London Sept 1829.

My dear Harding

I have just received, Read & heard the extreme your Confidential Memorandum to London.

I confess I do not go so far as you do in condemning Mr. Thompson on what appeared on the face of the Forgery. I know

nothing

of the letters mentioned &
which he appears since
to have written. as to
the accusations that
were inquired into be-
fore the Commissioners
it is very true he did not
know them to the full
extent of the allegations
but when we see what
did exist there & the con-
scious state of ignorance

in which he & the other
persons were kept of
the result of anything de-
pending on subsidiary
authority, tho' they were
very much interested
in that result, & looking
to what was contem-
plated occurring. I think
the conclusion made
by Dr. Turnpenny was
most natural, & to say
the least there was a

great deal of bad blood-
ness in the military offi-
cers from Col. Butler down-
wards. It would know what
must be the feelings of the
professors & to look coolly
on — then would the dis-
cipline of the College go
on right — when the Mili-
tary & Civil officers of it
were on such terms with
each other? Was not
Col. Butler fully aware
of

this? In short much
more be said on this
point, but to dwell upon
it would be the most impolitic
act possible. I think
myself it would be an
unjust one. (I have not
as I said seen his late
letters). I agree with
you that no trace
is

to be last in taking these matters into consideration. But I shall not be in Town next week.

Remember Morton, I may that name set steady on this Crest, when thou takest thy seat in war office chair.

Yours sincerely

Burford

Private.

King's House Demerary. 1829.

My dear Hardinge

I cannot doubt that you still retain the interests of friendship in whatever nearly concerns me, and hence I am impelled to confide to you my present feelings, upon what has lately, and recently, occurred, at the Seat of Government, as well as upon my prospects, I shall, hastily, upon me. Hear me with as much patience as you may, and I will make my story as short as I can.

In the beginning of 1820, when I accepted the Government of this Colony, (then offered by Lord Bathurst) it involved a sacrifice of my Staff, (Military & Quartermaster General) which I was forced, and my late lamented Patron and Protector the Duke of

C. R. Rogers Esq.
Sir Henry Hardinge. K.C.B. &c &c &c

offer of a speedy, yet a better one, have had
full cause to lament him; graciously
signified to me that I should not be
overlooked in the distribution of Regiments,
whenever I could, in fairness to others,
be appointed to one. Sir Herbert Taylor
with great kindness, several times
during the Duke's life, continued to give
me similar assurances. and not long
before His Royal Highness's fatal illness,
he was pleased to express to Lord
Beresford, his intention of giving me
a Regiment upon the earliest possible
occasion.

While many officers of Waterloo occasioned
to be provided for, on any one of those
claims I could recognise as superior
or equal to my own, still I trust Your
will acquit me of a desire to exalt
myself; I never repined at their
going before me, nor imputed injustice
because they did so, and the only regret
I have all along felt at the delay in

my

getting a Regiment, was that its emoluments were still available for my creditors to whose benefit alone Regiments have been appropriated; but now, that has recently accrued has added to this regret, a painful sense of degradation in my profession. I mean the sacrifice of appointments of the Major Jewels honoured not to Richard Jackson, to Regiments before me. Have a due regard for them both, especially for the latter, with whom, as you meanwhile, I was very intimate, and I rejoice in their good fortune, although I feel that their appointments have been an injustice to me, inasmuch as I cannot admit their claims upon the score of service, to be superior to mine, this is a point of which I can be no more adequate judge than you, and if you give it against me, I yield to the decision and they are both senior to my juniors in the army.

If the Duke of York thought me not

Unworthy

of a Regiment when I left England, if ever
since ~~and~~ to the time of his death,
His Royal Highness held himself
liable, — by that subsequent exhibition
of duty, or by what other proofs, have I
forfeited, or weakened my Claim? — I
have been for the last Nine years
employed in unhealthy Climates, the
last five of these in one notorious, so) the
most fatal of all Climates, the
Employments, considering their responsibility
& I believe the West India Governors of late years
have not had beds of Roses, or sine cures,
but their inevitable expences, anything
but overpaid. — I may safely affirm
that I have given every energy and ability
I possess, to the faithful discharge
of my duty, — that I have never relaxed
in it, or quitted it for a day; — had I
may be required, I affirm, for the proofs
are easy to produce, that I have generally
improved the condition, both in a
civil and military regard, of the Colonies
which have been entrusted to my care,
and particularly of that for a very critical

tives and circumstances too subtle for Your Power.
If this be so, and I know that it is indisputable,
how have I deserved to undergo this
marked degradation in the Eyes of the
Army (in which, and with which, I have
served five and thirty years) of having had,
within the short space of two or three
months, two Junior Officers, in succession,
put over my head?—

