

Private Windsor Castle April 6. 1833

My dear Lord Fitzroy,

I enclose for you, and Lord
 Pitt information as to what I received
 on Wednesday from the Duke of Wellington
 and which by the King's Order I communicated
 on the following day with His Graces' -
 Memorandum of 4th March 1832 to Lord
 Grey - I replied to the Duke of Wellington
 and sent him Copies of my recent correspondence
 with the Duke of Richmond, the substance
 of Lord Grey's Communications and the Copy
 of a very strong Letter, which His Majesty
 wrote on the 2nd inst also to Lord Althorpe -

The King has since seen Lord Brougham,
 and I have conversed at length with his
 Lordship and with Mr. Milnes on the
 Subject, there has also been some further

correspondence

to General
 Lord Fitzroy Somerset K.G.

correspondence with Lord Grey and Lord
Althorp -

The result is a positive conviction of the
importance which Lord Grey and his colleagues
attach to the retention of a special Punishment
in the Army and of the Power of Regimental
Courts that to award it, and of their
extreme anxiety to obviate the risk of its
being abolished, or rendered absolutely
inefficient towards the due maintenance
of discipline in our Army, by a Vote of the
House of Commons -

They therefore urge the necessity of
taking advantage of the Motion which
the Question was left by Sir Francis
Burdett's amendment on Sumner's Motion
and, the interval before Parliament
re-assembles to obtain the consideration
and opinion of the Military Authorities
with

with respect to the framing of some Article
of War or Instruction which may regulate
the Power of Courts Martial, so as to avoid the
threatened danger -

His Majesty concludes that Lord Grey has
communicated with Lord Hill on this
suggestion which appears to him reasonable
and, under all circumstances, the most
advisable that could be offered, and His
Majesty considers that the subject might
be brought under the consideration of the
Board which is now sitting for the revision
of the Field Movements and Exercise with
directions to consult with the Duke of
Wellington, the Secretary at War and the
Judge Advocate General - The advantage
of this Proceeding would be that the
Advocate for the abolition of the ^{Penitentiary} ~~Penitentiary~~
could not accuse you of having packed a
Board for this purpose, there happening
at

at this period to be one assembled for
another important object, and therefore,
from character and experience, deserving of
confidence. - You would also avoid delay
which is a material point as you have
only the ensuing week to determine
upon what shall meet the evil.

It has occurred to me that it might
be desirable to add Hardinge and Sir
Jasper Nicolls to the Board and to strike
off the Members who are below the
Rank of Lt. General - I recollect right
Sir George Prevost is the President -
But of course there are all points to be
determined at the Horse Guards and
you must forgive me as freely offering
suggestions upon a Subject on which I
take so deep an Interest -

Ever Yours Affly

(Signed) H. Taylor P.S.

P. J. April 7.

I have received this morning a letter
from the Duke of Wellington in which he
notifies the communication from Lord Pitt of
the proposal made by Lord Grey. Her Majesty
will be anxious to learn what steps Lord
Pitt has taken and his view of this
important question —

To His Majesty King George III

April 6 1783

On several Occasions
in the Army &
Commanding the
Mediterranean
39 Years & the general
Situation of several
Campaigns ~~in~~ the
Command of the
Army in the
Kingdom