

Horse-Guards, 23^d Feb. 1792.

SIR—Having received his Majesty's warrant for convening a General Court-Martial for the trial of Captain Richard Powell, and Lieutenants Christopher Seton and John Hall, of the 54th regiment of foot, upon several charges, which I am given to understand have been preferred by you against those officers respectively, as specified in the paper herewith annexed, I am to desire you will inform me whether there are any witnesses necessary to prove those charges, whom you wish to be officially summoned.

When I shall have received your answer, and the answers of the officers to be tried to the like question, I shall be enabled to form a judgment of the probable time of the court's meeting, which is proposed to be holden at Portsmouth or at Hilsa barracks.

I am, Sir, your humble servant,
 Mr. William Cobbett, late Judge-Advocate-General,
 Serjeant-Major of the 54th Regiment of Foot, No. 1, Felix-
 street, Lambeth.

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SIR—I take the earliest opportunity of acquainting you, that his Majesty has signed a warrant, by which you are appointed President of a General Court-Martial, which is proposed to be holden at Portsmouth, for the trial of three officers of the 54th regiment of foot, upon sundry articles of charge which have been exhibited against them. I shall take care that you have convenient notice, when a day can be fixed for the meeting of the Court-Martial, and will also send you a copy of the respective charges. The present intimation is intended only to apprize you of the intention, that you may not, from want of knowing it, remove to a distance from Portsmouth less convenient than Chichester.

Can you have the goodness to recommend a proper person to assist as Judge Advocate upon the occasion, and who may be acceptable to you?

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient, and most humble servant,
 Major-General Crosbie, at Chichester.

CHARLES GOULD.

To Sir Charles Gould, Judge-Advocate-General.

SIR—I am honoured with your letter, dated Horse-Guards, 23^d February, 1792, with part of my charges against Captain Powell, and Lieutenants Seton and Hall, of the 54th regiment.

I should here insert the names of the witnesses I wish to be officially summoned; but the very unexpected and alarming circumstance of its being proposed to hold the Court-Martial at Portsmouth or Hilsa, sea, prevents me from doing this at present.

I have placed myself in London, Sir, and have continued here ever since the 26th December last, for no other purpose than the prosecution of this affair; never imagining it possible that charges of such importance, and such general concern, would be investigated any where else; and as it certainly is not his Majesty's desire to embarrass those who come forward in a public action, and appeal to his justice, I hope, upon reconsideration of the matter, the court will be ordered to assemble in London,