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Ld North thinks it his duty to address his Majesty once more upon the subject of the Welsh Corps. Mr Lud, who had been recommended as a Major, is now proposed as Eldest Captain, & Mr James withers has all application for his Brother, who is not in the army, & recommends in his room Lieutenant Lloyd. Mr James declares himself equally zealous & ready to do every thing in his power to promote the service now that neither he nor any of his family have the least personal interest in the



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raising of this Corps, as he was when  
his Brother was thought of for a  
company: That he has no doubt of  
compleating the whole number in four  
months, but that he does not think the  
men will be raised so soon by independent  
companies, or by any other means as by  
a Corps. That the Welsh are extremely  
national & partial to their neighbours,  
that they ~~may~~ <sup>may</sup> easily be persuaded to follow  
their countrymen, but that they will not enlist  
with strangers. That, notwithstanding the  
title of the Welsh Journeymen, there is really  
no Welsh Corps in the army, that it would

flatter the vanity of Wales to have such  
a Corps, & that it would give great  
facility to the recruiting. He certainly  
understood from Lord George Germain that  
the only objection made to the Corps was  
the Scotch Commandant, ~~to~~ which part  
of the plan <sup>he</sup> immediately relinquish'd,  
& consider'd himself & Mr Campbell  
as completely authorized to make out  
a list of Officers for his Majesty's  
inspection. Lord North thinks himself bound  
in justice to Mr James to acquit his  
Majesty with his zeal & his readiness  
to go on with this Corps, notwithstanding



that his family - motives has ceased, as well as his reasons for preferring a Corps to Independent Companies, which Lord North believes he gives from his sincere opinion, as well as because he can with more propriety exert himself in promoting a Corps of his own proposing than in raising independent companies where he has no connexion with the officers concerned.

Lord North does not know whether he explained to his Majesty that the reason which induced the gentlemen of ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~regiment~~ to request leave for Major Hole to sell his company, is that that gentleman having already the rank of Major, they did not conceive that without the liberty of selling his company, he would



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accept of the Majority of their Regiment.  
The said Lord North yesterday to learn  
if his Majesty would consent that Major  
Pole should be Lieut. Colonel of the  
Regiment, which he would certainly very  
willingly & joyfully accept, without the  
sale of his company.

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