

Ld. Am-
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to
Duke
of
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(Enclosure)

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Her Majesty
My Lord

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Whitehall 1st September 1780
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I have the honour of acknowledging your Grace's Letter of the 29th August, and of acquainting your Grace, I have taken the first occasion of laying before the King your Grace's humble Request, that His Majesty would please to decide the Rank in which you are to serve, when on Detachment with other Corps; His Majesty was pleased to observe, that He thought the Rules of Service, in regard to General Officers and Brevet Rank had been clearly understood, but if any doubts arose, His Majesty was pleased to Command me to signify His Pleasure. That all Officers as high in Rank as Colonels inclusively, and all Officers of Rank below that of Colonel, when they have Brevet Commissions of superior Rank to the Commissions they hold in the Corps they are in, are to serve in those Corps in an inferior Rank to what they have in the Line, & can only serve in the Corps they are in according to their Commissions in those Corps, but when ordered on detachment with other Corps, they serve according to the Rank they hold in the Army - and that General Officers of whatever Rank they may be by their Commissions as General Officers, can only serve in the Rank they hold in the Corps, unless they have a Letter of Service from the King to serve as General Officers.

His Grace
The Duke of Richmond

I have the hon^r to be &c
Amherst

Whitehall 5th Sep^r 1779
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