Whitehall 4 February 1804

Private

My Dear Lord

I have received your letters of the 1st and 2nd Inst., the former of which I have transmitted confidentially to Colonel Clinton for consideration of His Royal Highness the Commander in Chief with a hint at the same time that the appointment of Field Officers to the Portsmouth Corps have been altogether irregular.

I am much suprized at what you tell me of the conduct of the Lieutenant Governor of Portsmouth and I shall take the earliest opportunity of mentioning it in the proper place and you shall know the result as soon as possible. In the mean time I remain

My Dear Lord

Your very humble and obedient servant

Charles Yorke

Right Honorable Lord Bolton