

C. M.

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Coming here. Some days ago I had your
letter directed to the commanding officer, concerning of your
not having seen him for a month or more; Capt
- Falkner writes to me in words, you about those proceedings,
and for my part, you that you have no reason for that complaint
while I am here. I will enough should me a letter from
his father saying that he had your leave, and was
deprived by you to apply to the Court, but as you mention
yourself that you would write and refer him all together
to the Court, unless we saw that number of Officers of
all Ranks appointed by the Kings order, which I do not
know we are far from having, upon that account & by
reason that there would be no Officers in the Company
were he gone, too many of the Companies being in that
condition already, I have refused him leave to go till
his Captains arrival or till we had the Generals order.

You may make your self well satisfied, as
the Commissary for us has not yet returned us with a
visit, & we are told not to expect him this winter;
However the Company that had been produced, the
they would be infinitely the better of a Purge, &
great many being under free, and if we should have
a visit here, I shall not fail to write to your brother

as you desire, Captain Dalrymple, who I can not
refuse leave, to happen that Edward, being gone, to
to endeavour, I suppose, with his friends towards the
purchasing the Company from Kennedy, where it is
here which gives me a good deal of uneasiness, and that
is the most disagreeable, I find them upon that account
very ripe for mutiny, there has been one made
anxious of already for it, being cast and turned out
of the ship, but so much to the disadvantage of the
rest that there was necessity to have a lot of some
caution at his punishment, as having the serg^{ts} and
Corps under blows and all the Officers present,
Captⁿ Stewart about that time brought the Regt under
arms and told them very solemnly that they should be
clear'd in 7 weeks time, and that he wanted only some
time to have proper directions about it; now that it is
elapsed, and we are told by a letter from Lieut
Lindsay, instead of these directions which all the
Officers expected, and which were to be sent as soon
as Stewart and he reach'd Eden, that it is thought
inconvenient yet to clear them, no other Regt having
consult, which I believe, they are, but in form in

if it is so I am sure it ought not to have ^{been} promisd
down till such a time, and not observ'd, which will probably
occasion a greater ferment of Discontent than before, upon
the Disappointment. If any thing of that Nature happens
I doubt not to be able to quell it one way or other,
but it wou'd be in my opinion such a reflection upon
the Management of the King^m, that wou'd not be easy
to wipe off. I have written proposals for proper
directions, in case of the worst, but with resolution
to defer making use of them but in absolute necessity.
I send you the last month's return inclos'd. Neither
Mr Will: Gordon is here, nor Mr Robert, but he is
daily expected, I am with great sincerity

Your most obedient

Gov^r William Oct^r 3^o 1716
Wm Douglas

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