

Ld. Pembroke to Ld. ? Barrington

Wilton House. 1. Jan. 1778.

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My Dear Lord,

I have just heard, & I hear a great deal of Lord's news, that proposals are sent to Duke Ferdinand to command in America. Should the report be true, & His Serene Highness accept, I thus early, most earnestly interest your interest with the King, that I may be permitted to accompany him - I do not mean to be employed, as that would be a hardship, perhaps, to the officers there, who, though below me, might think themselves aggrieved by an Elder Countryman coming, in employ, amongst them. My wish is to accompany Duke Ferdinand, - any how - as valet & Chamber, rather, than not at all. In this, should the opportunity offer, I trust to your ^{good} officers, or I shall be forced to steal over after

him, as the wives of Soldiers do, when left behind in spite
of their teeth — Ever, my Dear Lord,

Y^r Lord's

When I say, that I do not
mean to be employed, I, by no
means, wish to convey an idea,

Most Obedt^y
& fin^y.
Pembroke

that I wish to avoid it; for I am
always ready, & shall be happy to be employed on any
service whatsoever. But my present request regards
merely my accompanying the Duke, should he command
in America —