

Duke of Richmond

Draft of a Letter from
the Secretary at War
to the Duke of Richmond,
to be sent with a Copy
of the enclosed Order.

My Lord

I have laid before the King
your Grace's Letter of the 30th of last
Month, desiring that certain Questions
respecting the Rank in which your
Grace is to serve, may be referred to
the Consideration of a Board of Genl.
Officers; and I am Commanded by the
King to acquaint you, that upon
the most mature Consideration, His
Majesty does not think proper to
order such Reference to be made, as
He has already decided in what Rank
your Grace should serve, & has signified
to your Grace His pleasure thereupon
in Lord Amherst's Letter of the 1st
Septem^r 1779.

But the King being desirous to
prevent any Contest of this Nature in
future, & to obviate the ill Consequences
that would arise if General Officers,
by serving with their Regiments,
were to assert a Rank superior to
the General Officer who has been
specially appointed to Command, with
a Letter of Service; His Majesty has
directed Lord Amherst to issue an
Order of which I am Commanded to
send your Grace the enclosed Copy.

I have &c.

