

H. H. to Lord North

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Lord North, I have made some enquiry into Sir Gilbert Elliot's request in favour of his son, who is undoubtedly a very pretty young man, and on account of the Father should be glad to place in the Army; but the obtaining at once a Captain's Commission would not only occasion clamour in the Army but disoblige many Peers and Members of Parliament as it could not be done for their sons; in short I shall be glad when I can assist Sir Gilbert but that must be in an unacceptable mode for I will not for any man do a wrong thing or what is next to it that which opens the door to other unreasonable requests. I have desired Lord Barrington to give you on paper the state of the case that you may satisfy Sir Gilbert of the impossibility of obtaining what he seems to desire; the Commission of Captain obtained in an illegal method cannot be a claim to rank at coming in it might in time be a plea for advancement.

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