Probably I am now to understand
this repeated supersession, as an intimation
that the Duke of Gloy's long cherished
intention, is not to be fulfilled at all, and
that I am never to get a Regiment!
Yet if it be so,— this, I think, but fair treatment
I should be glad to know why.—

I have done my dear Sir Hardinge;— I scarcely
know why I have inflicted this fatiguing
upon you,— except the recollection of
times gone by, when we shared a soldier's
duty so long together, in times of no ordinary
Interest, now urges me irresistibly to communicate
to you, the sense of degradation, which as
a soldier, I naturally, and very severely feel.

Ever yours faithfully and affectionately

B Butler

My dear Lord Fitz Roy

Send Jem the enclosed & beg to state it over with you when we meet.

Yours V.

H. H.

29th. April.

Private & confidential

Y. G.

Jan. 2. 1829.

My dear Hardinge

Taylor has just placed in my hands a Paper of yours upon the R. M. College, together with a letter of his own — & requesting of me to make such observations thereon as may occur to me, & which I understand will then be passed to other Commissioners, preparatory to a meeting —

All this is very

disagreeable to me for many reasons, and I have thought of declining to offer any observations upon the matter, unless specially called upon direct by the Commander in Chief; and I rather think that would be the proper course —

Circumstanced as I am, at the Head of a department in which Officers are very desirous to serve, and from other ne-

cessities

applications are directly, and indirectly made to me, and many of these applications founded upon that the applicants consider claims, as having been educated at the College, - and having for many years given a more than ordinary attention to the public examinations at Sandhurst, not having neglected I believe One since the Estab. of the College at Sandhurst, I feel that it will be

impossible for me to give any opinion upon the R. G. C. as it is now circumstanced, without much more serious consideration than I should be willing to bestow upon the subject unless by the special Orders of the Com: in Chief — Perhaps I may be influenced to this mode of thinking from an impression that I have much to say which would not be favorable to the present mode of conducting the business there, more especially to that part of it, which relates to the public examination, — and therefore I am very unwilling

to enter upon the subject at all, but under the impulse of official Commands –

I gave my opinion upon Mr. Turpenny's Case, as upon part of a Proceeding in which I had been officially employed under the Orders of the Com.-in-Chief, and as a more isolated circumstance.

It appears to me that if it be the intention of the Government that the whole of the Institution of the R. M. C. should be considered with a view to any change of any kind, that the most advantageous mode of

proceeding towards that object
will be for the Commander in Chief
to call upon each of the Commissrs
as he may think fit to give
him their opinions upon those
Points which he may require
them — that such opinions
having been laid before him —
he may put them in such
form as he chooses, and
then Command the Board
to assemble — to deliberate — &
to report to him finally their

private, endeavoured to unfold
the Mr. College, as a Institution
not only useful to the Army, but
as essential to its well being, &
now that in the present state of
the World, the English Army could
not maintain its high Character
without such a Estab- But
then I have always grounded
my reasoning upon this Prin-
-ciple, viz That the Mr. College
afforded the means of such an
Education for the Army, as
could not be obtained at
any of the private, or public

School of this County —

The result of the last examination has not been one not in this reasoning, and the argument used in favor of such a public course, would if admitted, show that my principle is a very one —

I have no objection to be proved erroneous in my view of this matter, but then I must eat up every word I have said in favor of the College for the last 15 years —

However it is high time there should be a complete understanding of what the Estab. might & be, and to be conducted, and to that effect I shall be ready to offer such observations as have occurred to me, when ordered to do so —

Yrs faithfully

J.W.G.

As I consider this letter merely as a private matter between you, and Taylor & me, I should not wish it to be placed with the other papers

If you have the Synopsis of the Course of Studies, I beg of you to let me have it for a short time.

