Portsmouth 6 October 1803

My Lord

I am very happy to have it in my power to say that our Volunteers upon seeing their Names in the Gazette have resumed their former good humour and I dare say we shall do very well soon. Mr Martin White whom I recommeded to your Lordship as a Captain and to be Major of Brigade to the whole does not appear in the list, but as he is by far the most useful and Intelligent person amongst them I entreat your Lordship to get him named Major of Brigade to the Volunteers of the Island of Portsea and Gosport with Pay. I do assure you that such an appointment will be quite necessary for 3000 Men, and he cannot be expected to give up the whole of his time without some reward.

Mr Arnaud’s Son is by some mistake left out of the list of the subaltern of the Father’s Company. I hope your Lordship will get it rectified and Mr A then will be content and is now much otherwise. There is some difficulty about the Victualling Office People but I trust I shall be able to settle it without your Lordship being further troubled.

I hope the sanction of the Ordnance was obtained for Captain Meredith to Act – will you be so good to tell me if it now so, as he is at this time employed upon another Duty.

I am My Lord

With great respect

Your faithful and obedient servant

John Whitelocke, Major General

Right Honorable Lord Bolton