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LLEWELLYN FAMILY OF COURT COLMAN AND BAGLAN COLLECTION

LETTER BOOK OF GRIFFITH LLEWELLYN, MARGAM ESTATE AGENT 1826-29  
[GRO Ref; D/D LL]

Llewellyn to J. Nicholl [of Merthyr Mawr], 19 April 1829 [my notes suggest that this letter is out of sequence in the letter book between 24 & 27 April]

Dear Sir,

I send you herewith the annual return of Mr Talbot's Troop signed by myself in the usual way. I will send 3 of the more resp[onsi]ble\* and best mounted of the recruits to Bridgend to be measured in compliance with your wish. Since I last wrote to you 7 or 8 very resp[onsi]ble\* farmers and farmers sons have promised me to join our Corps when[eve]r I call on them to do so. You will soon have it in your power if you please to remove those who are short and badly mounted and to substitute in their places well looking men who possess the recommendation of being the tenants of the officers. When I said that those of our tenants who are capable of being soldiers were too good to enter the Corps I spoke ironically and made a dash under too good to show you that I jested - I meant that they were methodistical and that they probably looked upon the Corps as a piece of vanity which I know is the light in which it is viewed by many a sober well-meaning fellow. I bel[iev]e I have overcome the scruples of 2 or 3 of 'em and they will enter the lists when they are wanted. Nobody can dispute the utility of instituting a yeomanry force in the Country when it is considered that during the last war regulars were furnished with men from the provincial troops as they were wanted, and I'm well aware that in mo[st] c[oun]ties the yeomanry corps are officered by men of the highest respectability. I should be very glad to see 6 or 8 [?more] amongst the privates in our corps tho' I think at ye same time that mo[st] of our men are contented with the sit[uation]s they are placed in. I'm much obliged for the information you gave me respecting our dress.

[\* ?respectable]

Llewellyn to J. Nicholl, 27 April 1829  
Letter relates to dress for Corps, drills etc.

Llewellyn to Davies, Cork Street [London], 9 May 1829  
Asks Davies to make him 'an undress suit after the uniform of the Central Glamorgan Yeomanry Cavalry.