

Copy of a letter from H. R. Bingham the Duke of Kent
to Field Marshal H. R. H. the Duke of York
Cantwell, 6th June 1803

Sir,

In the letter I did myself the honor of addressing to
your Reg. H^o, from Windsor Castle on the night of the 28th
of May, I expressed my Expectation of receiving Instructions
from you upon the subject of a personal Communication
with His Majesty's Ministers, relative to the Events that
took place at Gibraltar in the month of December last
apparently to what Lord Pelham intimated in his letter
to your Royal Highness of the 5th of March, and assigned
as the Cause of His Majesty's pleasure for my return
to England being conveyed to me — Thirty days
have since elapsed without my receiving any di-
rections from your Royal Highness upon this point.
As such I feel it my duty to express to you in the
strongest terms my extreme Anxiety, that an oppor-
tunity may be afforded me of meeting His Majesty's
Ministers according to his Lordship's own suggestion,
in order that I may become Master of their Sentiments
relative to the Business in question, and thereby
have the means of vindicating my Character,
which as an Officer I cannot but feel stands at
this moment under a Stigma in the Eyes of my
Profession, from the Circumstances of what I can only
consider as a Recall, whatever may be the term
which those who have advised the measure
may choose to give it. Exclusive of my own
Feelings, which, from your Royal H^o's own nice
Sense of honor, you must be aware cannot but
be deeply wounded, from the almost unparalleled
Position in which I find myself at this moment
placed, and which therefore urges me to press the

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matter being brought forward without delay, I
have an additional inducement to request your
good Offices, that a very early day may be named
for my meeting the Major's confidential Servants,
upon the business alluded to, in the approaching de-
parture of Major General Wemyss, of whose Evidence
I might otherwise be deprived, and whom I now
officially report as the first & principal Person
upon whom I shall call to prove those facts,
which in defence of my Conduct & in explanation
of many points connected therewith, it may be
necessary for me to bring forward. — Allow
me therefore most warmly to press your Regd
Wish not to suffer any delay to arise that can
possibly be avoided, and in the mean while
to give such Orders as you may judge necessary
to the Major General that will ensure his being
present whenever I shall have occasion to re-
quest his Attendance.

I remain Sir

Duke of Devon
6 June 1803