HWG

opinion upon the whole of the Case —

Having expressed my opinion of the last public exa=
=mination as forcibly as it became me to do, & more forcibly than was pleasant to me, I conceive that it rests altogether with the College authorities to give to that opinion such weight as in their estimation it may deserve — and I have nothing further to do with it —

The failure in the examination of the Junior Bachel

was the first visit I had with=nessed, and it certainly struck me as being very discreditable to the Institution, and I regretted it the more, as being the first time of your appearance as well as that of Taylor — I was also very much concerned to find that by some it was not thought to be a failure, and that the mode of conducting the Examination was such a Course had to depend —

I have always upon every occasion, in public, & in

H. Qrs
Jan: 4. 1829.

My dear Taylor,

I return all the papers transmitted in your note of the 1st, safely as you sent them to me, and I enclose a Memorandum with such observations as have occurred to me upon a perusal of them, for the consideration of the Genl. Commanding in Chief -

Most faithfully

J. M. G.

Lieut. General
Sir H. Taylor K.C.H.

have committed ourselves do not agree with ours, altho' you have cautiously avoided touching upon them in the present stage. In saying this I do not allude to the System of Education & the course of Study, to which you do particularly advert, and I must observe that upon these points also you advert to difference of Opinion which may be easily reconciled, and on points on which I am far from being disposed to maintain mine, or what you may suppose to be mine, in opposition to Yours.

I shewed You my private Letter to Lord Hill, which was nothing more than a short Report of what had passed, & in which I noticed that difference of opinion in general terms, but in which I also stated that it was unanimously

agreed

agreed that the Mathematical course had been too much neglected in the Junior Branch, & that this ought to be remedied:— Nor do I think that upon this point there was a dissentient Voice, or that we were not all disposed to admit that the course of Mathematics, so far as it goes, ought to be made the principal feature of the Instruction, but we were decisions that it should not be made so exclusively so, as to deprive the Boy who might have no turn for it, into whose head it could not be beaten, of the benefit of a more general Education, which might qualify him for certain duties of his Profession & for Society in general, altho He might not be fitted for The 2nd Mr 5th Departmt; and finally we argued that altho' a Boy should fail in that peculiar branch of Study, he

ought

ought not to be voted as disqualified, if he should excel in other branches. Tom seemed to think that the Education being called a Military one, & established for that purpose, those Studies which form the prominent feature of Military Instruction should be the *sine qua non* in the prescribed qualifications: We argued that a general Education was not less important, & that the general objects of the Establishment would be answered by conferring such general Education on those whose turn of mind & Intellect might not fit them for the ready admission of Mathematical Instruction; still, however, agreeing with Tom that it should be *the prominent study of which the successful results should afford the highest Qualification*; - nor was there, as far as I recollect, any disinclination shewn to enforce great attention to a course which had been shewn to be neglected.

I have been led to engage in

this

this detail, as I think we misunderstood each other, and as it is essential that our Opinions on these points should be reconciled if possible before we meet again. It is, however, very difficult to give a clear definition of one's Sentiments on such a subject, & what passed at Sandhurst shewed it. Hardinge remarked more than once that the Examination of the Senior Branch was infinitely more severe than that to which He had been subjected when a Student in it, & yet considered it very defective in many points. General Maitland contended warmly for the paramount importance of the Mathematical course in the Junior Branch, and yet observed that the Instruction in Mathematics in the Senior Branch was carried much further than necessary.

Until You or I hear further from Hardinge, I shall not consider this Paper as ostensible.

Ever, My Dr Gordon
Most affectly Yours
(Signed) R Taylor

Copy

Private

Regents Park
January 4th 1829

My Dear Gordon

I have received your Letter of the 2nd Instant, enclosing the Copy of one to Hardinge, & I quite agree with You that the whole Case to which it relates requires the most serious attention, and that the consideration of The Commissioners should be called to it without delay. Such appears also to be Hardinge's view of it, and the only point on which we seem to have differed, or rather to have proceeded differently in the first instance, is that Hardinge and I have stated our Sentiments with respect to the Evil, and the Remedy which it seems to call for, perhaps prematurely, but with the desire that the Subject should be so entered upon by those who are likely to take the most active part in the Discussion, before they formally meet,

