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House Guards Dec^r. 10th. 1812

Dear Mr. Mahon

Inclosed I return you The Duke of Northumberland's Statement on the subject of the Claims which he makes for the Blues of the Rights 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 misrepresentations, which I should certainly not have done to any other General Officer who had brought forward such a pretension.

There is one point which 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 Notes are an answer to its contents, but which in my Opinion
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puts an end to the Question in the Embargo, which The
 is that the Blues do not, nor never have possessed, or by
 ever even laid Claim to the Privilege that the of
 rest of the Guards enjoy where there is no Commander in
 in Chief, and the Life Guards at all times, I mean has
 the Privilege of laying their own Promotions
 immediately before the Sovereign, while those of the
 Blues always pass through the Commander in Chief,
 or if there is no Commander in Chief, through the
 Secretary at War.

The reason for their recommendations passing through
 these Officers can only be to attach a responsibility
 to them which it is impossible to suppose that they
 can be liable to if they do not possess a right to
 recommend to the Sovereign any change or alteration
 in them if they think fit.

I shall not add any more upon this subject
 My Dear Mr. Mahon, and earnestly hope that
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which 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,
and much less that any Personal Slight or Disrespect
has been intended to His Grace.

Believe me ever &c

(Signed) Frederick

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