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Sir

Knowsley Oct: 15. 1745

I am desired by my Brother to acquaint You, that since Your departure for London he has had another letter from the D: of Newcastle, in which his Brother enters readily into a Supply of Arms for this County, as a thing that has comply'd with for many other Countries in England; but the point of Officers he finds more difficulty in, tho' he seems to think they may be had by -twixt Half-pay officers, and such as the King may appoint in the Country; andes to the Clothing, he modestly drops it, as a demand made by no other County.

The difficulty my Brother is under, is How to concile the terms of the Subscription with the King's expectation and service; and therefore he wishes to request, that You would lose no time in talking with L: Bath on this subject, and then again with the D: of Newcastle, to see if some method cannot be thought of, by which the money subscribed may be apply'd to his Majestys service, and answer the end it is rais'd for, with as little deviation as may be. ^{from the terms of Subscription} He says the sum will not amount to much more than £10000, besides the Liver-pool subscription, and that he thinks there could not

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found in the County above 20 officers. Give me leave to add, of my own heads, that if the Government supply's the remaining officers, and the subscribers recede from the article of cloathing, or do it at their own expence (as indeed shoud have been the first proposal), the matter is near an accommodation. You will please to say in Your answer to my Lord (which he desires to have as soon as possible) whether You for Your part will not make good Your subscription, tho' the article of cloathing be departed from. If You settle any better Plan, impart it with all speed—

I am Your most humble
servt J Stenley