

Duke of York to Col. McCracken

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Home Guards December 10 1812

Dear Mr. Mehan

Inclosed I return you the Duke of Northumblands
Statement on the Subject of the Claims that he makes
for the Blues of the Regt of Succession in the Regiment

I have thought it best to answer separately each
allegation out of great personal respect for his
Grace and from an anxious desire that he should
not be unwarily misled by misrepresentation, that
I should certainly not have done so any other General
Officers who had brought forward such a pretension.

There is one point that is not even hinted at
in the paper, and therefore I have not judged it
right to add it to it as I consider my letter is
not answers to its contents but that is my

openses puts an end to the Questions in the Embro
 that is that the Blues do not, nor never have proposed
 or ever can be led down to the privilege that the
 rest of the Guards enjoy when there is no Commander
 in Chief and the Life Guards at all times, I bear
 the privilege of laying down our promotions
 immediately before the Sovereign while that of the
 Blues always pass through the Commander in Chief
 or if there is no Commander in Chief through the
 Secretary of War.

The Sum for their recommendations passing
 through these Officers can only be to attract a
 responsibility to them which it is impossible to
 suppose that they can be held to if they do not
 pass a report to recommend to the Sovereign any
 change or alteration in them if they think fit.

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Duke of York to Col. De Kalkow

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I shall not add any more upon this subject My
Dear Mr. Maber and earnestly hope that the Duke of
Northumberland will be convinced by what I have
stated that no right or privilege of his Regiment
has been in any way infringed much less that any
personal slight or disrespect has been intended to
his Grace.

Believe me Sir

Dear Mr. Maber

Yours most sincerely

Frederick

