

Hon. Fitz Gerald (q. h. d. FitzGerald Vesey) to Col.  
McMahon

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15 June 1811

My dear Sir

Many thanks for your kindness in saying  
that I might call on you at Carlton House  
this day, but I am aware how occupied your  
time must be, and it would be unreason-  
able in me to intrude on you further, with  
any conversation on a subject, which  
however interesting to me as affecting  
my father, I yet cannot expect that  
others should put upon as I do myself.

Whatever may be the result of our  
petitions, or our hopes, our sentiments  
will ever be, (for I will answer for my  
poor father as for myself) sentiments  
of fidelity & devotion to the Prime Mag.



Such were the feelings which directed  
my father's conduct from the hour that  
he entered His Royal Highness's  
service. Even when he suffered the  
harsh disappointment of his  
just expectations from the late  
Ministry, yet remember how his  
deportment even at that trying  
time called forth the Prince's marked  
approbation. Never did I hear my  
Father breathe aught but the same  
devotion to the Prince, and gratitude  
for the warm and personal interest  
which his Royal Highness had then  
deigned to take in his promotion.

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to the office of Master of the Rolls.  
As to venturing the Present with any  
thing relating to myself I shall never  
presume to do it. I have the conscious  
satisfaction to know that the course  
I have followed since I assumed  
office has not been undervalued of  
his approbation. But as yet my  
claims are none, & my pretensions  
are as humble as my claims.  
As to my father's, he will only have  
the Prince's gracious power to look  
to. He has no ministerial power  
to recommend, nor party influence  
to support him: and with all my



anxiety about him and his views, I do not  
presume to think that I have any right  
to ask Mr. Perceval to reinforce his  
solicitation. Had we acted otherwise  
we might have had some right to  
his support. My year's pardon present  
at such length, it is hardly up to  
than a conversation would have  
But I beg you to believe me ever  
Yours most faithfully  
William Pitt

Received  
in the  
Office  
of the  
Secretary  
of State  
10th  
Novr  
1801

There was but one sentiment in the House  
but right upon your General's & General's  
statement. I cannot help telling you how  
great was its effect, & the satisfaction which  
it gave to all your friends.