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Extract of a Letter from Lord
Percy Stanwick Oct. 27. 1780

I feel myself much obliged to Lord North for the
part you say he has taken in my Business. It is
not without reason that I complain, as there are no
less than Eleven old Regiments besides new Levies
& those going on service whose tour it is to go to
Ireland before the 3^d. With regard to a Regiment of
Dragoons I hope they will on no account think of
it, for I never will change, willingly, the 5th for
any other, except Guards or Blues. Indeed I know well
was its accept of a Regiment of Dragoons I should
be only abused, & I think justly too, by the disappointed
Candidate. If therefore there is any such Intention
I must beg you will stop it. As the Guards or Blues
are not vacant at present, any Arrangement about
the Ordnance would please me; or as that perhaps
even cannot be effected, any proper Mark of
Distinction & assurance of their future Intentions
accompanied with some Mark of Favor to the Regiment
or

or Officers; as a Regiment for Meadows or some
Distinction bestowed on the Regiment for its Services
as it's being made Royal or having its second
Colour changed from Green to St. Georges' (white with a
red Cross) as a Distinction for its Services in
America &c, & there is also a plea for this, as
St. George is the Badge of the Corps. I am sure
I am not unreasonable in my Wishes.