

ld. le Despencer to ld. North
Enclosure to 3982

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Hand Square Oct 17th 1780

My dear Lord, Upon my arrival in town this evening I received the honor of your Lordship's letter, several letters have passed between Lord Chesterfield and myself upon this occasion, and so far from being silent in regard to his request I have been explicit, at the same time expressing every good will and friendship towards him, it is natural for me to wish him success (apart my personal friendship and regard) from ^{his} being in the same line of Politicks with himself; but that I could not commit myself to do an act of injustice to Lord Temple who has served two Campaigns with diligence and attention and been less absent from his duty than almost every Captain in the Regiment he has filled up the Regiment with inferior officers of which it was very deficient, in my letter of last night to Lord Chesterfield which he received this day I told him I should do no more than acquaint his Majesty of the late Colonel's resignation and name the two remaining field officers, and wait his Majesty's commands, at the same time advising him to apply to some powerfull friend to mention him to the King, and who his

Majesty please to appoint I shall with Cheerfulness
obey his commands. I have no connection in the least
with Lord Temple, I have not received any civilities
from him; but I cannot set my face to an apparent
injustice. He has raised and added a tenth company to the
Regiment in time of need, however my inclinations may
be, I cannot deny the truth. If your Lordship please
to morrow to apply to the King, I am sure I shall not take
it ill, I only desire that I may in honor and conscience
stand clear in this disagreeable dispute. I hope your
Lordship will give me leave to wait on you for a quarter
of an hour, between ten and eleven o'clock to morrow
morning.

My dear Lord you may depend upon
my being most faithfully
Your Lordship's Most Obedient
humble servant

Le Despencer