The Situation of the Officers of the Medical Dept. is certainly deplorable, & perhaps these Gentlemen should be referred to the Clerk of the Ordnance.

Woolwich
21st January 1825.
A. H.

My Lord,

I have the Honor to state, for the information of the Master General of the Ordnance, that First Assistant Surgeons Mc Donald, and Stewart, of this Department, came to me a few days ago, on behalf of themselves and the Medical Officers of their class; and having delivered to me a Memorial signed by the First Assistant Surgeons on duty in England, representing their Services, and their present state with regard to Promotion, they earnestly requested I would submit it to the perusal of the Duke of Wellington. – As the Senior of these Gentlemen, has been eighteen Years in the Service, and as they have every claim upon me that strict attention to duty, the acquirement of professional knowledge, and exemplary conduct in every other respect, can create; I feel it incumbent on me to transmit it to Your Lordship, for such consideration as His Grace may be pleased to bestow upon it. —

The

Colonel The Right Hon.
Lord Fitz Roy Somerset
K. C. B. –
Secretary
&c: &c: &c: —

Mem Ms Med Dept
A Rennie

The unfortunate predicament in which the Assistant Surgeons of this Establishment were inadvertantly placed many years ago, having been a subject of representation since the Year 1810;- and being sufficiently explained by the Memorialists, I shall not take the liberty of repeating the facts they have detailed;- but shall only beg leave to state, in expressing an anxious wish for the success of the Memorial so far as they are concerned, that any relief His Grace might deem feasible, and might condescend to afford to these meritorious persons, could not be extended to Individuals more worthy of it, both from the length and nature of their Services, and the high character they have ever sustained.

I have the Honor to be
My Lord,
Your most obedient
humble Servant,

John Webb

Director Genl. Ordnce Medl. Deptt.

1825 January 21. Webb.

Private.—

Woolwich —
25th January 1825.—
One O'Clock.—

Sir,

I have this moment been honoured with your two Notes of yesterday.—

I would beg leave to suggest the following, as the most effectual mode of affording a due degree of relief to the Assistant Surgeons.

1st To take the Surgeon of the Cadet Company off the Effective Establishment, and to grant him a liberal retirement, perhaps from ten to twelve shillings a day.— I have reason to believe that Mr. Fitzpatrick would be glad to accept such terms, as he has suffered during the last two years, from an affection of his Chest, and he now finds the Evening duties prejudicial to him.— 2nd.— In the event of any augmentation of the present Establishments of the Royal Artillery, and Royal Engineers, to grant two Surgeons to the Effective Establishment.—

3rd.— On the occurrence of every subsequent vacancy, by the death, or resignation of a Medical Officer at the time on full pay, to grant a step of promotion to the First, and Second Ass: Surgeons.

The Honorable
The Clerk of the Ordnance.—

Should the above be adopted, the three oldest of the First Assistant Surgeons would be promoted immediately, without the least infringement of any principle of the Service; for the first would be allowed for the retirement of Doctor Irwin, formerly Surgeon General, on the 1st of February 1822;- the second, for the retirement of Doctor Jameson, late Surgeon General, on the 16th of November last; and the third for the retirement of Surgeon Fitzpatrick.

Having now had nearly three years' experience of the means the Department affords for the performance of the Medical duties of the Ordnance, I can safely declare that an addition of two Medical Officers to the present number, would be of essential advantage to the service. –

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Your most obedient
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John Webb
Director Genl. Ordce. Medl. Deptt.

P. S.

P. S. – As no Army Surgeon has a Right to retire on fifteen shillings a day, until he has served thirty Years on full pay, (which is 18/10d.) it would be extremely inconvenient to establish a precedent of such extensive application as that of granting full pay to any Regimental Surgeon. – The mode I have taken the liberty to suggest, of creating one vacancy by the retirement of Surgeon Fitzpatrick, and granting two Surgeons by augmentation, is quite free from every such objection. –

