

Colonel Goddard  
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Sir

I had this morning the honor to receive Your Majesty's Letter of 25<sup>th</sup> instant from Windsor, and very deeply penetrated I am, with this secret instance of Your Majesty's great goodness, in permitting me to attend The Duke of York to The Review of The Prussian Troops — I humbly beg leave to mention, that very naturally as it may be supposed my own wishes might have inclined me to solicit Your Majesty's most gracious permission, to avail myself of such an opportunity, & from motives of a delicate nature, I thought myself more fully justified in declining it: consequently I feel the more distinguished, to express my most dutiful acknowledgements to Your Majesty on the occasion, as well as the lively sensations I experience of The Duke of York's favor, in taking it so entirely upon himself, to make the due & requisite application.

In respect to what Your Majesty is pleas'd to observe on the Solidity of The Naval School, I think it my Duty most humbly to say, it is sufficient for me to know the system is honor'd with Your Majesty's approbation, & consequently that there are no apprehensions in my heart, of being led away, upon the evening, or any other occasion, from the most zealous pursuit of it —

I shall not fail to pay my Duty to Your Majesty as immediately as possible after The Duke of York's return from his Tour

I have the honor to be, Sir, Your Majesty's  
Most Dutiful Subject & Servant  
Col. Goddard

