

# *To the Free and Independent Electors of the Town of York.*

Gentlemen,

In my Address to you of the 1st Inst. I stated, as the motive by which I was induced to offer myself to your notice, that I was wholly disengaged from business, either of a public or private nature.

Such was then the case; but, by the Post of Saturday evening, the copy of a London Gazette reached York, in which I find myself called upon to return to Military Service or employment, in His Majesty's 76th Regiment.

Were this, Gentlemen, a matter left to my own choice, I should not hesitate a minute (during these times of profound tranquillity) in preferring the honor of becoming your Representative; an honour which the warranted assurance of my friends, and the strict scrutiny of numerical strength, had secured for me by a large majority.

With this gratifying proof of the reliance of the Town of York on my ability and integrity, you, Gentlemen, can well appreciate the deep and acute feeling of regret I cannot fail to experience, at being thus prevented from filling a situation, which was at once an object of laudable ambition, and presented, at the same time, a field for the active employment of my best powers in support of your interests and welfare. You need scarcely, however, be told, Gentlemen, that the mandate of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, acting in the name and on the behalf of His Majesty, is to me imperative. I am in duty bound to join any Corps to which His Royal Highness the Commander in Chief may be pleased to direct me to repair.

I think it due to myself to assure you, Gentlemen, that situated as I am, this unlooked for removal from the half pay list to employment, cannot in any point of view be considered as conducing to emolument. I can venture conscientiously to assure you, Gentlemen, that no consideration of that nature would have induced me to forego the honorable distinction you had designed for me.

It must be said, that no good soldier will obey with reluctance—but I hope that an exception may be so far made to this general rule, as to allow of my expression of unfeigned regret at being under the absolute necessity of removing from York.

Gentlemen, I am warmly attached to the place; I have had the honor to fight and bleed in its defence: I had left the Mother Country, and fully purposed living amongst you. These intentions are, by a higher power, set aside, leaving me at present no alternative. Still, it is by no means improbable, and I shall hail the day with delight, that will allow me to renew our acquaintance, and revisit your fire-sides.

It only remains for me, Gentlemen, to return you my sincere thanks for the confidence you have reposed in me, and to assure you that wherever I may hereafter be placed, my warmest and best feelings will be anxiously alive to the prosperity of this flourishing Town, and the happiness of its worthy Inhabitants.

I have the Honor to be,  
Gentlemen,  
your very grateful  
and devoted  
Humble Servant,

ROBERT R. LORING.

York, March 6th, 1820.