

Chas  
Francis  
Sheridan  
to  
Lt. Gen  
Cuning-  
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Dublin Castle 4<sup>th</sup> January 1703

Sir,

I have by My Lord Lieutenant's  
Commands to inclose to you a Copy of a Letter  
which His Excellency has received from His  
Majesty's Principal Secretary of State dated the  
20<sup>th</sup> Inst acquainting His Excellency in answer to  
your Request, to be permitted to resign your  
Employment, of Lieutenant Gen<sup>l</sup> on the Staff in  
Ireland, that His Majesty has not been  
"insensible of your Zeal and Activity in the  
"Execution of His Service, and the Fidelity with  
"which you discharged your duty when intrusted  
"with the Command of the Army in Ireland, that  
"His Majesty had not the smallest Intention of  
"injuring you by the Appointment of Lt. Gen<sup>l</sup>  
"Burgoyne to be Commander in Chief of the Army  
"in this Kingdom, and that His Majesty from  
"Motives of Regard has hitherto declined the  
"Acceptance of your Staff, and also signifying  
His

Lt Gen<sup>l</sup> Cuninghame



" His Majesty's full approbation of your conduct,  
" with an assurance, as you have been put, to  
" some considerable expense in the course of your  
" Command, of His Majesty's gracious Intention of  
" appointing you to the Command of a Regt. of  
" Dragoons whenever, a favorable Opportunity shall  
" offer.

His Excellency at the same time  
commands me to say that it is with great  
Pleasure He obeys His Majesty's Commands in  
thus signifying to you His Majesty's gracious  
Approbation of your Service and favorable  
Intentions towards you.

I have the Honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient

Humble servant

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