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Extract of a Letter from Lord Percy  
Stanwich Octob<sup>r</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1780.

I had the Pleasure of receiving Your  
Letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> by the last Post, and tho' no  
Power can accuse me of ever objecting to my  
Regiment, <sup>going any where.</sup> when it is its Duty so to do, yet I  
own I cannot conceive why it is to be sent  
out of its Turn to any place. We left  
Ireland only in the Year 1774, after having  
been on that Establishment seven Years  
- We are now just returned to England, and  
are to be sent to Ireland again, when the  
6<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 40<sup>th</sup> 50<sup>th</sup> 52<sup>th</sup> 59<sup>th</sup>  
all of them left Ireland before us, & together  
with the 45<sup>th</sup> have been in England &  
returned from Service long before us. I  
have purposely left out the 1<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>th</sup> 59<sup>th</sup> and  
others

others who I understand are ordered for  
Foreign Service - Now I cannot see any  
Reason why all Regulations are to be  
broke thro' on purpose to do me the singular  
Favor of sending my Regiment to Ireland,  
unless the great Desire Ministers have on  
every Occasion to shew how much they  
wish to oblige me whenever they have it  
in their Power, but I take it for granted  
as was the Case respecting the Admission  
of Marine Officers in the new Levies a  
new Regulation is made suitable to the  
present Situation, and instead of its being  
a Rule that the Regiments who first  
return to England are first to go out of it  
the Regulation now is, that those who last  
arrive, are to be the first to go again -  
till the next Relief.