Lt General
Sir J. W. Gordon Bt. G.C.B.
&c &c &c

meet, and in order also to put Lord Hill in possession of their Sentiments, - and that you consider that the Communication of such preliminary Opinions should be the result of an Order from Lord Hill calling upon The Commissioners for their Sentiments upon those points on which He may require them, that such having been laid before Him, He may put them in form, command the Board to assemble, digest, & to report finally: In short that we should not take upon ourselves the responsibility of originating the discussion of the Question, but leave that onus to the General Com.d in Chief, to whom it belongs of Officio. But you say also that this Order should be given upon some points for the guidance of The Commissioners, and you quite forget that we have made

no

no Communication or Report to Lord Hill which can lead to His entertaining the subject, or guide His judgment as to the points on which He is to instruct us for our guidance. You have indeed given an Opinion upon Mr. Turnpenny's Case, as an isolated circumstance, & I have concurred with You, while Hardinge considers that we cannot dispose of that without laying open the whole Question, considers that there are data sufficient to justify an Opinion upon the whole, & proceed to give it without Reserve for your consideration & that of other Commissioners, and ultimately for Lord Hill's, in order that His Lordship may institute that formal proceeding which shall bring the Question to issue. I have in my Letter to You accompanying Hardinge's

Paper

Paper given as unreserved an Opinion upon one or two points, but I am not able to conclude from your Letter whether you have sent mine to Hardinge. Very possibly you may think that we have both hazarded Opinions which ought to have resulted from long Experience, from constant Attendance at Sandhurst, and not from the mere Enquiry which recently took place, & upon which occasion we first attended. I should be quite willing to admit this (more especially as I am concerned) if the state of the College had not been the subject of frequent discussion & communication with those who have constantly attended, and if we had not the benefit of their Experience to guide our view of its Merits & Demerits, & I am very much mistaken if your sentiments upon certain main points on which we

have

Private

New Castle on Tyne 5th Jany 1829.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th Nov. which in consequence of my absence from Home, did not reach me so soon as it should have done; and from other accidental circumstances has hitherto remained unnoticed.

I now, however, return you my best thanks for the early attention which you have given to the Subject, and in reply to that part of your letter in which you advert to my knowledge of the proceedings in Mercantile Offices &c I beg leave respectfully to state my opinion, that the Case of a Mercantile Clerk is by no means parallel with that of the Gentleman

The Right Honble
Sir Henry Hardinge
&c &c &c

(Mr Forbes) in whose behalf I am endeavouring to interest you, inasmuch as the former, at the time he enters upon his employment, knows, that a more active or intelligent person, will, when occasion offers, be placed over him; whereas, when the latter entered the War Office, the practice of promotion was governed by a System of rigid Seniority (except in cases of positive unfitness) which had existed many years, and therefore the departure from that System in the case of an individual who accepted Office while it was in operation is a manifest breach of faith, which I cannot conceive would be resorted to by any respectable Mercantile Establishment in Britain.

The Mercantile Clerk has likewise the opportunity, if his merits are overlooked, or if an undue preference be given to his Junior, of transferring his Services to another Merchant

or of setting up a rival establishment of his own; but the clerk in a Public Office has no such resource, and must abide his fate, whatever injustice he may experience.

Permit me Sir, to apologize for having thus trespassed upon your valuable time, and in conclusion, allow me, earnestly, but respectfully to request your favorable consideration of my friends claims, whom I doubt not will upon investigation be found qualified for, and deserving of one of the vacancies now existing in the Class above him. —

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Sir
Your most obedient
humble servant
Robt. Hebron
Surveyor of Taxes
Northumberland

Copy

Horse Guards
5th Jan.y 1829 –

Sir,

In reference to your Letter of the 12th July last, I am now directed by the General Commanding in Chief to request that you will make me acquainted with your Age, your present State of health, a Medical Certificate of which should accompany your Answer to this Letter, and that you will likewise report whether you are actually in receipt of Half Pay at this Moment. –

I am &c

(Signed) Fitz Roy Somerset

Ensign Wm Cooper
Canada. –

Copy of a Letter to Ensign Cooper, dated Horseguards 5 Jany 1829.

No. 9.

My dear Harding

I wait till you probably return to Town that I might think you for all the trouble you have taken and assure you of my sense of your friendship and kindness being in no way impaired by the result.

