

Lord Spencer to HRH

8<sup>th</sup> June 1797.

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Sir

It would give me very sincere  
Pleasure to have it in my Power to obey  
your Royal Highness's Commands, more  
especially in a Case in which an Officer for  
whom I entertain the Opinion I do of Captain  
Payne was interested, but having already  
received His Majesty's Commands to make up  
the Appointment in Question in favour of

Captain Duckworth, it will be impossible  
for me to do more than to express my Regret  
that on this occasion I cannot place Capt.  
Payne in a situation to which his Merits  
undoubtedly give him very strong Pretensions.

I have the Honour to be  
your Royal Highness's  
most Obedient  
& affectionate Servant

Amwellth. 8 June. 1797

Spencer

H. R. H. The Prince of Wales.