

Maj. Henry Seymour to H. R. H.

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Sir

When I reflect upon your Royal Highness's most gracious interference in the very unpleasant misunderstanding which existed last winter between Colonel Bampf and me, as well as upon the communication which you were pleased to make to me in consequence of it, pointing out that a repetition of similar conduct on the part of a commanding officer must inevitably subvert the discipline of the Regiment, I conceive it to be as much my duty to your Royal Highness (tho' it is not without infinite pain and regret that I do so) to lay before you my present very uncomfortable situation, as it is to myself for

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The sake of my own character to do away the charge  
and insinuations which Colonel Haight has made  
and thrown out against me / and which in all  
probability have reached your Royal Highness's  
ears, being perfectly convinced that I shall ex-  
perience the same consideration and protection  
from you in this instance as I have been honored  
with in every former instance of my life, and  
that the most fair and impartial justice will in-  
tervene your Royal Highness's decision: I should  
have taken the liberty, Sir, of making this  
representation to you in writing, two months ago  
had I not been led to expect that an opportunity  
would shortly have offered itself to me of doing  
so in person. I must first disclaim in the most  
solemn manner having ever encouraged any  
thing like a party or faction in the Regiment,  
and I venture to hope ~~that~~ your Royal Highness

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charge will do me the justice to believe that nothing  
could possibly be so repugnant to my feelings  
or so utterly inconsistent with that line of con-  
duct which I have invariably pursued from the  
first hour of my entering the Regiment to the  
present moment: With equal truth I can assure  
you, Sir, that I believe no such thing has  
ever existed and that <sup>(there)</sup> there was more harmony  
and union amongst the Officers generally  
or warmer sentiments of dutiful attachment to  
your Royal Highness, and zeal for the  
interests of the Regiment: Colonel Leight has  
however declared publicly that I am at the  
head of a party against him, and that he is  
resolved no means shall be left untried by  
him to ruin me, and this declaration was made  
by him at a time when I supposed that a good  
and proper understanding subsisted between us;

In addition to this, Colonel Seigh's conduct  
which your Royal Highness witnessed last  
winter has been repeated towards me in a  
variety of instances. He has reprimanded me  
with severity one day for doing that which  
on the day before he had ordered me to do  
and when I waited upon <sup>(him)</sup> at his room in  
obedience to his positive orders the last  
time he arrived at Guildford, he told me  
aloud in the hearing of his Dragoon  
that he would not speak to me except  
in the presence of a third person.

If I have acted in a manner to have  
justified Colonel Seigh in such behavior  
Your Royal Highness as Colonel of the  
Regiment ought to be made acquainted

with the circumstances of my misconduct:  
But, if on the other hand I have done my duty  
conscientiously, if I have at all times used  
my best endeavours in maintaining the good  
order and the discipline of the Regiment,  
and if I have regularly supported and carried  
into execution all Colonel Feij's orders  
with precisely the same respect as if they  
had come to me immediately from Your  
Royal Highness, You will not, Sir, I am  
confident suffer me to be subject to treat-  
ment so degrading, and so unlike that which  
every Officer has a right to expect.

I have now only to implore that Your Royal  
Highness will vouchsafe me an audience  
in order that I may explain any thing

which in this representation may be con-  
=satisfactory, or that you will be pleased  
to grant me opportunity of so explaining  
myself to some General Officer (in  
whose character and judgment your  
Royal Highness can confide) for your  
information.

I am

Sir

With profound respect  
Your Royal Highness's  
most dutiful & most obed<sup>t</sup>  
Humb<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

H. Seymour