There is however one point in justice to myself & others I feel to ascertain. It is perhaps a delicate point but it is after quarter impertinence for

the fear of my future
proceedings to learn
the cause of there thus
being extinguished which
had been cherished —
Is it a fair or just
charge against me — Is
it the Duke's own wish
or wrongly founded on
his own calculation
of the difficulties to
be surmounted in any
other Q.? or is it an
expense in the highest
degree to comply with
an expressed recommendation
a knowledge of this
requested fact would
assist me most materially

in stepping my course
and perhaps me perhaps
from any prejudicial
error. Your letter
leaves me completely in
doubt whether Dr.
Thayer will feel
authorized in expelling
to remove without thinking
that I am involving
you in any further
litigational proceedings
which after your letter
it would not become me
to do — Yours very pleasantly
& obliged

A. H. Wilson

Regent's

Jany 5. 1829.

Sir R. Nelson

to Sir G. Hardinge

3 Jan 1829.

Restoration to the Army

Lt. Col. R. Nelson

Recd. Jan 3 1829

Sent

Copy

8. Westbourne Place,
Kings Road.
10. Jany 1829.

My Lord

In reply to the honor of Your Lordship's letter of the 5th Inst: I beg to state that I am in my 49th Year, that my health is not very good, as will appear by the Medical Certificate herewith enclosed, - and that I am in the receipt of half pay of an unattached Ensigncy.

I have &c
(Signed) Wm Cooper.

Lord F. Somerset.

Copy

Copy

10 Jany 1829.

These are to certify that I have been in the habit of attending Wm. Cooper for these last twenty years, during which time he has had repeated attacks of a Bilious nature, in consequence of which his health is much impaired.

Given under my hand, this 10th Jany 1829

(Signed) Geo Turnbull Surgeon
8 Sloane Square

Copy of Letter from Ensign
Cooper - Halifax
10 Jany 1829.

No 4.

War Office
19 Jan 1864

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th inst. & in reply to that part of it in which you advert to the practice of promotion, when Mr Forbes entered the War Office, having been governed by a system of rigid seniority (except in cases of

positive

positive unfitness,) which system has existed many years, & therefore the departure from it in the case of an Individual who accepted office while it was in operation, to have been a manifest breach of faith, — I can only state that an act having been passed, which enforces a mode to be adopted with regard to the promotion & — of Clerks in the different Government Offices, it ~~cannot such~~

Received

~~be called~~ ~~any~~ ~~breach of faith~~ it is incumbent upon, the Head of ~~the~~ a Department ~~acting in accordance~~ to protect the public interests in the manner laid down in ~~with~~ the Act of Parliament. –

W. Hobson

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Private

Pension Bounds

Treasury. 17th Jan 1874

My Dear Sir Henry

By Mr Gathorne's note on the back of the Duke's letter you will ~~[illegible]~~ observe the Duke's views on the subject of conferring the pension with the contract bills of lands regt – If you concur in that view it will cause considerable alteration of

draft were made
I had better therefore
send the papers back
when I shall have
consulted with my
other part of it

Yours truly

J Street

Copy

Horse Guards
24th January 1829.

Sir,

Having laid before The General Comd.r in Chief your Letter of the 13th Inst.t last, I am directed by His Lordship to request that you will transmit to me a Medical Certificate of your present state of health, and that you will likewise report to me, whether you are in the receipt of Half Pay at this moment —

I have &c &c

(Signed) Fitzroy Somerset

Assist.t Surgn Bramley
H.P. Ray.

No 3

Copy of Letter to Ensign Bramley, dated Horse Guards 24 Jany 1829

Private

No answer

New Castle upon Tyne
Jany 27th 1829.

Sir

I beg to return you my thanks for your attention to my communication respecting Mr Forbes

However hardly I consider your Predecessor has treated him, I feel that you cannot be answerable for his acts.

