

Ld, Charles Somerset to Duke of York -

[Evidently a slip for May 20th]

Enclosure.

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Burton Street May 10th

Sir

I feel it my duty to lay before Your Royal Highness the enclosed papers - & at the same time to explain as far as lays in my power the circumstances that gave rise to so unpleasant & (I may say) extraordinary an attestation.

For the commencement I must refer you Royal Highness to the enclosure N^o 1 - In consequence of the communication from the Brigade Major - the Duke of Beaufort solicited me on the 10th instant to apply for an extension of Leave of Absence for Major Davies to the 1st of June & inform'd me what had already been done -

Having since the first arrival of Major General McKenzie in the district endeavoured to treat that officer as my friend - & conceiving that the only motive that had induced him to resist that application was, that he had not received a sufficient assurance that the case was an urgent one - I wrote a note to Major General McKenzie

of which the enclosure n^o 2 is as nearly as I can
recollect a copy - This brought a letter from
Mr. Genl. McKenzie (enclosure n^o 3) - the whole tenor
of which was so little consistent with the manner
in which I felt I had always endeavoured to
conduct myself towards Genl. McKenzie - and at
the same time in every point of view so little
respectful, that I could not but feel much hurt
and I thought it my duty to write an official
letter (n^o 4) assuming a tone I am sure extremely
unpleasant to him - This brought the enclosure
n^o 5 - which I answered by the enclosure n^o 6.

It would be presumptuous in me to make
any comment to your Royal Highness - but I cannot
refrain from adding that if Officers in their
your Royal Highness has done me the Honour to
commit to my charge are permitted to address
me in such terms - whether actually on the spot
or not - it will be impossible for me to conduct
the duties of the district with justice to the

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In view or Honor to myself

I have the honor to be
with the greatest respect

Sir

Yr. Royal Highness's most obedient
humble servant

(Signed) C. H. Somerset
Lt. Genl.

To Field Marshal

His R^{ty} Highness

The Duke of York & Albany

See over the date.

To H. R. St.
The Duke of York
May 10. 1800