

Lord Grey to H.M.

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Downing Street  
April 4<sup>th</sup> 1887

Earl Grey presents his humble duty to your Majesty & has the honour of acknowledging your Majesty's letter of yesterday, with the accompanying enclosure from the Duke of Wellington on the subject of military punishments.

Earl Grey has already had the honour of stating to your Majesty his entire conviction that corporal punishment, however repugnant one's feelings may be to it, cannot be dispensed with in the Army. In this opinion all

your

your Majesty's confidential servants  
concur with each other, & your Majesty  
is aware that they united in wishing with  
all their power, the amendment proposed by  
Mr. Hume in the Mutiny Bill, on Tuesday  
night in the House of Commons. They will do  
the same on any future occasion of the  
same nature, but each party being sensible  
that the numbers & character of the division,  
as being the general policy of the House,  
demand the most careful attention; & that  
it may be expedient to consider whether by  
any new instructions from the Commander  
in Chief, it might not be possible, without  
impairing

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impairing the real power of enforcing the military discipline of the Army, ~~to which~~ furnished to them, who will have to defend the military of Corporal Punishment, with additional means of meeting any future question when it with advantage.

Since receiving your Majesty's letter Earl Grey has seen that which your Majesty had addressed to Lord Althorp, & it will be Earl Grey's duty to bring the whole matter in obedience to your Majesty's orders, before the Cabinet as soon as it can be re-arranged. But Earl Grey is not aware that any thing more, than that which has been already mentioned, can be done by them; viz.

Yours

showing to the utmost of their power, any  
future motion which may be made on this  
subject.

All which is most humbly submitted  
to your Majesty's most dutiful subject  
& servant

John Grey

Approved by Sir J. P. Grey 17th 1733

Underwritten by Sir J. P. Grey

John Grey Duke of  
Devonshire & Earl of  
Highmore

March 15 - 1733

John Grey to the King