

*Fort Clarence House,*

*Rochester, 20th December, 1880.*

My Dear DEANE,

Having served at the Chatham Division with you for several years during which you held the responsible position of Adjutant, part of that time under my Command, I had the fullest opportunity of observing the admirable manner in which you performed your duties. Your knowledge of drill and discipline, combined with that tact and firmness of character which I know you to possess, particularly adapt you in my opinion for the post you are seeking, and I feel assured that whatever position in the public service you may occupy, your superiors will not fail to endorse the favourable opinion I express of your qualifications as an Officer and a gentleman.

I am only sorry that you think of leaving the Corps, but with the present prospects of promotion I am not surprised at your endeavouring to obtain other employment under the Crown.

Believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

G. W. FORBES.

Lieut. and Adjutant DEANE,

*R.M.L.I.*