John Webb

– Surgeon has a right to retire after 20 years has if fit in good health on 7s. a day.
– bad health 10s.
after 30 years service on 15s. a day –
Invalid of the temporary rd retire on their 1/2 pay

to allow the whole of the Surgeons deptl. on limit. 1/2 pay were allowed to retire on permanent 1/2 pay it wd. be a gt. saving both in Exp. & office. for this reason – they have served ~~[illegible]~~ years full pay which would be on being brought back wd. be entitled to retire in claiming the according to the K. R. but the most important point is their total want of the practice of their profession –

The Surgeons not able to go 10 years without practice

hinder of pay

ate the 2nd cap, or limit to pay, have
no claims on the Service having lived
award 3 years req.d to ~~entitle~~ entitle them
to a Pension, & from the standing of their
Lives are amply remunerated — & thus it
should be notified that Boys Service
will not be req.d —

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Dr. Gen. Ordnance Med. Dept.

Mem:

To promote the 2 senior assistant Surgeons one on Dr. Jameson's retirement —

The 2nd — by allowing Surg. Fitz. Patrick after years of Service to retire — as he is not in good health

If a 3rd. Surgeancy could be granted it might be owed on the grounds of Dr. Irwin's retire. in 1822.

Or, on the merits of an addition to the present Medical Staff, who are more than

½ their time abroad — & more severely worked than any Class of Men in the Service

1825 January 25. Webb to Hardinge. ②

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London Military Depot
3rd February 1825.

Recd. 15th

The Storekeeper solicits the promotion of six Labourers to the 2nd Class of Foremen, in consequence of the increased number of Labourers now employed, and as a Reward for Skill, in the Details of the examination of Stores.

Sir

The great increase in the supplies of Stores and general business at this Depot, having rendered a large addition to the number of Labourers necessary I beg leave to represent the advantage of an addition also to the Class of Foremen; and to state that the following individuals have rendered themselves particularly useful In the details of examination of Stores, they have acquired a skill which ought fairly to rank them with Artificers, and it would be necessary to instruct others in the event of their quitting the Service, now that trade has improved, which would require much time and care. I therefore respectfully solicit the advance of

In 1822 -	52 Men	1 Woman
1825 -	107 —	13 —

The Honorable
Principal Storekeeper.

of these Men from Labourers of the first Class, to be Foremen of the second or lowest Class, which will give them 22/ instead of 17/ per Week. Viz!

Rufus Goddard 13 Years in the Service a Shoemaker by Trade, employed upon the examination of Shoes and Leather Articles.

Thomas Griffiths 13 Years in the Service a Smith, employed in the examination of Iron Bedsteads and other Iron Articles.

James Skinner 16 Years in the Service very useful in the examination of returned Stores, and other Articles.

George Goddard 12 Years in the Service employed in the examination of Sheets, Shirts, and various other Articles.

James Crook 9 Years in the Service employed in the examination of Great Coats, and Clothing.

John Griffiths 11 Years in the Service employed in the examination measuring &c of Woollen Cloth and other Piece Goods.

In offering the above subject to the notice of the Honible

Board

Board, I am induced to state from practical observation and long experience, the great advantage that accrues to the service in the employment of a large body of Men. by having them in Classes, and directed in their labor by working Foremen who have risen by their own good Conduct and usefulness from common Laborers, and the stimulus that is thereby given to the latter Class by the hope of similar reward for exertion; and further that the increase of expense will not amount to £110 ⅊ annum —

I have the honor to be
Sir
Signed
G Stacey
Storekeeper.

Refer to Memorandum 7th Feb. 1825.
— In reference to Mr. Stacey's letter of 3rd Feb. 1825, requesting an addition to the number of ? Storemen
probably Foremen

Letter from Mr. Stacey
Storekeeper at the Depôt
in Tooley Street requesting
six Laborers may be
promoted to the 2nd Class
of Foremen.

dated 3 Feby 1825.

