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It has been suggested, that the Promotion, now about to take Place in the Army, offers a suitable occasion to tender My services in a Manner more formal and official, than I have hitherto pursued.

In the present Posture of this Country, I am sensible that no Opportunity of urging My Claim to an active and Efficient Post in Its Military service can be omitted without derogating from that Character, which I wish to preserve in It. But Views

more enlarged, and publick Zeal prompt me to require a forward Station in the Service upon the pretext to crown my Life with Glory, or close It with Honour, in Defense of the Nation.

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These Considerations lead me not to forego the present Occasion of presenting my Claims upon the Commander in Chief, by whose Counsels, the Constitution presumes, the Military Department of the Empire is administered.

If His Majesty's Advisers should deem my Pretensions to be the only ones, of all the Royal Family, fit to be rejected, They will at least think it just and honourable to explain, that I am laid by, in virtue of that Judgement, and not in consequence of my own Slackness.

Lord Minto

When mentioning  
the question of Mr  
R. H. Park in  
the Army