

Duchess of Rutland to H.R.H.

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Stoke Friday Nov. 16
1798 -

Sir,

I take the liberty of addressing Your Royal Highness in consequence of two most flattering & obliging Messages I have had the Honor of receiving from you thro' Charles & Robert, expressing your very gracious wishes that the latter should immediately belong to Your Royal Highness's Regiment, in which I shall obey your Commands with the greatest pleasure, as it is impossible for me to express the satisfaction I shall feel in having both my Sons under your immediate & I presume to say / friendly Protection having ever experienced it in

so great a degree from your Royal Highness towards my
myself & my Family, who I hope will ever evince
their gratitude Respect & Attachment to you,
& that they will prove not unworthy of the kind
Condescension & Favor you have shewn them —

When Charles first wrote me your Royal
Highness's Commands I could not resolve to part
with Robert, as from some cruel Events which deeply
affected my Happiness, I was in such a state of Spirits
I could not bear any Society but that of my own
Family, & from their different avocations he was the
only one who could be with me, for which reason
that time I was unwilling to spare him, & he
did not like the idea of belonging to the Regiment.

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any length of time before he joined it, altho' your
Royal Highness gave that most gracious Permission
for which however I fear I must in the present
instance ask your indulgence for some little time
as Robert is not well enough to join the Regiment
at present, if therefore you will grant this permission
Robert will have the Honor of belonging to your
Regiment immediately & I will write to my Brother
upon the Subject, who expressed the satisfaction he
should have in obeying your Royal Highness's Com-
mands upon ~~the~~ Subject

I Have the Honor to be
With the greatest Respect
Respect & Gratitude

Sir

Your Royal Highness's

Most Obedient & Obedient Servant

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Duchess of Rutland

Nov. 5. 16. 1790.