

A. M. to the North

2728

Lord North, I can in very few words explain
my opinion on the Welsh Companies, I mean
to raise; I have given Mr. Pitt and other Gentlemen
of that Country leave to raise Companies
for Welsh Lieutenants in the Service of
Mr. Johnes wishes to do the same he will
have the same opportunity which when raised
I shall form into a Corps and put proper
field Officers to the Corps whose merit will
be a credit to the Corps, not men taken merely
to fill individuals; what Mr. J. Germain
may have said I cannot answer for, but I
ever objected to a Corps almost entirely
composed of Men that had never been in
the Service, the Captains of these Companies
must have been Lieutenants, the Lieutenants
Ensigns. The advancing Major, Poole at once to the
rank of Lieut. Colonel will I fear have many good Men

but should I consent to that the Gentlemen must
understand that I shall appoint a Colonel from
among those who have distinguished themselves
in America as I am to do for the Royal American
Volunteers.

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