

H. K. to Mr. Egmont

May 23 1765

N<sup>o</sup> 4. 98

Mr. Egmont, I have nothing new to say  
I sent for Greenville at twelve last night  
& answer'd his questions thus.

1<sup>o</sup> That Mr. Dute should not be consulted  
by me in public affairs.

2<sup>o</sup> That they might make use of other  
persons in the management of Scotch  
affairs than Mr. Mackenzie; but that  
as to his office I had when he obtain'd  
it refus'd the making it for life but  
had promis'd him that if ever I took  
patronage from him, I never would  
take the office also.

3<sup>o</sup> That after what had pass'd with  
the D. of Cumberland I was engag'd to put  
him alone at the head of the Army  
that the Duke had again remind'd me  
of my promise, that I had seen Mr. Grant



who declared 'could not in honour do otherwise  
so? that they may dispose of the Paymaster's  
Office & of the Lieutenancy of Ireland

This Letter rec<sup>d</sup> Thursday Morning from S. King between 8 & 9 o'clock in Morning, 29 May 1769

went to S. James at 12. - Grenville went in to S. King first & was with him &

very short time - declared neither he nor D. of Bedford, Lord West or Halifax, w<sup>d</sup> retract from any of  
S. above Conditions - The King told him as to Machineries Place - when he gave it him he promised  
that he w<sup>d</sup> never take it from him, & that he must keep his land if he did - but they might employ who they  
would in Scotch Affairs - as to P. Bute he w<sup>d</sup> not consult him in Publick Affairs - as to Paymaster's Place -  
they might give it to Ch. Townshend - & Lieutenant of Ireland to P. Wyndham - But as to  
Command of S. Army, if ever he gave it he had promised it to Duke of Cumberland - N. B. It had  
been conceiv'd that if they were to break they sh<sup>d</sup> break upon this - The Person they consult on for Command  
of the Army was Lord Granby - upon being for Granby, he had hand hand some - avoid or friend they  
for Grenville but denied he had ever been acquainted with their Proposals for Lord Comander, &  
that he w<sup>d</sup> never take it but thro' his Majesty's Personal Favour.  
Bedford, Windisch & Statiford all went in for a moment, only signify each  
that they adhered to S. Conditions (as they call'd them) sent by Grenville to his Majesty - or in other words  
the Terms insisted on as mention'd by S. King in his Letters.

The Duke of Cumberland came soon after 12 - before he went in to S. King (Grenville being  
then in with him) he went into an Inner Room & sent for me - He then told me he had tried of Duke  
of Newcastle People again & in vain - They sh<sup>d</sup> him Machineries had been with me to say he w<sup>d</sup>  
give way, but hoped S. King to get him his Place for life - The Duke of Cumberland, second  
to think it reasonable, & said he w<sup>d</sup> make the Faction themselves ask that (taking away his Power in  
Scotch Affairs) he sh<sup>d</sup> keep his Place & have it for life - Tho' I, whether he mention'd this to S. King -  
Immediately after Grenville being gone the Duke went in - When S. Duke came out he sent for me  
again to tell me the King had resolv'd to make a Stand upon Point of not giving S. Army to Lord  
Granby, but if insisted on to give it to him. - Tho' he said of all wars the worst was that of  
Guern de Port de Chambre. - He then went away from Court, & returned into S. King's Study Room  
- when all S. famous Ministers had been in to make their Declarations - The King came  
into S. James Drawing Room as usual on Thursday - but he made shaker than usual - and  
whisper'd me going out to follow him. - He ask'd me whether S. Duke had let me what  
had pass'd - & then began to take me himself in great agitation - That he had submitted to all their  
Terms but that of giving S. Command of S. Army to Granby - & that he was resolv'd if he gave it to any one it  
sh<sup>d</sup> be as he had promised it to Duke of Cumberland - and nothing sh<sup>d</sup> make him depart from that Promise - Tho' he  
did not say that he w<sup>d</sup> give it him at all, but he w<sup>d</sup> give it to no other - that Grenville sendy this Point  
not to be carried, press'd S. King to promise that if the Duke sh<sup>d</sup> die he w<sup>d</sup> then give it to Granby - The King  
said he w<sup>d</sup> promise nothing of that sort - and then greatly surpris'd Grenville by telling him he had seen  
Granby twice, & he knew nothing of what they had propos'd for him - That as to Machineries, he  
had treated Grenville with great Indignation - that he told him he saw evidently that they were  
not deal'd with with his party with his Power but that nothing sh<sup>d</sup> content him but his party with  
his Honour too - And him take Notice what he told him - & earnestly & in great Rage, press'd him  
take notice of this - More than once - that he had forc'd him to part with his Honour - that as a  
King for the safety of his People he must submit to his - But that nothing induc'd him to this - but the danger  
of S. Cause - and desired him with bady him to remember what he had Compell'd him to do.

& that this no more pass'd upon this Subject to my Knowledge till Friday - Machineries & Lord Holland  
were bound out - I was at S. James - Charles Johnson had pass'd - most of Duke of Newcastle's Friends came to Court  
the Letter was very full out of Court - The King's Speech the Appointment for S. King's Speech was read - & on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May the King went to S. House & propos'd S. Parliament.