Allow me however to explain in reference to your statement of the promotion of Clerks in the different Public Offices being regulated by Act of Parliament that I had believed that the grievance of which Mr Forbes complains, was attributable to a Treasury Minute Merely, to which Lord Palmerston had given an interpretation beyond its Spirit, and contrary to the intention of the Treasury as exemplified in the

The Rt Honorable
Sir Henry Hardinge
&c &c &c

promotions of that Office in particular, and of most other Government Offices

Mr Forbes does not, so far as I understand, claim his promotion upon the exclusive grounds of his Seniority, however fairly he may be entitled to do so under the System in force when he entered the War Office; on the contrary, Sir, he wishes for the utmost investigation into his merits, zeal, and ability; and judging from the representations that have been made to me on the subject I feel assured that if such investigation had been fairly made at the time that his Junior was passed over him, I should not have had occasion to trouble you with an appeal in his behalf; the business upon which he has been, and is still employed, being as I am informed, one of considerable responsibility, and that upon which his more fortunate Junior has been, and is yet employed (viz. assorting, giving out, and putting

away

papers) being one involving little or no responsibility.

The fairness and impartiality that belongs to your Character satisfies me that Mr Forbes will ultimately receive justice at your hands, and therefore I will not at present press his claim further upon your notice, being convinced that when the vacancies now existing in the Class above him are about to be filled up, that his merits will be fully investigated and appreciated.

I have the honor to be
With great respect
Sir,
Your most obedient
humble Servant
Robt. Hebron
Surveyor of Taxes
Northumberland

/Copy/

Horseguards
27th Jan: 1829.

Sir,

Your Letter of the 10th Instant, with its enclosure, having been laid before The General Commanding in Chief, I am directed to acquaint you that when you were permitted to purchase an Unattached Ensigncy in January 1826, it was supposed that you were of an Age for admission into the Service; but that as it now appears you are not prepared to join a Regiment, that you are 49 Years of Age, & consequently that you were 46 Years of Age when appointed to your Commission, Lord Hill will recommend to His Majesty that your Name should be struck out of the half Pay.

Ensign Cooper
Half Pay.

and

and that your Purchase Money should be returned to you minus the Amount of halfpenny which you have actually received. — You will, however, be allowed Interest at 5 Per Cent, upon the depreciated Value of our Currency, from the time your Money was lodged to the day of your Retirement being notified in the Gazette.

I have &c.

(Signed) Fitzroy Somerset.

Copy of the Letter to
Ensign Cooper, dated Rome
Barracks 27 January 1829.

No 5.

/Copy/

Horse Guards
27th Jan: 1829.

Sir,

I am directed by The General Commanding in Chief to acquaint you, that as it appears that you purchased an Unattached Ensigncy at a period of Life when it is contrary to the Regulations to hold a Commission, and that you are not now sufficiently advanced in Age to join a Regiment, Lord Hill will recommend to His Majesty that your Name should be struck out of the Half Pay List, and that your

Ensign John Gregory
Half Pay.

Purchase

Purchase Money should be restored to you, minus the Amount of half pay which you have actually received. You will however be allowed Interest at 5 Per Cent upon the Regulated Value of an Ensigncy, from the time your Money was lodged to the day of your Retirement being notified in the Gazette.

Sam &c.

(Signed) Fitzroy Somerset.

No 1

Copy of letter to Ensign Gregory, dated Horseheads

27 Jany 1829

(recd)

Chatham the
29th of Jan.y 1829

My dear Sir Henry,

I have been disappointed, in receiving no Returns of Prices from the four following Places, viz:

Appleby
Monmouth
Stafford
Taunton

and being anxious to have all complete, I have drawn up the same set of Queries in your name, which will have

Col. Sir H. Hardinge
KCB. &c &c

more weight, and I will be obliged to you to send the inclosed under Official Franks, either to the Rectors or Ministers of the Parishes, or to the Principal Excise Officers, in those Towns, who I dare say will send the Answers desired.

My first Notes were addressed to the Mayors of all the County Towns, and none disappointed me, but the Four herewith noticed.

Mar 30/1

Be so good as to direct a Clerk in your Office to fill in the blank left in each Note, ~~[illegible]~~ with the title whether Minister of the Parish or Excise Officer as may appear most likely to effect the object. The same must also be put on the Envelope of each. When the Answers are received, be so good as to let them ~~be~~ be forwarded to me

I remain
my dear Sir Henry
Yours very faithfully
C Wasley

Private!

