

The King to the Duke of  
Brockington.

June 30. 1776

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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 placed under so estimable a Nobleman  
as Yourself; if Lieut. Col. 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  
yesterday all my views of breeding up my Sons as Examples to the rising  
generation seemed destroyed, and would in reality have been so, had  
not You my Dear Lord in the handsomest manner felt what ought  
to be inherent in the breast of the Surge 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 <sup>You</sup> are absent Lieut. Col. Rotham  
as Your Representative must be Your Channel of verbal  
Conveyance, and that I trust You, the Bishop, and the  
Lieut. Colonel 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 shewing the Distress which fill  
Your breast.

Lansdowne June 30. 1776.

