



Drum-Boy Volunteers To Go With Royal Wilts Militia To Corfu

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A little Drum-Boy, whose parents live in Sheep Street, has written to his parents to say he has volunteered. We give an extract from the letter in its naive simplicity:

“Dear Father and Mother

I have made up my mind to go, and the men that don't go will be put together from different militias to make up a battalion and sent to Ireland, and I would as soon go to Corfu as go there. They don't want but 650 privates, and every man in the regiment has volunteered, very near. Lord Methuen said he was very proud of the men; and he said he would have to leave his wife and family behind, and he said that was more than most of the men got to leave behind. And he said he would give up all his property to take the regiment to Corfu; and he said there was not a man but would be ashamed to show his face in Wiltshire except he volunteered; and Lord Methuen told the men that the queen gave him great praise at the guard of honor; and I was not about a lug from her, and could see her as plain as anything; and the carriages were beautiful. Dear Brother, please let Jane and John and Aunt Jane, and all the rest of them read this.”

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