6 Whitehall Place
30th Jany 1820

My dear Hardinge

Col. Barton called upon me today and left the enclosed paper with me after we had had a good deal of conversation upon it. I endeavoured to point out to him that he had altered the story to make too pleasant an impression upon his feelings. That it was, in fact, a mere measure of economy, like a great many

many others found upon many branches of the public service at the present moment; and that no spirit of public economy was more likely to be exercised in the approaching session than the Old Age Pensioners, unless considerable reductions were forthcoming! And Sir Arthur requested him to direct the present proposal of the Barrackers, which the abolitionists of the commutation system of it to him could not but affix to it, and he would

I felt for Butler that I had always
entertained the clearest opinion in regard
to the terms of his retirement, even
when I was myself for after College,
and when I contemplated no other
Retirement than a Voluntary one
on his part. I felt, that the
terms, together with the commendation
of his long and laborious Services in a
very arduous Office, which I could
not doubt would accompany the
announcement of the measure of
economy in Parliament, would
place his character above the
reach of calumny, and ought to
make

make him satisfied with the charge; although I was aware, that the loss of certain circumstances, to which he had all his life been habituated, would be most felt by him.

I think it right to make the same statement to you as I did to Mr. Bullers on that point. Mr. Bullers on statement into your hands; and I shall be glad to talk the matter over with you the first time we meet.

Very faithfully yours G. Stanley

£3 — a day for
Col Butler as
Gov — of Military
College —
with Coals & Candles
in Kind and
an allowance of
Forage for 2 Horses.

Full Pay as Lt Col of Invalid
Batt^n of Royal Artly
amounting 16/11 per diem

£

Total £1325 — ~~with~~

~~allowances~~

Retired allowd. of Col. Butler

5.

Pall Mall
2 February 1829

Sir

I beg leave to acquaint you for Sir Henry Hardinge's information in reply to your Letter of this day date, that had Colonel Butler remained in active full pay in the Artillery instead of accepting the Appointment of Lieut Governor of the Royal Military College, he would in the probability have had a Battalion some years ago.

I am Sir
your most obedient
humble Servant
R. Bynam

A. Wood Esq

Immediate

Sir,

I beg to inform you that the amount of Lt Colonel Butler's pay, as an Officer of the Invalid Battalion Royal Artillery, is 16/11 per diem - but the pay and allowances which he receives from the Royal Military College are not known in this Department -

I am Sir,
Your most obedient servant
G Butler
Offg Superintendent
Pembroke
31 Jany 1829

A. Woods Esq

then see it more in its true light.
He seemed very desirous that he
should be allowed to remain a year
longer, and then retire by a voluntary
retirement; but I pointed out to him
the great inconvenience which could
hardly fail to result to himself
personally, if he continued for a
year in the exercise of the authority
of his present situation whilst
all there would be aware that authority
would be aware that it was the
last year of its duration.

It is needless, however, to take
of

of your Firm with a detailed account of our conversation, and I shall therefore rather tell you my own sentiments on the subject. I think that it would be right that Lt. Butler should not be recommended but under the two following conditions viz.

1st. His having the Full Pay of his present Situation for Life or until some Appointment of equal or value was bestowed upon him.

2d. His being restored to the place he would have stood in amongst the first Officers of that Rank if his Rank had not been in abeyance.

Copy.

8 Westbourne Place,
Kings Road. 31. Jany 1849.

My Lord,

I am honored with Your Lordship's letter of the 27th Inst: and beg in reply to state, that I was not aware of any irregularity in my recommendation to the purchase of a half pay Ensigncy, nor was Sir Thos Hammond, who did me the honor to recommend me. I could have no wish to conceal my age, had a knowledge of it been required. I have

Lord H. Somerset.

a family of four Children depending entirely on my exertions for education and support, and therefore hope and trust Your Lordship will have the goodness to take into consideration the heavy loss I must sustain, should this decision be carried into effect - (having been compelled to insure my life to secure the money paid for the Commission for the benefit of my family -) and recommend to the General Comd in Chief that I may be allowed to retain the half

pay Commission, or at all events, to receive back the purchase money in full, as has been done in other cases. —

I have &c

(Signed) Wm Cooper

Copy of Letter from Ensign
Cooper. — Halifax
31 Jany 1829

No 6

Copy.

Knaresborough
9. Feb. 1829.

Sir,

I have had the honor of receiving your letter of the 24th Jany last, and I now enclose a Medical Certificate of my present state of Health — I also beg to state, for the information of the General Comdr in Chief that I am at present in the receipt of half Pay.

