

Private

Windsor Castle July 26. 1832.

My dear Lord,

The King was very glad to learn, from your Lordship's letter of yesterday, which I have had the honor of submitting to Him, that He had been misinformed with respect to the circumstances in the Reform Bill to which His M. had called your attention, and that no mistake has occurred.

H. M. readily agrees that the remarkable Questions put by Lord Lansdowne on the Measures of the administration ^{do not} on passing events offer sufficient matter for a Report from you to Him.

H. M. has never varied His opinion as to the impropriety and inconsistency of the Opposition to the Greek Treaty from those who had been advocates for that Measure on a former occasion, the principle and the general Question being the same, and the expediency of finding a Sovereign for Greece not having ceased to be a Subject of discussion and negotiation, which the difficulty of finding an eligible Prince has

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The Earl Grey R. G.

alone protracted, and the choice having fallen
on Prince Otto of Bavaria, not because it was
free from objection, but because it was less
objectionable than that of any other.

I ought ere this to have acquainted G. L. that
the King has signed the appointment of Sir
John Byng to the Government of London -

With respect to that of Hilary Castle N. W.
I would much regret if any objections were made
to Lord Dalhousie on Political grounds, as no
Individual can be more respectable than H. L.
or have established better claims from Service -
His Rank has never interfered with his Service -
From the earliest Period of it as a Regimental
Officer, or in successive Grades, and in all
quarters of the Globe. He commanded a
Division with great credit in the Peninsular
War and has since been Commander in Chief
in North America and in India and his health
has been seriously impaired by Service and
Climate, his circumstances have been much
reduced by the failures of Barbers and Agents
and

and his family are poor.

N. M. cannot admit that Politics have ever been suffered in former Governments to interfere with the employment of Military or Naval Officers or the consideration of their Claims.

No individual was ever more exempt from any feeling of this sort than the late Duke of York, as has been invariably admitted and nothing can prove this more strongly, as well as the desire of the Duke of Wellington to act upon the same impartial principle, than the Document which I am directed to enclose, namely, the extract of a letter from His Grace to the late King in 1827 when he urged the appointment of Sir George Anson to a Regt.

The Duke of York had frequently done so before but unsuccessfully, Sir George Anson having rendered himself personally obnoxious to the late King, not only from his having taken unnecessarily a part in many questions hostile to the Crown, but from having gone in his full Uniform with an Address to Queen Caroline during the Parliamentary enquiry
into

into her Conduct - Sir George Anson ^{having}
obtained a Regt in consequence of this Letter
of the Duke of Wellington -

Sir Ronald Ferguson is another instance; -
he also was personally obnoxious to the late King
on account of the Vote he had given and the
decided part he had taken against the Duke
of York in the investigation of H. R. H. conduct,
altho' H. R. H. had always treated him with
great kindness, and H. R. H. had on various more
than once submitted his name with those
of others for selection. When the Duke of Wellington
recommended him strongly in 1828 for a Regt
the late Majesty sent for me, and stated strongly
the former objection and I prevailed upon him
to ^{abandon} ~~waive~~ it upon the grounds urged in the
Letter about Sir George Anson and by assuring
him that H. M. would do that which would
have been gratifying to the Memory of the
late Duke of York who was ever unmindful of
injuries received and anxious to shew that he
bore no grudge. I could state other instances,
but am unwilling to trouble you more at
length on this Subject, trusting that you
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will receive with indulgence what I have said, as well as the assurance which I can conscientiously give that Politics were never suffered, during my knowledge of the Army Concerns, and it embraas nearly 20 years, to interfere with the just consideration of Military Claims or the distribution of Promotion in the Army.

Ms. G. return Gardens Memoranda of the Force in Ireland which have proved very satisfactory to the King as has the high opinion which you express of the Troops and the confidence with which you look to their Character and their state of efficiency and discipline towards maintaining tranquillity and good order in Ireland.

M. M. has ordered me to enclose for your Perusal a Memorandum extracted from the Letter ^{of a Man} who writes from Spitalfields and of whom I know nothing more than that his Communications are voluminous and often very wild. The King concludes that his calculations on the present occasion cannot be correct. I have the honor

to be
 (Signed) W. Taylor

