

"believe so, as the bearings of the colours are usually on  
 "the regimental seals of regiments. The Colonel has been  
 "in the regiment thirty-seven years, and the oldest officer  
 "by very many years now remaining in it. During his  
 "time the regiment must have had three pairs of regi-  
 "mental colours;—the pair when the regiment returned  
 "from the West Indies, I presume, now entirely worn out  
 "and destroyed; the pair on the regiment's return from  
 "the East Indies was, from the same cause, burned at  
 "Winchester; and the present pair of colours consists  
 "of as many rags as might form the size of a silk handker-  
 "chief, but not a piece that is whole six inches square.  
 "These rags are tied together round the staff. Therefore,  
 "concluding that the former colours were before disposed  
 "of, at least in as bad a state as those, it would become  
 "impossible to say what bearings or mottoes might have  
 "been upon the pair when Colonel Burne joined, which  
 "was on their return from the West Indies, to which is  
 "to be added the great mortality and change among  
 "officers who served at that time in those climates. I  
 "should have had the pleasure of waiting upon you this  
 "day upon the subject, but as I leave town to-morrow I am  
 "compelled to confine my business to writing. May I,  
 "therefore, beg the additional favour (should the certificate  
 "meet your approbation, or any other form that may accord  
 "with the fact stated) that you will enclose it to my brother,  
 "who will forward it to me? I feel extremely anxious to  
 "get the business completed as soon as possible, the regi-  
 "ment being again down for service, &c., which I trust, in  
 "your goodness, will plead as my apology for intruding so  
 "much upon your time.

"I am, &c.

(Signed) "HENRY VERNON."

"G. Nayler, Esq."

"Captain Vernon presents his compliments to Mr. Nayler,  
 "and with many thanks encloses him the certificate signed  
 "by Colonel Burne. Should there be any expenses inci-  
 "dental to Mr. Nayler's office in this business, he requests  
 "to be favoured with them, as the Colonel, as well as him-  
 "self, are unacquainted with these matters."

"*Battle, Sussex, 5th April 1810.*"