

Private & Confidential

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Admiralty

4th April 1825.

My dear Sir

I have received and have perused with much surprize your letter of this day, because it is directly at variance with what passed between His Royal Highness and me a short time ago when I was honored with an interview at the Admiralty. His Royal Highness was then averse to any general promotion; but on my also stating to His Royal Highness sundry reasons why it appeared to me inexpedient to adopt that measure at present, or rather on the 23rd April, though it might not be so objectionable later in the year, His Royal Highness

entirely acquiesced in those reasons, and I perfectly
recollect His mentioning a particular day in the autumn
to which it might be deferred. Having acted
on that understanding, which I took for granted
His Royal Highness would confidentially communicate
to you, and having announced that there was no
intention of any Naval Promotion at an early period,
I cannot now consent to its taking place on
the day you mention, or at any other definite period;
and conceiving as a measure of Government
that a Naval Promotion of General Officers ought
not to take place without a Naval Promotion
at the same time, I must request that
you will delay taking any further steps in
the matter till His Royal Highness's return

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to London, or till I can have an opportunity
 (if necessary) of submitting the case to my colleagues
 on their return also after the holidays.

I remain &c
 Signed, Belville

To
4. June 10 20.
Sir Herbert Taylor