Kew 2. May 1804.

The King is so pleased with the Note he has received from Mr. Yorke accompanying the Warrants for holding Court Martials, and the others, that He cannot help expressing his feelings on the Occasion; He has ever had a most sincere regard for the family of Yorke and the uniform conduct of his Secretary at War has made him long wish to see him in Office; Colonel Manningham has long been apprized of this; for at Christmas last His Majesty thought Mr. Yorke the only person fit to succeed Mr. Addington as Speaker should the latter have been called from that situation, but the King is much pleased things have turned out otherwise, He thinks Sir John Mitford will with practice make a good Speaker of the House Commons, and He is certain Mr. Yorke's talents are such as will be of advantage to the Service in any post of business He pursues with most considerable abilities and a very honourable mind He has the advantage of having been a Grandfather, and Father whose Memory must be ever revered by those who value the Laws and Constitution of this enviable Country.

George R.

From the Duke of
Wellington.
Dec. 2. 1807.