approved practice in this particular.

I am perfectly aware of
all the disadvantages
under

under which I labour ~~in~~
in undertaking the duties of
the Office, to which your
Majesty has been most
graciously pleased to
appoint me, in succession
to your Majesty's Illus-
trious and lamented
Brother. One of these is
that I am one of your
Majesty's Ministers, and
must be supposed by the
Army and the public in
general to be more or less
influenced by the Party views
of the Ministry; and it did
and does appear to me to
be important not to myself
alone, but to your Majesty's
Service, that in the first act
of this kind which I should
submit to your Majesty I
should not be supposed to
have

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have forgotten all the claims
of service, the example of
my illustrious Predecessor,
and Your Majesty's appro-
bation of the conduct from
the example of which I
should be supposed to have
deviated solely for the
purposes of Party and
Political Influence."