1825 February 3. Stacey.

Private

Seaham
Feby 26th
1825

My Dear Friend

I have received together with your letter this morning, a Communication from Lambton, I think he rather seems to doubt Hopkins having promised me to desist from the Poll, — I have therefore thought it best to send Lambton in confidence Hopkins letter to me declaratory of his Desistance, which I consider an official Communication on the Subject, as it was made spontaneously, & not marked or considered "private" in any shape, — I have at the same time begged Lambton to deliver Hopkins letter when

read to you, & as it is an important Document, pray keep it carefully, so as you can lay your hands on it, without its being lost in the hurry of your ordnance ammunition — It is no doubt our Policy to keep Russell quiet & in good humor. But he really seems so inconsistent, & such a weathercock, it is hard to know how to act with him, & it is quite impossible ever to be sure of him. — I think his letter to me (if shewn up on the Committee) would make him look very foolish, (certainly when I received it. It set me quite at ease, & killed all my objections. — Now far as an Instrument it might be

& by this announce, I suppose Considerable thanks should be guided — Now my good friend with my name, & my prospects in Ireland, I can not but feel myself in a very different position from Lord Camden, & although Peel may have made him an accommodating Convert, this will never do for me, — If ever there was a time for looking this Question in the face it is when we are at peace with all the world, & when the Catholick Association have been very foolish & ought to be with all other Association Societies &c. to be kept down by Law, state their proceedings can not alter the votes, on the Main Question If those votes were honest, — I think this would have been my Brothers feeling, and Bought

to do, what he would have done (largely committed as he was upon this great Question) — what Robinson Mr Canning or others may do on the Main Question now if brought forward in the H of Commons, I can not say, but my feeling is that I can not take the same view as Lord Lauderdale, & as this may be a ground again of splitting the Connection, I earnestly & earnestly urge you to have some Conversation with Lord Grey & others, (if worth while) on the Subject so that what we do reciprocally must be in good humour & good feeling, for as to hanking in together the more I see of

the Radicals, the more I am
convinced of its Impracticability
I shall not answer Lord Camden on
this point as I shall have the
means of personal Communn. with him
so soon

Believe me My Dear Friend
Ever yrs. most affly

Love to Dear Mr

used yet to make Rupell see
again, I can not say, & I feel powerfully
that you can not be and must
must be patient — I hope early in
March will be in time for any
Efforts I could make when on the spot
near Rupell, for the present, (as I think
I told you in my last) — I have written
to put an end to our agreement on the
Harbor, made under the fatal effects
of losing the Railway — This on the
outset is a pretty strong Damp —
we shall see what it produces?
After all my Dear Friend, if we are
beat on the Railway — we shall not have
fought hard for nothing, for the time effects

year is preferable no doubt. to that of the last, & if it is the wisdom of the Legislature to force these measures by money speculators & City jobbers, Laissez faire?! — I will write to Brockenock myself tomorrow & a friend to Glenfanaghy — & Sly. writes to Sly & Belgrave — there is a meeting there tomorrow of Manchester Newburgh, Ord, &c. & we will read up a Squad & do what we can & I will write the result. —

I send you a note, received this morning from Considerable, the purport of it is to announce to me that if the Catholick Question is brought forward this Session, he will vote against it

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Walington House
May 2d 1825

Dear Sir Henry

My absence from London, & an indisposition to trouble any one upon Matters personal to myself & especially the Duke of Wellington, have prevented me from taking any measures of the Description, upon which I am concerned, when you last called upon me.

The Work that the Government must have that this Session of Parliament should close at an early Period added to other Circumstances, induces me to

think it very improbable, that any
measures relative to the Exchequer
will be introduced unless it was likely
that they should, I see no immediate
advantage in bringing the subject, myself,
before the House. It appears to me
& I therefore suggest it, & I think you will
have no objection to do it, that it would
be very natural, even without my requesting you to do so
that you should
wish to know the probable course

of the Parliamentary Business & Arrangement
& on enquiry might be made
& amongst other things, Government
had any intention of introducing any
change in the Management of the Gallery
Offices & if you should wish to have
any reason to give to the Duke, far
from asking that particular Question. I
have not the least Objection to give
Lady - I had wished you to do so, as
you believed, if the Duke ^ the intimation
I had something
to say to him on the subject

I go out of Town to morrow

I hope Lady Camden will be able to return to London at the end of the Week at all events, I shall be in Town again about Thursday

Yours most sincerely
& truly
Camden

1825 May 2. Camden.

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for Lt A. A. Papers called for by H.ble of Comns

Treasury Chambers
2 May 1825.

