

Ld. Howe to Col. Keekabon

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Dunburgh, May 26

My dear Colonel

The Duke of York has written
to enquire to see that His Majesty has
appointed me to the command of the Lewis & Clarke
expedition. It is as shabby a trick as need be,
but, tho' I cannot help myself, it will decide
every body. I have of course returned to His Majesty
with the profession of my gratitude to the
King for any mark of His Majesty's recollection,

without noticing any of the Compliments or
Congratulatory with which His Royal Highness
signifies it. My purpose was, if a business
should be conferred on me, to join the Agency
to Kidder who was irregularly shipping in our
Eschequer business. I own to you that there
is an additional inducement in working
that I cannot feel this as a circumstance
which calls for my attention to the Service

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Account, Greenwood: yet, with all that Dispo-
sition, there might be some Delicacy about
moving the Agency of the Regiment for
Col. Greenwood, as the Prince can tenaciously
hold them. ~~Consequently~~ Therefore, I had purposed to
reply Col. Greenwood if ever I had a
Regiment; but, lately, Kidgee has gained
a claim upon me on the one hand; & Green-
wood on the other for part of a hostile en-

-ination / has cost every my pretension be led
from being seen agent to the 105. ^{though this}
I do not know directly how ^{you} see the matter
taking into contemplation what I have ^{started}
I am not with to Mr. Dyer. I am ^{very}
indignant at this procedure. If I could have
nothing but an Irish Regiment of Infantry / of which
there are but two / two or they account for having
given the Royal Irish to my senior Sir J. Pettibone

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Faithfully yours
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Colonel M. M. M.