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Carlton House 26<sup>th</sup> July 1803.

Sir

I am commanded by the Prince of Wales, to express the strong sense of Approbation which every part of your conduct towards him respecting the Corps propos'd to be rais'd under your command has impress'd upon his mind; His Royal Highness feels very sensibly the propriety, delicacy & respect of your sentiments, and offers, upon that subject, but His Royal Highness commands me to say, that He will on no account hear of accepting your offer of surrendering the Corps to his command.

His Royal Highness declares his conviction, that the actual duties of raising, forming, training and commanding such a Regiment, can not be in better hands, than those in which His Majesty has plac'd them by His gracious acceptance of your offer.

His Royal Highness at such a crisis, could not, with consistency, or as

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he hopes may soon be manifest, with propriety  
apply himself to those Duties. His Royal  
Highness therefore directs me to inform you, that  
whatever was his disposition to comply with  
the Desires of those who requested him to place  
himself at the head of a Corps propos'd  
to have been assembled on a similar, but  
more extended Principle of Service, He now  
entirely forego's it, and so far from  
countenancing any Plan, that can, in the  
slightest degree, interfere with yours now rais'd  
and Officer'd, accepted & sanction'd by His  
Majesty; He will, by every means in his power  
promote its completion and success.

At the same time, I have it in command  
from the Prince to say, that if it be the  
general idea of the Gentlemen connected  
with your Plan (as you have declar'd it to  
be yours) that there would be a peculiar  
and distinguishing propriety in his Name  
being at the head of the list of such an  
Association of the young Nobility and Gentry  
not otherwise employ'd in the Defence of  
their

their Country, He is exceedingly willing, and  
 indeed with feeling highly gratified under such  
 a call, to accept of the honor of being nam'd  
 their Colonel, but upon the same terms as  
 attach to those Officers whose Rank does not  
 allow of their Interference with the Detail,  
 Discipline or general Command of their  
 Regiments, These, His Royal Highness  
 again repeats, can not be more fitly entrusted  
 than to You

I have the honor to be

Yr,

Your very ob<sup>d</sup> Servant

(Signed) J. W. Mavor.

Colonel W. S. Johnston

Comberford

with Mr. D. M. H.

J. S. Collins - July 26

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