Sir,

Having laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury your Letter of 14th Instant, requesting certain information to enable the Board of Ordnance to comply with an Order of the House of Commons, calling for "An Account of the Amount paid from the Commissariat "Store Branch for Supplies for Government Slaves "at the Mauritius, Cape of Good Hope, or any other "Colony in the last ten Years &c."

I am commanded by My Lords to acquaint you for the information of the Master General and Board of Ordnance, that such of the Articles as were provided in this Country for the supply of the Slaves at the Mauritius, Cape of Good Hope, or other Colonies, were shipped from the Military Depot in Tooley Street, out of the Stores provided for general service, and consequently it will be impossible to furnish any Account of the Money paid for the Supplies actually sent. But if a Return

were

The Secretary
to the Ordnance.

were made out from the Store Books in the possession of the Ordnance, of the quantity, and description, of the Articles sent, they could be valued so as to afford the Information required – Some Expences on account of the Government Slaves at the Cape, and at the Mauritius were paid by the Commissariat upon the Spot, And My Lords will direct the Commissioners of Audit to refer to the Accounts of the Commissaries for those Stations, and to prepare an account of the Sums appearing by those Accounts to be paid.

I am
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
Signed Geo: Harrison.

Copy of a Letter
from the Treasury
respecting Supplies
(from the Commissariat
Stores) to the Government
Slaves at the Mauritius
and the Cape of Good Hope

Dated 2d May 1825

1825 May 2. Harrison.

Copy

2nd Assistant Mil.y Secretary

Horse Guards.
2 July. 1825.

My Lord,

The business of my Office has been so much on the increase for some time past, that my Military Secretary has with great difficulty been able to get through it. Indeed the Correspondence has of late been quite equal in quantity to that of any Period of the War, requiring the same continued attention. His personal Communications have greatly exceeded those during War, and have gradually become more frequent and more troublesome, producing interruptions which have obliged him to devote many hours of every Evening and every Sunday throughout the Year to the arrears of Correspondence thereby occasioned

The Rt. Hon.
The Secretary at War

occasioned.—

Under these circumstances, I do not think that Your Lordship will consider me unreasonable if I apply for an Assistant such as My late Military Secretary had before the reduction in the Establishment of my Office in 1817.—one who could occasionally relieve Sir Herbert Taylor from the personal intercourse and other parts of his duty which, without such aid, he must continue to take upon himself Day after Day—

The Salary received by the Officer who held the situation (Lt. Col. Mc: Shane) was £600 per. Ann:, and I trust that Your Lordship will have no difficulty in procuring the sanction of the Lords Commissioners of H. M.

Treasury

Treasury to this additional expense in the accounts of my Office.

I am &c
(Signd) Frederick
Comd. in Chief.

Copy

War Office
23rd August 1825.

Sir,

With reference to my Letter of the 9th Ult. stating that I had strongly recommended to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury Your Royal Highness's proposal to restore the appointment, which was discontinued in 1817, of an Assistant to Your Royal Highness' Military Secretary with a Salary of 600£ per Ann: I now beg leave to acquaint Your Royal Highness that Their Lordships have signified their entire concurrence in the re-Establishmt.

of

of this Appointments

I am &c

(Signed) Palmerston

1825 July 2. York.

Bognor August 3rd 1875

My dear Uncle

Welcome back to old England — her cloudy weeping sky, with all her damp & sullen humours, allows a man to enjoy more days exercise & air & liberty of mind within the bounds, than her sunnier gayer neighbours — & as for Men & Women, give me the dull honesty of our English manners, to the amiable duplicity of French society — You may have been bewitched with the fascinations of Dieppe — but I do not believe it — for altho' you like to look on the gay side of life, & are charitable to all the infirmities of your nature, yet you are

too discriminating in your judgement not to see through the flimsy veil with which selfishness & interest attempt to cover their manoeuvres in such a congregated herd of Sharpers as at Dieppe — With a truce to moralizing — may your last journey give a relish for the cool delightful Shades of Sandridge, & the quiet but more sincere intercourse of those who love you! —

