

Andrew McMahon to Col. J. McMahon

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I return you my most unfeigned and grateful acknowledgements
for your prompt and generous pecuniary relief on the sixth instant. He gives twice
who gives quickly. God don't delay in my acknowledgment of his great favour on
an occasion unforeseen and quite unexpected. From motives of humanity and ardent
love of justice my time was occupied since last midsummer in the investigation of
immense estates and royalties formerly of the Denlay and lastly of the Whitelock family
in the County of Somerset on behalf of a Gauper of the latter name married to an
Irishman who spent his last shilling in the arduous endeavour to establish his wife's
It was the third time I have been personally engaged in that difficult and dangerous
struggle within the last five years instead of earning something in a literary although
travelling inferior or retrograde situation which my learning can always secure
to me as the last and lowest but honest state of labour I can be reduced to for want
of a little prop or aid, even the slenderest civil office place or employment known
to the government if attainable through your good offices and unbounded benevolence
as well as to the possession of that independence in property which a change or transfer
of the Great Seal must secure to me, the order in favour of my claim being granted
ten years ago on motion of my faithful counsel Sir Samuel Romilly - by Lord
Eldon who to his indelible disgrace of the great Seal & sign manual by his base
private tampering with Doctor Reynolds to make a partial affidavit ^{aid of the} ~~aid of the~~
palpable perjuries of David Dundas the serjeant surgeon to the King's ^{aid of the} ~~aid of the~~
lot for fifteen years past struggling against persecution and oppression perhaps
unparalleled nay reviled or ridiculed for contending against the counterpoise
the epitome or rather *fac simile* of the Windsor Lunacy & blindness and against
the same actors in the farces and frauds in question. No one can distinguish
on reading the evidence in both cases, the case of the blind & insane rich lady
Sarah Mauvillan ^{spinster} who died lately at East Shear aged above 90
years my poor sacrificed wife's cause from that now passing at Windsor.
My evidence is written & recorded which if Earl Grey proceeds in his notice
will relieve me in property and still more from the sneers and equal calumnies
attempted against the best memory and learning acquired in my University within
the last thirty years. No libel shall I offer but only repeat what I have charged
manfully to his beard in open Court against Lord Eldon & published in the journals
eight years ago and since repeatedly even on the business of the pauper Whitelock
which was not published, on the very day I had lost the honour to address you
On that day he menaced me fearfully with vengeance on the motions of two
King's counsel and a third an outlet Barrister but I charged them openly
to beware of persecuting me for having without a fee or reward unravelled the
most important and mysterious cause ever known in England at the peril of my
life and brought in an irreparable proof that the mighty estates are, if not the Gauper's,
the great Estates of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent as I do by virtue

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of his prerogative Royal to be granted again and partly to the
Palace at his Royal Pleasure when the Escheat shall be established of
which there remains no doubt or difficulty since the Chancellor dismissed the
Barristers Petition in all its parts but refused to meddle with my Affidavit
or Deposition respecting the Title notwithstanding the presence of
three Counsel against me in their bitterness, while I had to contend alone
against them and an hostile Judge supported only by Justice and the fair
Prerogatives of the Crown to which I fortunately as in duty and true allegiance
as well as inclination bound appealed on finding the unfortunate Camp's
claim abandoned even by his own people and rejected by the Chancellor
while the irritation excited against me pretended my destruction.

The Judgment was postponed my faithful friend and own Counsel
Sir Samuel Romilly then not being in Court was applied to by me after
the first battle for his aid if necessary and generously offered me his support.
The Term is over the evidence of the Title in the Crown is recorded & I
am determined as soon as I can muster the least means to follow up
the Escheat which the Chancellor ought to have facilitated, if not
surgically and prejudiced by granting some of the relief prayed by the Petition
in a pecuniary way, instead of leaving us penniless and overcome
thus disappointed to bestir up your great generosity in the last distress.

As a Member of the Legislature and a true friend to the Honour and
glory of the Laws and Constitution of these Kingdoms I humbly sub-
mit that I have a claim on a short portion of your precious time
at some hour of leisure from pressing business to peruse my very
singular and even in a national point of view, important case so very
different from what artifice combination and wicked calumny would
attempt to insinuate while honourable perseverance & resolute integrity, can
never be diverted by sinners from the paths of truth and moral rectitude
until the tables become turned as they soon may be upon the delinquents.

For the veracity of my statement in almost every material word I think
Sir Samuel would be a voucher and Colonel B. of the first life
guards my friend in boyhood has seven years ago learned from Sir Samuel
in confidence when consulting him on my behalf as to the cause of Lord Eldon's
Order in my favour being imperative the two obstacles to my enjoying the
fruits of his Order but the Colonel only told me the one obstacle viz. the death
of the blind Lunatic which has since happened. The other obstacle he
would divulge although Sir Samuel had communicated it to him in confidence
I happened that Sarah Mawillan was by marriage only connected with those
persons about his Majesty from his birth connected in his Education &c. &c. and living
on the large personal fortune of the Lunatic. Her sister M^{rs} Stone for 30 years past
A Petition to Parliament was my despair hope and intended death but he did not

averted the necessity of such an expedient since no doubt can
be entertained upon a charge in the administrators of Justice so desirably
to be wished for as to the head manager or grand confider of the fruits of
my Order and of a Decree in Ireland as well as one in America in
my favour all in right of my wife whose Residuary Rights are extensive and
all bequeathed to me by her will pursuant to her Marriage Settlement.

There are 32 Chancerys in Ireland requiring Barristers of some
standing and experience but any little thing here would be fortunate
for my distressed State until my claim be determined for in the forged
Will of the blind Woman there is a Legacy of above £2000 now due
to me notwithstanding one of the 15 pretended Codicils otherwise
forged indubitably purports to reduce that Legacy most fraudulently
to a smaller sum, but I justly insist on an equal distribution as the
blind lady wrote none of the false papers and was certainly wise as
then own shewing. My wicked sister in law, who forced this
litigation upon me and cruelly forced me over from my good promise
and prospects in profession, has lately fled back to Ireland leaving
the matter to the judgment of the Courts and the interest she has
joined in and about the fourth and the household.

Without knowing my hard situation your noble goodness
of heart with the Good God may add to that good help could
not judge, if opportunity should occur of relieving my almost
helpless condition.

To your Honour judgment and great benevolence I now
commit the case of suffering humanity trusting and praying
that your health life and virtuous power may continue
as solid and lasting as your many distressed and relieved
dependants and clients do earnestly wish and pray.

I have the honour to be with sincere
gratitude and devotion - your most obedient and most
humble servant -

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Answer Mr. Proctor
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