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Draft of Letter to
Sir David Dundas

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My Dear Sir David

The moment is at length arrived which cannot
 but bring to my mind of mingled ^{sensations} ~~admiration~~ of pleasure
 as well as ^{with} ~~of~~ regret. Pleasure for the achievement of so important
 an object so earnestly & so unanimously desired by
 all the Parties in Question ^{and deep} ~~and~~ ^{infinite} ~~infinite~~ regret
^{to be and in the necessity of taking leave in your}
~~in view of the appearance of taking an official leave of~~
 so invaluable & so excellent a man as yourself ^{of the Qualification} ~~at~~
 man whose ~~great~~ ^{prominent} Professional Merits cannot
 however entitle him more to the ^{respect & veneration} ~~reverence & admiration~~
 of the Army, than his Private Worth & Virtues lay claim to
 the Affections & Esteem of his Friends & the Public,
 Nor can any change in Time or circumstances ever
 obliterate from my mind the grateful memory of owing
 to your sagacious Councils & Election ^{both the} ~~the~~ most useful
 & valuable branches of the Military Science & Knowledge
 whatever ^{has} ~~is~~ ^{been} ~~by~~ ^{me} ~~of~~ ^{which}

alone through you, feel myself

I hope. I send you a copy of my communication
to Mr. Perceval on this subject, and of the Minute
of Cabinet transmitted to me in consequence, which
will at once show you how the measure has been
~~accomplished~~ ^{it remains only for me to do} accomplished. And I have on this occasion only
~~remaining to add~~ that aware of your extreme delicacy
& disinterestedness as to yourself individually, but
conscious of a point which I am sure is the nearest
& dearest to your heart, I have ventured to suggest
to Mr. Perceval my anxious wish & confident expectation
that a due consideration should be given ^{& eventually} to the
situation of Lady Dundas & an arrangement
be made towards her ^{future} comfort & convenience.

I am &c