I wrote to announce to Richard yesterday his restoration to full Pay as a Captain of Horse Artly. — Two Horses & two Soldier Servants with his moderate habits make him as independent as any Noble of the Land — so long as he likes the Saddle & the Helmet — poor Poley in Peace

I have no news: Lord Camden will expect his own happiness at one of the only events in life wanting to consummate his — the marriage of his Daughter — The Son in Law will make a thrifty careful honorable Husband, the only defect being in a sort of hereditary predilection for purchasing Land — The Father has since a marriage late in life actually converted by his annual Savings an Estate on lives of 9000 £ a yr. in an Estate of fee simple property of 10,000 £ a yr. The Son will double it — in every other respect an honest fellow.

I met the Chancellor at Lord Camden's a fortnight ago — He did not know who I was & as I sat next him at dinner & tried to harmonize his talkativeness, he after a very hearty meal of tough beans & ham, & a quantity of Cherries after it with the larger half of a bottle of Port at 7/6, engrossed with much ability & 5

to the general satisfaction the whole of the conversation — The state of the Law in the present day, the tricks of practice in the principal Courts, & the difference between the present day & 50 years ago were fertile & interesting topics from one so able to handle his subject with definition — This led him into a few anecdotes personally regarding himself — He said that his Career had been one of accident — That he had for several years gone Circuit at an annual loss tho' the pomp & living were managed with an Oeconomy unknown in the present day — & as a proof after 8 years attendance of his little practice, he stated that he promised in consolation to his Wife to give her for Pin-money, the whole of his Profits practically recorded for one year, & at the end of the year he paid her with due solemnity 9s. 6d. out of a 10. 6 fee having given the 1s. to the Court Crier — These

it was determined that he should give up the
lease of his Hse at Newcastle & try his fortune
for another year. Of course Briefs & Fees
showered upon him & in a few years he was
made Attorney General. When he had
finished his story, as above, Camden did not
point out my relationship to his Brother Count
in so important an era of his life. I did,
by telling him I was proud any relation of mine
should be connected with him in an anecdote
of his life by which the Country had profited
so eminent a Chancellor. He took my hand
held it & entered into a panegyric of S. H.
great talents & good qualities, & after Coffee
came up to me, warmly shook me by the hand
& said he was most happy to have made
the acquaintance of the Nephew of so old a
friend — I am forced to conclude — the Post
waits, ever Yr. H. H.

1825

Mr. Henry Hoskins
Boston
Suffolk
Mass

hopeless & desperate circumstances induced him to forswear the Bar, & actually to take a small Wine or pint of one in his native town of Newcastle, then as an Attorney to earn what he really wanted Bread. In the midst of these difficulties & vicissitudes, he was one morning roused at 4 o'clock by two Attorneys, who brought him a Brief to lead a disputed Election case for the Borough of Clitheroe, a very dangerous illness having deprived the Every Member of his first Counsel that the Election Comte was to meet at 10 in the morning, a time seemed sufficient to read the Papers brought to him — He found he said that the Opd Counsel a very celebrated clever fellow & that day George Harding did not choose to risk his reputation by taking a lead for which he was unprepared at so late a moment, & when he went trembling before the Comte he found Charles Fox the nominee

1825 August 3. Hardinge.

London Sept. 23.

1826

My dear Hardy

You will probably be anxious to know what has passed.

It is not to be depended.

I have only this moment heard of your return.

Believe me your's most truly

N. Bg

I have another letter

London Friday

1825 September 23. Wellington.

S. Sage October 17 - 1825

My dear Lord Dacre I send by this opportunity the arrangement of the last settlement in Cornwall. We are now happy in that the Board have not felt directed themselves upon it but of course I have given no opinion.

