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The Prince of Wales,  
to  
Lord Amhurst  
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My dear Lord,

I can not help immediately  
acknowledging the receipt of yr. very obliging  
Letter of yesterday. May they open to lay  
me, & my most dutiful thanks at His Majesty's  
feet for his gracious condescension & attention  
towards me, <sup>in permitting yr. Lordship</sup> in not taking any further steps  
respecting the promotion of Colonels to the Rank  
of Major General till his Intentions ~~are~~ that

head were just communicated to me. I should  
at any rate have been happy to have received  
any promotion in the Army at the Hands of His  
Majesty, tho' I can not but say that I perfectly  
concur with <sup>the King's</sup> His Majesty's gracious intention  
as well as with your Lordship's opinions respecting  
the impropriety of my gradually ascending thro'  
the <sup>steps</sup> gradations of Major & Lieutenant General  
in the ordinary mode of promotion, to the Rank  
of Full General wh. naturally places me  
at the Head of the List of the Army, & I can not

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fairly confess, that in the situation affairs are  
in at present, (as it is in His Majesty's power  
whenever he is pleas'd so to do at any moment  
to make me a General with such date to my  
Commission as he may think proper to affix to it,  
& as long of time can be so oblig'd on y<sup>e</sup>. account  
to me) I had much rather (whilst I am <sup>only</sup> done  
Commandant of this Regiment, until either  
this or some other becomes perfectly my own,  
wherewith <sup>is</sup> the constant occupation & employment  
& information, besides my thorough attachment  
to the profession are my principal objects.

But  
Before I quit this subject I can not help offering  
to you my dear Lord, that I look forward in  
anxious hopes that some time hence, my services  
for the service may be far recommended to  
His Majesty's consideration, as to induce  
him to express his gracious approbation of  
my conduct by placing me as high, as he  
shall deem proper amongst those who have  
attain'd the Rank of full General.

I am sorry to have given you so much  
trouble respecting the Quarter of my Regiment  
but I shall be the Interest of my Regiment

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so much at heart, that I must trust to your  
own feelings my dear Lord as a military man  
to ~~make~~ <sup>check</sup> my apologies ~~accepted~~. Allow me  
before I conclude to express my thanks to  
you for your very great & ~~valuable~~ <sup>valued</sup> attention  
to me not only on this, but in every manner  
to inform my dear Lord that I am perfectly  
sensible of them. I will not trespass any  
further upon you <sup>time</sup> but conclude close my letter  
with desiring you to believe how truly I  
remain,  
Brighton. Very sincerely Yrs  
J. P.

