

Mr. Jas. Moore Young to Col. J. McClellan

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My Dear Sir

Aware, that your time must have been taken up with matters of importance, I have forbore to trespass, and hope I am not ever now premature in applying to you

Your kind professions of assistance at a proper opportunity has alone induc'd me to continue thus long in the Military Profession - indeed having no other channel thro which I could form a hope of Promotion, it would have been folly to have continu'd, had I not anticipated the hour that would render it still no difficult task for you, to continue the kind Patronage and Protection, which obtain'd me five Years ago my first Commission. I shall not take up your time by repeating my birth and the nature of my service suffice it I have been constantly employ'd since March 93. exactly 10 Years in looking round on my contemporaries who started with me - I observe many possessing elevated Rank

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other holding high official situations - but
None in the subordinate state of myself.
When I view the number of Boys comparatively,
who were hardly out of their Cradles when I first
Embark'd. I acknowledge I feel my Subaltern situation
galling and painful - at 40 years of age, after
10 Years constant Service, much of it in active
and on foreign Stations. I think You will agree
that to be still a Lieutenant is a hardship
My primary object is to get the Rank of Captain
but could I obtain a Swap - which would enable me
to get back by Exchange to the Life Guards, My
Fortune &c would be complete - I should enjoy
No man living - sitting down comfortably for
Life, I should be enabled to render my good
Old Woman happy and continue those luxuries
to her - hard times have oblig'd us to give up

I have rec'd Your kind Note to her - from
my Soul I thank You for Your goodness, and

friendly intentions - None whilst the
Warm Blood throbs in my Heart shall
I cease to remember with the liveliest
gratitude and Esteem the obligations
You have confid'd on Dr Sir

Yr most faithfully
oblig'd and obed^t Servant
James Moore Young
Lt 3^d Dragoon Guards
Recruiting at York

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Col. McMahon

John W. Young
July 25. 1911.