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But as I find Mrs. Plunk's friends averse to my intention
I have been trying to give it a different appearance and
for that purpose I suggested to the Duke of York the pro-
sperity of organizing a Militia force in the Colony of
New South Wales for which I was honoured with the
Royal Highness's thanks but as it did not appear to
remain with him, I have further submitted it to the
Lord Bathurst & the Chancellor of the Exchequer
humbly requesting they would entertain the measure
and use their influence in government to procure
the adoption of it, as in case of its being so,
and my having been an Officer I might receive
a Commission, and such instructions as might
enable me to do much good service to the Public
as well as promote the great cause of Religion
and Morality in the Colony, and as this new plan
is so closely connected with my primitive object
I sincerely think it would meet your disapprobation
and as Lord Bathurst has not returned the Duke's
letter I flatter myself it may be taken into
consideration in due time. I am now become
very anxious to hear from you & I hope
you will soon favour me with your
opinion of these things which I need not
observe would greatly oblige me, if not also
afford great relief to my mind.