

Colonial Secretary's Office
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Sir

The Lieutenant Governor
having in a Despatch dated
3rd April last, addressed to
The Right Honourable The
Secretary of State, on the subject
of Tasmanian Penitentiaries, represented
the very efficient measures in
which you had carried into effect
the Regulations for the control and
discipline of the Penitents, at
that Settlement and stated his
sense of the advantage which
the public service would derive
from the continuance of your
services as Commandant. I
have the pleasure to acquaint

Cap Booth,
21. Reg^t L & R
Port Arthur

Yours

You that His Excellency has
received a Despatch in reply
from Lord Glesely commencing
his Lordship's satisfaction at
the honorable testimony borne
to your merits and abilities
and remarking that a copy
of the Lieutenant General's
Report having been transmitted
to the General Commanding
in Chief Lord Hill has been
pleased to express his gratification
at receiving such honorable
testimony of your conduct and
has stated, that he will not
hesitate to give his sanction
to your continuance in your
present Station, without
prejudice to your promotion in
the 21st Regiment, for such a
period as may be thought
desirable

desirable for the public service but
His Lordship has at the same
time intimated, that he cannot
consistently with what is due to
the claims of others recommend
you for the rank of Major.

It being therefore impossible
to recommend you in the manner
most agreeable to yourself Lord
Glenely has recommended to
the Lords Commissioners of the
Treasury that with a view to
return your services your salary
should be increased to £500
per annum and with their
Lordships concurrence the Secretary
of State has authorized the
Lieutenant General to issue
to you an annual salary of
that amount on the understanding
that the addition of your
present pay is specially granted
to yourself and is not to be
considered

considered as the permanent notes
of letters written to the Commandant
of Somerset Prison,

Have the honor to be
Sir,

Your very Obedient Servant
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John Montagu