

Cornet R. E. Crouch to Capt. Payne.

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Savistock June 3. 1795.

Dear Sir:—

On our March from Manchester to this place. where we arrived the 30<sup>th</sup> of May— I met with a new Regt<sup>l</sup> of Dragoons forming at Gloucester. call'd the 27<sup>th</sup>. and in which Regt<sup>l</sup> all the officers are appointed without purchase knowing something of the Major. he invited me to endeavour. to procure a Lieuten<sup>cy</sup> in the Regt<sup>l</sup>. which he told me moreover might be got without much difficulty. in consequence I wrote directly from thence to Gen<sup>l</sup> Hulse. requesting him. to recollect the promise I had the honor to receive from His Royal Highness. which was "that if I made the first purchase. I sho<sup>d</sup>. then have something done for me, the present opportunity is most favourable. either in that Regt<sup>l</sup>. or this. for since my arrival here I find our Regt<sup>l</sup> are augmenting. & a Lieuten<sup>cy</sup> might be easily given to me, but on the other hand. if it sho<sup>d</sup>. be easier to

promote me in the 27<sup>th</sup>. I would then sell my Comr<sup>ship</sup>  
in this - tho' at a disadvantage - for I presume it  
would not make - as much by £50 as I gave for  
it. As I have not been favoured as yet with  
an answer from the Gen<sup>l</sup>. I once more trust  
my hopes on your goodness to bring the matter  
before him. I have the goodness to let me  
know what I am to trust to I have gained  
the esteem & good will of every Officer in this Corps  
since I joined it. but if I am so unfortunate  
as to be neglected - after the promises made  
so frequently to me, I shall be under the necessity  
of selling out. and thereby lose three or four  
hund<sup>d</sup> Pounds. by placing myself in a situation  
tho' their desire to render me a service. I hope  
you will forgive me for the trouble I  
occasion you. for on your goodness I have  
the greatest depend<sup>ce</sup> waiting the honor of an  
answer I Remain Sir by a obliged & very  
Obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup> J. B. Broucher  
Lieut<sup>nt</sup> Light Dragoon