When His Grace the Duke
The General Comdr in Chief,
Military Secretary

of Wellington did me the honor to recommend me for the purchase of a Commission it was my most anxious wish to serve, having been accustomed to Military habits for many years in the Militia.

Lord Hill will perceive that as I have nearly attained the age of + + + 49 years, I could not calculate on deriving any pecuniary advantage from such purchase.

I have &c

Signed Wm Franley.

Lns: H. P. Inn A.P.

Copy.

I certify that I have examined Ensign Bramley, half pay, unattached, and find he labours under stricture of the Rectum and Hamorrhage from Piles, and that his left thigh and leg are reduced in size from occasional attacks of Sciatica.

(Signed) F. A. Ainsworth.
Surgeon to the Forces

Leeds.
Feb. 7th 1829.

No 4

Copy of Letter from Ensign

Wm Bromley –

Halifax

9 Feby 1829.

(Copy)

Horse Guards
9. Feby 1829.

Sir,

I have laid before The General Commanding in Chief your Letter of the 31. Ultimo, stating that "neither you, nor Sir Thos Hammond, "who did you the honour to" "recommend you, were aware of" "any irregularity in your" "recommendation for the Purchase" "of an Ensigncy; and that you had" "no wish to conceal your Age," "had a Knowledge of it been" "required;" and praying that, "in" "consideration of your Circumstances" "and family, you may be allowed" "to retain your half pay Commission," "or, at all events, to receive back" "the Purchase Money in full, as has" "been done in other Cases"—

In reply, I am directed to acquaint you, that it appears, by Documents in this Office, that His late Royal

Ensign W. Cooper
Half Pay.

Highness

Highness the Commander in Chief was pleased, on the 7th January 1826, to direct Sir Thomas Hammond to be informed, in reply to his Letter of the 5th of that Month, recommending you for the Purchase of an Unattached Ensigncy, and stating that you were "a young "Gentleman every way qualified" "for holding a Commission, and" "will hereafter be proposed for" "joining any Regt. when appointed" "to full pay;" that His R. Highness would submit your Name to His Majesty provided you were Sixteen Years of Age, and that an Answer having, on the 18th of the same Month, been received from Sir Thomas, to the effect that you were above the Age of 16, you were accordingly recommended for the Commission.—

It is evident to the General

Commanding

Commanding in Chief from these Papers, that The Duke of York had reason to be satisfied that you were of an Age to enter the Service: and His Inquiry if you were 16, after having been told that "you were a young Gentleman" "very much gratified for holding" "a Commission, and will hereafter" "be prepared for joining any Regt." "when appointed to full pay", affords a strong indication that He would have declined to accede to Sir Thomas Hammond's request, if your description had been accurately given.

Under these Circumstances, Lord Hill is constrained to consider your Case a special one, and will accordingly, as stated in my Letter of the 27th Ultimo, recommend to His Majesty that your Name should be struck out of the Half Pay, and that your Purchase Money

should

should be returned to you minus the Amount of Half Pay which you have actually received. — You will however be allowed Interest, at 5 Per Cent, upon the Depreciated Value of an Ensigncy, from the time your Money was lodged to the day of your Retirement being notified in the Gazette.

I am &c.

(Signed) Fitzroy Somerset.

Copy of a letter to Capn. Coffin dated Horse Guards 20 Feb 1839.

No 7

(Copy)

Horseguards
14th Feby 1829.

Sir,

I have submitted to the General Commanding in Chief your Letter of the 9th Instant, with its Enclosures; and I am directed to acquaint you, that as it appears that at the moment you purchased the Commission you now hold, you had arrived at a time of life which precluded you from entertaining the intention of making the Army your Profession, Lord Hill feels compelled to recommend to His Majesty that your Name should be

Ensign Bramley

Half Pay.

withdrawn

withdrawn from the Half Pay List, and that the Value of your Commission should be returned to you, minus the Amount of the Half Pay you have received.—

You will, however, be permitted to receive Interest, at 5 per Cent, on the Legislated Value of the Commission from the day your Money was lodged in the Agents' hands (20th February 1829) to that on which your Retirement from the Army shall be announced in the Gazette.

I am &c.

(Signed) Fitz Roy Somerset.

No 5

Copy of Letter to Ensign Bramley, ~~dated~~ Horseguards

14 July 1829.