

*Paper*  
was a *Memorandum*  
was up by *Mr Robert Taylor*  
in which a *Memorandum*  
was extracted which was  
presented to *the King* by *Lord*  
*Montagu* & *Almon* the *Secretary*  
to *the King* *John* *Pringle*. But

Extract from a Paper  
which received the sanction  
of the late King and  
that of His present  
Majesty.

*Paper itself*  
*not submitted*  
*to the late King*  
*the present*  
*party*  
*17. 1792*

"Another advantage and no small  
"one, resulted from His Royal Highness'  
"high station, which enabled Him to  
"resist influence, and interference which  
"might otherwise have defeated every  
"endeavour to establish and maintain  
"the system which survived Him, and  
"which was transferred in a very  
"perfect and efficient state to His  
"immediate successor."

"That successor from the high  
"Character he had established - His  
"experience in the principles and  
"Details

" Details of the Service and his personal  
" Knowledge of the merits and claims  
" of the Individuals composing the  
" Army, pointed him out to His  
" Sovereign as the Person best qualified  
" to succeed the Duke of York - and  
" his abilities - his firmness and  
" integrity, as well as the influence of  
" His Character and Opinions, justified  
" The Kings choice, and the confident  
" hope of the Country and the Army,  
" that, under his Superintendance,  
" the system established by His  
" lamented Predecessor would be  
" preserved in all its perfection, and  
" that the principles on which that  
" system rested, would not be  
" departed from."

" The retirement of the  
" (Duke)

" Duke of Wellington from the Command  
" has produced a change in the  
" Superintending administration of the  
" Army, which calls for the exertion of  
" the utmost vigilance and attention, to  
" secure it from the possible effects  
" of that prejudicial influence against  
" which His late Royal Highness did  
" successfully contend, and against which  
" His Grace would doubtless also have  
" successfully contended; and it will be  
" difficult, not to say impossible, for  
" any other Individual to maintain  
" the system in its purity and to  
" preserve the character and efficiency  
" of the Service, unless he shall  
" enjoy the unlimited Confidence, and  
" receive the decided and direct support  
" of His Majesty, and shall be  
" authorized

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"authorized and commanded by His  
"Majesty to oppose positive checks to  
"any attempts, from whatever Quarter,  
"to carry into the administration of the  
"Army and into the Dispositions  
"of its Patronage, an influence  
"inconsistent with the welfare and  
"efficiency of the Service, and with  
"those Principles of which the  
"Observance has raised the Army to  
"its existing state of excellence."

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In submitting the names  
"of General Officers for the  
"Command of Regiments, for  
"Governments and for Honorary  
"Distinctions, he must be  
"guided by a fair and impartial  
"view of their Military Services  
"and Claims, those being the  
"only considerations by which  
"he ought on this matter to  
"be swayed. The interests of the  
"Army, the credit of the Country,  
"his own Character, and above  
"all the honor of his Sovereign,  
"are deeply concerned in his  
"selecting those who are best  
entitled

"entitled to Favour and  
"Reward upon Military  
"Grounds".

*[Faint, illegible handwriting, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]*

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st inst. in relation to the proposed bill for the relief of the Duke of Devonshire, which has been introduced into the House of Commons. I have the honor to inform you that the bill has been read a second time in the House of Commons on the 23rd inst. and that it has been referred to a select committee of the House of Commons, who will report thereon to the House of Commons on the 25th inst. I have the honor to inform you that the bill has been read a second time in the House of Commons on the 23rd inst. and that it has been referred to a select committee of the House of Commons, who will report thereon to the House of Commons on the 25th inst.