

Sr Thos. Hislop to Col. Nicholson
(For duplicate see 21737-8)

Private. Madras July 21st 1875
My Dear friend. 21740-1
In my letter of the 6th of
which the duplicate is herewith
forwarded, I expressed the Com-
munication of my views &
wishes to the possible attain-
ment of the Command of the
Army in Bengal (under the
Command in Chief in India) with
a Seat in Council to take
place in Sir George Augustus
Laid after the arrival of
Lord Minto. — The Seat
which Sir George vacated

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on the resignation of his
appointment has now been
filled up / of which the Notifica-
tion has arrived here since the
date of my last) which indi-
cates that there is no inten-
tion of having a Commander
of the Bengal Army under
the Comd. in Chief in India
thence rendering my views on
^{referring} to that object abortive.
I trust being the case I
venture to mention to you
what I have before stated

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to Lord Bessborough here
and to beg of you if you
should not deem it improper
to bring it to the Notice of
the Prince Regent or to act
in my favor with the same
warmth of friendship as you
have so invariably been kind
enough to evince towards
me (while you continue to
deem me worthy of it)
with the View of to procure
me without delay the object
in Question — I am very

I recollect that when I came
out, to this Presidency, the
Court of Directors by a Resolu-
tion, conferred on me the power
of granting to the Government
on my Arrival, here should
Genl. Abercrombie have left
it to proceed to England or
should I find it warranted
that, the Circumstances of his
Death, Resignation or absence
As however I found him here
and that he continued in
the Government until the Arrival

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of Sir James W. Ellish,
the provision made in my
power as before stated by
the Court of Directors was
was fulfilled, and as the
same provision was not
renewed when Mr. E. got the
Government, the consequence
would be that if it should
become vacant this day of the
Contract already stated, it
would according to the Rules
in force devolve on the ^{third} ~~fourth~~
Member of Council being a

Civil Servant & not one
man who as Counselor in Chief is
the second. - But this rule
has generally been avoided
by a provisional Commission
being given to the Counselor in
Chief. - Sir James Cockburn
had it and ^{also} Sir Henry
who became Governor and
Counselor in Chief likewise by
a special Commission on the
Recall of Sir Geo. Dalrymple -
I trust therefore that it cannot
be deemed unreasonable that

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I should expect the same
number of favor & confidence as
was bestowed on my predecessor
leaving myself free by
Rank & every other circumstance
not to be entitled to them.

Should you likewise my
best friend be of the
same opinion I venture to
think that I may confidently
rely on your kind offices
to give effect to the wishes
I have thus made known to
you and ^{to} which I cannot

But believe that L. B. ...
: in ... will write the
which I have invariably
affirmed from him.

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Henry Fitz ... is with
me, quite happy & well.

Believe I believe me

Ever yours gratefully
Alfred ...
Alfred ...

W. A. ...
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