

Enclosure

Capt. Humberston to hd. Barrington,

Jan. 9 1778

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My Lord

Having since I had the honour to see your Lordship this morning, consulted with Lord Seaforth's Friends, and the People who are the most acquainted with his Country, they were unanimously of opinion that my Services might be of the most essential Utility in the raising and compleating this Corps, and they did not apprehend it would go on with Alacrity, if I were not engaged in it, Your Lordship informs me, that His Majesty's objections to my being named to the Majority are insuperable, and I am certain you will readily conceive that I would not chuse to have a Company in this Regiment, particularly, even with permission to sell my Troop: The only Capacity therefore in which I can serve His Majesty in Lord Seaforth's Corps, must be as Volunteer, which Lord Seaforth's Friends imagine will have as good, perhaps a better Effect in compleating the Corps than my having obtained the Majority. — On this Occasion, as I purchased every Step of my Preferment, I beg leave to dispose of my Troop, my being permitted to retain the Rank of Captain in the Army I shall consider as a mark of His Majesty's approbation of my present

Conduct

Conduct, but should that be thought incompatible with His Majesty's Regulations, my endeavours to compleat this Corps shall not be less Zealous exerted. — I shall then accompany it as simple Volunteer, and shall esteem myself sufficiently recompens'd, if on this or any other Occasion I have an Opportunity of shewing my Attachment to His Majesty's Person and Government, and to the Constitutional Cause of my Country. I wait Your Lordship's answer, and have the honour to be

Your Lordship's most Obed
and most humble Servant.

London

9 January 1770.

Right Honourable Lord Viscount Barrington.