

Draft to the D. of Montague
Lucas House June 3^d. 1776

See following

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My Lord Duke, The enclosed is the Copy of the very well drawn
Character of a Sub Governor fit to be plac'd under so estimable a Nobleman
as Yourself; if Lieut. Colonel Rotham should accept of the Post his worth
seems to prove him so well calculated to fill; I shall think myself
got safe into Port after a very unpleasant Navigation, ^{For some hours} which ~~might~~ ^{might} ~~have proved fatal~~ to all my Views of breeding up my sons
as Examples to the rising generation, ^{seem'd destroyed, and would have been in reality} had not You ^{in your} Starke
in the handsomest manner felt what ought to be inherit in the
breast of the Peerage of this Kingdom, that it was Your Duty to
come to the Assistance of Your Sovereign.

I have nothing at present to add but that You shall ever meet
with from me the greatest openness and cordiality that I shall
expect to receive through your Channel alone every matter
relating to my sons, but whenever You are about Lieut. Col.
Rotham as Your Representative must be Your Channel of verbal
Conveyance, and that I trust You, the Bishop, and Lieut. Col. Rotham
will ever act with that confidence in each other, which if practiced in
the late Establishment would have prevented Your meeting with this
occasion of bearing the Distresses which fill Your breast.
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