Mrs. Clara Eliza Dixon to ? Col. McMahon

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6 Upper Pawson Street Williamson Square
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Sir

As I am confident, it is not in your nature to flatter the unfortunate with hopes, never intended to be realized. I will not apologize to you for the intrusion of bringing to your recollection my unfortunate widow'd Daughter and her three Orphans. you were kind enough this time twelve month, to give her two letters, the one to Mr Sheridan, the other to Mr Graham. The first she presented personally. Mr Sheridan (not having a Theatre of his own, which he much regretted, as you had done her the honor to interest yourself in her favor) promised her, his influence with his Son, and a letter to Mr Arnold, if she would call at his House the next day for it. She call'd successively four days, & as she never got any letter, suppose her disappointment originated in the great business that naturally occupies Mr Sheridan's time. Mr Graham was not in London when Mr Sterling call'd at his house and left the letter. Thus situated my Daughter accepted the Situation of first Singer at the Liverp^l Theatre till next Nov^br at which period the Theatre closes.

Mr Byeshop having succeeded Mr Dickens at Covent Garden Theatre, I am in hopes leaves a vacancy (if you will be so good as to speak) open at the Lyceum; not being probable that two such

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Singers as Mr Mountain & Mr Dickens can be engaged at the same Theatre. If you will do me the honor to write, or Sea Mr Arnold yourself in favor of Mrs Sterling, there can be no doubt of success. Mrs. I will be happy to make herself useful, and I am sure she will exert herself to credit your recommendation. She has learnt to bound her Ideas to the few indulgences in her power, and to enjoy with pious gratitude the comforts remaining to her, without repining at the privation of those she has lost. in the happiness and success of her Children she places her delight, perfectly contented with her future prospects, If you will honor her with your Patronage.

Obligations conferred with elegance and generosity, will ever make a deep, and indeliable impression. The great politeness with which, you honor'd my first request, has induced me again, to plead to a Soldier in behalf of a Soldier Daughter, who has no means but her Talent, for the Support of three Orphans.

I am desired by My Daughter, (as a Child of the army) to make a request of you, for her, through my pen. That you will honor her with a couple of letters, one single line from the pen of Col. Mac-Mahon, will be a Tower of Strength for the Support of her Benefit, which will take place a Month hence. without which kind favor, she cant but have many fears for her success, being quite a Stranger in Liverpool. in the hope that you will excuse this Liberty

I have the honor to be
with Respect
your Obed.t hum.le Servant
Clara Eliza Dixon