If you should think it right to come down to dine here on Friday I shall be very happy to see you

and if Convenient Ought as in
a near London, & we Dine on
the same day & Ought we and
settle all our Concerns
Carefully for fear of we and
being down at the price Not
Leave Pump Her Money Very

1825 October 17. Wellington.

To Mr Dentzel

Glenwood
Nov. 9
1825

My Dear Friend

Your last letter arrived unsealed, & Stockton Emm. rec'd the usual absence of the Stewards seat it so to the Post, as it was directed by her — We have been here some Days. Dancing is the order of the Day & there is to be a week's festivities, afterwards we have the same at Mt Ed., Ormond, & Belleborough. So we shall carry on the war gloriously this month. Chambrough is a great fool about his wife — It is strange to see a sensible man act so uncomfortably he is jealously fond of waltzing but. He is a tyrant against her will, & permits her

only to walk with me, as if I were
a specimen ~~of an~~ against Impropriety, or as if the
Young Bear were quite safe in the Old
Fox Hounds Maw, — The poor Girl is
panting & pining for the Elastick Squeeze
of the Young Fry, & in proportion as the
Bashaw forbids, the tempting fruit creates
greater water in the Mouth, The Men
wonder at continual refusals, when they see
her work me, dance after Dame, like an
old Post Horse; & the Woman who are always
mischievous dont fail to circulate a thousand
stories, like favorable to His Lps promises
or powers — I understand for some Days
past there was a slight hope that the
Fresh air had invigorated His Lordship
Natheniel — But alas! succeeding Days

also. that the Line of policy of Mr Donnell & Ly A. seems pretty much what I have described to you — I have suggested under this view, that Donegalls having opened his Estate & registering at the Town of Belfast, will make at a future Day his Interest invincible for one Seat — and that Ld O'Neil must be beaten, & that I considered it most fortunate for him (Ld Hertford) to strengthen himself as much as possible by this family Interest which might be made very great — Mr Donnell is a painstaking shrewd insinuating fellow & from constant Residence might be of great service to Ld H. or the reverse Mr Donnell's standing himself is quite out of the Question now Donegalls Commanding Forces have taken the field, But it rests with Ld Hertford to determine whether he will, or not, make it worth Mr Donnell's

while to look himself out to the
Hertford Banner. Your Grace - I have told
Ld. H. besides, that no object would be more
agreeable to me than to accomplish this result,
& that I thought if the Govt. knew it
was an object of great importance to them
as well as to me, that perhaps He (McDonnell)
be returned for one of the Govt. seats, —
In short McDonnell's interest can be bought
for a seat, — Have we the means of
getting one? in conjunction with Lord H.
or could we buy one in conjunction
with him, (McDonnell not to vote on the Catholick
Question) or in fact, Can you see any
mode of managing this object, — If Lord H.
was in Town, or if you could find out
through the Keg a way of communicating

You may see how the Land lies & how we may bring this point to bear in the most advantageous manner for our general political Interests — I think if the Parliament lasts the Pred. of age, that in the mode I am playing the game, we shall have no Contest at this time there will be much Cry, bother, and Humbugame, I shall however applaud the Defaulters as much as I can during my Stay here — Tom Wood will write to You about a Reference relative to Iversen Account with me, I shall be very much obliged to You to be my Referee, I thought their Charges monstrous, & their Conduct unjustifiable but rather than go to Law, I had much rather settle it by reference —

I should think the Duke would not like the Insertion of W. P. to Lord W's Arms, & How will Liverpool Straight Laced ness swallow this Jesuitical & a Catholick" — I doubt if it will add to Lord W's Tenure here, — I don't dislike

to be in his Power — have no accounts
from Gadsden since he left Petersburg
I understand Wood says he was
quite well. — God bless you, — I must
conclude Your ever affect. & L
Entirely — a abbyonis — Bless
our dear,

with him, I think it would be a very
desirable point to keep ourselves or the L
Bertford as far as possible, we saw in
our Railway &c. the use of it — I admit
the Catholick Question is our stumbling
block, but so long as this Question is not
decided by the formation of our Government
exclusively on its friends, so long mistakes
we act in complete union — I confess
I feel always an awkwardness about
McDonnell, inasmuch as both Lyle &
he were decidedly my friends at the
Peerage, the differences with Lyle
have been the cause of annoyance & it is
quite natural to suppose McDonnell is
playing his own game for the future, but
yet I have no positive proof of this, further
than Lyle actually refused to settle her Estate

