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Sir

I think myself obliged in justice to Mr Crawford to explain to your Majesty a circumstance which has happen'd partly by my delay, & partly by his impatience; He came to me some days ago, & having express'd his Brother's uneasiness at quitting the army, requested me to speak to your Majesty in his behalf that he might remain in the Guards during his mission to Munich, it being always understood that in case



of Lieut. Col. Crauford's being ordered  
abroad, he would attend his Military  
duties; Not knowing whether the request was  
a proper one to make, I determin'd to  
consult Lord Amhurst before I mention'd  
the business to your Majesty, & did it accordingly  
on Friday last. His Lordship thought the  
request not objectionable, if Mr Crauford  
would take care to find the proper guard  
in his absence, that the regiment might not  
complain; I know that there would be no  
difficulty in that arrangement, & resolv'd  
to speak to your Majesty on Wednesday  
next. But on Saturday I learnt to my

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great surprize that Mr Crawford em-  
-patient at not hearing from me, & thinking  
that I did not mean to keep my promise  
to him, made an agreement with Mr  
Ingraves to exchange with his nephew  
whose regiment was going to India.  
Licut. Col. Crawford did not much approve  
what his brother was doing for him, but  
being very averse to quitting the army  
& thinking that I would not interfere  
in his behalf, consented to the arrange-  
-ment made for him by his Brother.  
Supposing your Majesty might be surprized  
at the application, & being sensible



that it proceeded in a great measure  
from my delay. I thought it right to  
state the whole matter to your Majesty  
that if any blame belongs to the proceeding  
I may take that share of it, that I  
deserve. I beg leave to subscribe  
myself, with the most dutiful attach-  
ment.

Your Majesty's

most faithful  
& most obedient

subject & servant  
W. Pitt

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