Duke of Beaufort to Hd. C. Somerset

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Grosvenor Square
May 18. 1818.

My dear Charles

In answer to your Inquiries respecting the applications I made to B. General Montresor for the extension of Major Davis's leave of absence. I will endeavour to state to you as nearly as my Memory will allow, precisely what passed between the General & myself when I was at Horsham Barracks at the latter end of last month. I acquainted Genl. Montresor that Major Davis was very anxious to have his leave prolonged, & that as he informed me that it would really occasion him great inconvenience to join the Regt. at that time, on account of some particular business in Monmouthshire, I hoped he would apply for Leave for him till the 14th or if possible till the 30th of of May. The General said that in consequence

of what I stated to him, the Major might have the leave he wished to obtain. Some few days after my return to London from Horsham, I received a letter from B. General Montresor saying that upon recurring to the orders he did not think He was authorized to give an officer the sort of leave of absence Major Davis wished for. I therefore immediately transmitted to him a letter which I had but a few days before received from Major Davis (and which was in answer to one I had written to him from Horsham, prior to my application to the General) in order to apprise General Montresor of the urgency of the case. Some few days subsequent to this period. I received a letter from B. Maj.[illegible] Williamson, saying that in the absence of General Montresor, he acquainted me that General McKenzie under the circumstances

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felt himself obliged to resist the application. In consequence of this I requested you, as you may recollect, to apply for an extension of Maj.r Davis's leave of Absence, as the 15th day of the month was so near at hand I was fearful he could not reach the Reg.t by that period, I must add I should certainly not have made an application to General Montresor upon this subject, from Lower, had it not been rather an explanation of the transaction that had taken place at Brochain, than a subject of fresh matter

Believe me
ever yours most affect.ly
(signed) Beaufort

Lord Charles Somerset

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