

Sir John Doyle

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My dear McMahon

I am extremely anxious whilst an  
Illustrations Master has the power, to get a step for poor Cado  
whose case is this - He had originally been put down  
on Bessford's List for a step in the Portuguese Arrangement,  
but he wanted three months of his time, & was not eligible,  
He is now two years beyond the prescribed Period, &  
has served three years in the Peninsula, was with  
General Clarke in all his business, & since that with  
Lord Wellington at the Duro & Talavera - He is now  
with Bessford & was with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Dragoons in their  
animated Charge, being employed as an adj. Lt,  
Mr General, & attached to the Cavalry - Now my  
dearest Friend, you know how many of them  
I have, or I should purchase for him without hesi-  
tation - but with McMahon I am not able -

They have thank God all turned out  
well; but if you could manage this for  
me, you would greatly gratify & oblige  
your fond father.

D. W. P.

Best regards to your  
excellent Wife — your son who has the honor to  
commence his career as Page to H. R. Highness —