

Farnham. November 4. 1828

My dear Mother

Your letter was very gratifying to me as it informed me of your approbation of my determination. I waited on the Duke at Stratfield Saye yesterday to communicate what I had decided; and must say I was received by him in the kindest manner. He spoke highly of the appointment and of the country, and appeared pleased with my readiness to go. But he said that previously to determining I ought to be aware of every circumstance, and that he had therefore written to ascertain what pension would be allowed me on retirement, or to my family in the event of my death: and he

would not consider my acceptance final, he said,
till these points were settled. Just now I have
received a letter from him which he sent over by
a messenger, to say that he learns from the
Secretary of State that there is no pension
on retirement to be allowed to me, nor to my
family in case of my death. In reply I have
told him that personally I should be as willing
as ever to engage in the office, and to leave my
own claims on retirement to the consideration
of Government; but that having a wife and
children who must share in the difficulties
and dangers, I am bound to consider what
their condition under these circumstances
would be were I to die at such a distance
from home. I therefore hope that his Grace will
pardon my asking for time to consider and to

ed, advise with my friends. My intention is to
think well upon the matter tonight and tomorrow
to wait upon the Duke again with my answer.

My present impression is that unless some
arrangement could be made on behalf of my
family if I should die there, I should be
acting unrightly towards them in going on
things so distant and perhaps dangerous

my an expense; and that I shall say
to his Grace that under these circumstances
I must prefer taking the Chaplaincy to the
Tower which he so obligingly offered me. I am
sorry to throw you again into suspense: but

you shall hear from me the very moment I
can put an end to it. We are all well; but of
course much agitated & perplexed by these vi-
cissitudes. Your affectionate son H. Broughton