

Gen. Hen. Seymour Courlay

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Little Warwick Street

1 Feb. 1783

Sir

I had writ to inform your

Majesty of the reports I had received from

Lordly. Lennox Mr. Gen. Smith & Mr. Gen.

Murray of the then Cavalry State of the

Regt. Owing much I believe to the proper

spirit & good sense with which Gen. Lennox

particularly had conducted himself, when

Gen. Lennox arrived with the very

disagreeable account of military conduct

in the 68 Regt. which the commands as given



and was violent as that of the 27<sup>th</sup> -; on the  
bare surmise that they might be ordered in  
lieu of the latter to the East Indies.

They seized their Arms, confined their Officers  
on board Ships, threatened to cut their Cables &  
with great difficulty the utmost mischief was  
prevented. — They appeal to the Admirals  
looked on 9<sup>th</sup> & claim their Discharges, but de-  
clare positively against going to the East In-  
dies.

In this extremity I have thought of absolute  
necessity to confirm the Provisional Assurance  
Lord George & their Officers had given relative



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to the discharges of those who had a just  
Claim & that they should not be compelled to go,  
and also as the best way to make them  
return to temper & Obedience / (their Officers  
being all in their power) that the Reg<sup>t</sup> should be  
Dixombard, which is to be on the Coast  
Side, with power to send George to move them  
farther out of that place if he judges fit.

His L<sup>ty</sup> is then ordered to try if the 83 Com<sup>rs</sup>  
are on the same orderly disposition & in that  
case to tell them that on being detained for  
3 years, or during the War in India they  
shall receive a Bounty of 2. or 4 thought



quite necessary of 3 guineas of them.

Lord Shelburne has approved of the Gov<sup>t</sup> giving

One guinea, & Mr. Fletcher has approved me the

E. India Company will pay the rest,

And as the 81<sup>st</sup> have felt that to declare the same

disposition as the 83<sup>rd</sup> I have recommended to

them to engage them in the same manner.

I shall be happy if these measures shall in this  
emergency be approved by Your Majesty, no time  
was to be lost.

I have taken the liberty to include a Narrative  
of the transactions of the 17<sup>th</sup> Genl by Gen

Murray which I thought Your Majesty



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It might be pleasd to see

I am with the utmost zeal & respect

Your Majesty's most Dutiful

Servant

L. J. Conway



