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Sec. at War

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Sir

In obedience to your Majesty's commands I beg leave to report to your Majesty that Capt. D'auvergne came to me last night at twelve & reported to me that his troop was just returned to the Horse Guards that he left the second Troop of Guards & the 1st Troop of Grenadier Guards & three Troops of Ancients in Bloomsbury Square. The 2^d Troop of Grenadier Guards & a small party of foot guards were upon Ludgate Hill having been sent thither by the Secretaries of State at

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the requisition of the Lord Mayor of London.
The additional Horse Guards & the remaining
Squadron of Anierimus Dragoons had come
upon the Sec^y of State's order after I had
sent the letter which I had the honour to
write to your Majesty. He also reported
that soon after his arrival Justice Walsh
read the proclamation & the Mob not
dispersing thereupon, the Justice ordered
his troop to charge upon them; which it
accordingly did, but with orders to his men
not to cut with their swords nor to draw
a Pistol - This charge broke the Mob &
threw many down & the rest run into Courts

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& the openings of the Breets, where, there
being some houses rebuilding, the Mob with
the Bricks pelted the Guards very severely
& hurt several men & horses, but there was
but one man of the first Troop who was
very materially wounded by a cut in his
head from the stroke of a brick. That was
one of the mob was materially hurt as
had been yet heard of. I understand that
some time after Capt. d'Arvergne had drawn
off, the remainder of the Horse had returned
to their quarters; & there remained one
hundred and seventy of the foot guards
at Bedford House & the remainder of the

night passed quietly. Between twelve & one
I received a letter from Lord Sandwich enforcing
a former letter requiring a strong party of
Horse & foot to be posted in Moorfields,
& informing me that it was judged absolute
^{necessary} by the Ministers who had been assembled at
Bedford House together with Lord Mansfield
& that upon information from the city & from
the Westminster Justices they had given those
Magistrates assurances that they should be
supported in the execution of their duty by a
Military force. As there were no Horse or
Dragoons which had not been on duty all day
I answered that I would order one hundred men
of the Foot Guards to assemble & march to

Moorfields, which I accordingly did, and between six and seven o'clock this morning Col. Evelyn reported to me that they were assembled, & having since seen Lord Sandwich they are marched, & I am now preparing an order for them to be quartered there, & to remain till further orders. I have just received a joint letter from the Secretaries of State informing me that as the Horse & Dragoons which had been on service yesterday were much fatigued they thought it expedient that Waldegrave's & Mordaunt's Dragoons should be drawn nearer London & so distributed as to be ready to support the

civil Magistrate, if required. This letter was drawn in consequence of my letting them know that I could not venture to issue such an order without your Majesty's express commands or a letter from their Lordships for my justification. I have sent for the Quarter Master Genl. in order to consider of the distribution of these regiments in proper quarters close to London & Westminster for the execution of this service, unless your Majesty should think fit to give me any other commands. I have not yet heard of the Mob assembling this day.

I most humbly beg leave to add my most

unfeigned concern for your Majesty's
indisposition.

I am with the utmost Duty
Sir

Your Majesty's

Most Obedient and most devoted
Servant and Subject.

May 18th 1765
½ past eleven A.M.

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Be pleased to turn over.

Col. Roy is just now come in & proposes the following distribution

Waldgroves { 1 Squadron at Islington
1 Squadron at Hackney &c

Moromonts { 1 Squadron at Knightsbridge & Ken
1 Squadron at Paddington, Leasing
Green and Marybone

Mr. Secretary at War
21st May 1755.