

be under the control of your
Majesty's Minister and in fact that
the Officers of the British Army in-
stead of looking to the General Com^d in
Chief for his recommendation to your
Majesty of their Claims and Services,
are to receive the rewards & honours
of the Profession at the hands of your
Minister -

This is a subject of great im-
portance in every point of view, and
particularly as it affects the discipline
and efficiency of your Majesty's Army.
But Lord Hill does not consider it
his

his duty to discuss it with your
Majesty, he is convinced however
that your Majesty's justice will suggest
to you, that having now for nearly
five years carried on the administration
of the Army on a different principle,
that principle being that upon which
it was conducted by his Predecessors,
to the satisfaction of his late Majesty
and as he has reason to flatter himself
to that of your Majesty, as also to that
of the different Ministers who have been
in Office during the period, Lord Hill
ought not be called upon to exercise
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the Command upon the principle now
 proposed. If however it be your Majesty's
 pleasure that that principle should be
 acted upon, Lord Hill hopes that your
 Majesty will be graciously pleased to
 relieve him from his command.

Lord Hill is not desirous that a rule
 should be established, that Officers
 having Regiments, should not have
 Governments, or vice versa, but he
 feels that under present Circum-
 stances it is very desirable to
 the advantage of my trust
 which

which may enable your Majesty
to confer a Government upon
one Officer, and a Regiment upon
another

Lt. General Sir John Byng is
undoubtedly an Officer who merits
your Majesty's consideration and whose
name under that impression Lord Hill
has frequently brought before your Majesty,
but viewing his Services as inferior
to those of General Officers who have
held responsible Commands abroad
We would not have thought of
recommending