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My Lord

I am favoured with your letter and has also heard from Mr Smith that the Subpoene for him came from Mr Bingham’s Solicitors and I will endeavour to find out whether they are employed by the jury only or by Mr Bingham jointly with them.

I find the General has had a letter from your Lordship and that he is extremely in Wrath and make no doubt but I in particular as well as Messr Garrett and Hickley will be objects of his Vengence. A meeting of Captains has been called by him and I am told that a strong letter has been proposed to be written to you declaring the Wish of some of them to have a Field Officer or perhaps that they requested it neither of which is within the knowledge of Messr Garrett and Hickley or myself nor I believe and am pretty confident of Captain Mottley. Messr Arnaud and Williams both insisted on the General’s taking them from the command of such Field Officer. I hope you will have the goodness to excuse the Liberty I have taken in mentioning this subject but I am anxious that your Lordship should know that any such wish declared to the General of having a Field Officer cannot by any means have been unanimous if he ever consulted with them at all.

I am my Lord, etc

M Greetham junior

Right Honorable Lord Bolton