

be equal to his present high duties, but what proofs can he adduce of his skill and bravery? Where has he fought? Whom has he conquered? In what place did he adorn his own brow with laurels;—extend the honour of your Majesty's arms—or add wealth or possessions to our country—it is most propable that Gibraltar *will be attacked*—and I ask the Commander-in-Chief, is Sir Hew capable of defending it? If modesty whisper the Great Frederick to reply, that *he* is no competent judge of Sir Hew's abilities, I will speak to Sir Hew himself; if humility restrain him from answering in his own case, let him think of Guernsey and the North of England; he had commands in both places: how he deported himself, what victory he gained over the *affections* of the inhabitants, how he lived in the hearts of the soldiers, I will tell at some future opportunity.—I would not be unmannerly to a great man, but, the mere fact of his being so, shall not deter me from expostulating with him, when and where I feel there is occasion—The Commander-in-Chief should reflect, if through ignorance or cowardice, we should lose Gibraltar, (I impute neither to the Lieutenant Governor, for he has not been tried) who will be accountable to you, and to my country? Is the Duke of York, in such an event? If he be, could his head, his heart, his skill in race horses,

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replied: "will your sword be 20 pr. ct. worse at the end of the war, for your wear and tear of that."