& feel that Her Husband is a natural source for our protection, more especially as by providing for him, it would give one the wielding of a very powerful interest in this County — I suppose his & his Connexions are much attached by ley year here, as they talk of taking a house, settling, & going every year to London. Hence the wish of getting into Parliament becomes more urgent, & if the Man could be got in, think he would be useful, — I know not how big Fenwick maybe between this & then, much will depend on what Buddle may make of some Coal for Sale. But if I could pay for a Seat — (p.r annum) I should like much to secure it for Mr Clennell if it could be got in no other way, — Have given you thus the outline of my Correspondence with Lord H. & my views, & think with Lachlan Dalmas &c

have marked the future, & the Expectation is echoed which is amply manifested by the Black frowns of the Mari, & the low spirits & downcast looks of La Femme. He is a strange mixture, & proceeds in a manner to me quite unaccountable, & if he had a little more of the Devil (which however seems approaching) I think he would use his various forces with her.

But enough of this — I must now to talk to you about Politics here.

Ld. Hertford has written to me urging my support for Antrim, as Lord Donegall starts Belfast against Ld Hertford & O'Neil. Of course Lord H. looks to my influence here as regulating Ld Antrim's support or not. He seems to infer, that John's support in Down

should manage this Estate for him to support
M'Naghten, who is to stand vice Yarmouth, who
votes a Contest a D—d Bore — Ld Bedford has
chosen wrong, as M'Naghten is despised & odious
to the Co. Cavan Legmoors would have been better
The Donegalls Interest will be very commanding
in another Election, I doubt however if they could do
much harm this Summer — They hold out to
M'Donnell, that if he will support, & that
Belfast is retained, they will nominate
M'Donnell for the seat in Belfast. having
no one in their own family to sit —
Now Lady Antrim's & M'Donnell's object is for
him to be in Parliament, & I see they are
leaning to close this compact with Donegalls
I have thought it right to state candidly
to Lord Bedford not only that I have
no influence with Sly Adam, from several
causes too long to detail to him, But I

1825 November 9. Londonderry.

Gathering

Secret

Glencorse.
Nov. 11th
1825

My Dr. Friend

I confide to you the Dispatches I send from Buddle — I can not reconcile myself to the sacrifice of so great a property, altho acquired by myself, if it can be avoided — It appears to me Buddle's second proposition in his letter might be accomplished, think if I had 15 or 16 000 £ and that I went to redeem the Lease from the D. of C., the Lease would then be ample security for the borrowed money — I might get 8 or 9000 £ to pay off Pilks of Boldermere House. 2. which besiege

me, — I am so little conversant in
Money transactions in London I know not
where to apply either for such an
object as this, or to raise Money by
Annuity which certainly is
disadvantageous. however I really
think either is more encumbrance on
me than to sell such a property
as North Pethington will prove.
Pray consider this for me & give
me your Ideas — I know not if
Francis would be disposed to a speculation
nor do I like to ask him after what
he has done. but thank God N Pethington

with give me ample means to pay.
I write in much haste & hope
to see thee soon —

Preserve my letters
carefully — Yours truly
V.

1825 November 11. Londonderry.

Recruits in Africa

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Sierra Leone
24th November 1825

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 17th August last, marked "Private" - and to the latter part which refers to the recruiting on this Coast, I am sorry to be obliged to observe, that it goes on but very slowly, and as I have now visited the whole of our Settlements, and much of the Coast generally, and have taken some pains to make myself acquainted with the habits and dispositions of the People, I have reason to apprehend that much difficulty will attend the plan of keeping up, by voluntary enlistment, these Regiments, there

Lieut General
Sir H Taylor
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is the greatest aversion throughout the Coast to their becoming Soldiers, and excepting a few Boys, and idle liberated Slaves at this place, and a few Natives at Cape Coast, there is not a Recruit to be got on the Coast – I am using every possible Exertion to get some for the African Corps before the next rains, considering it indispensible, but I much fear that I will have but poor success – Men will enlist at Cape Coast for local Service there, but they will not leave the place, the only way to get Men which I can see, is by selecting for temporary Service, say 7 Years, serviceable Men from the captured Slave Ships, whether His Majestys Ministers

would

would consent to such a measure, I do not know. –

I have &c –

(signed) Chas. Turner
Ml General