

Mrs. Thomas McKee to Col. McKee

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-7 New Forest Prison Ireland

Sept 9<sup>th</sup>

My Dear Sir,

After an absence of so many years, may I hope you will not think me presumptuous in troubling you with this letter, but a confidence I have in you, when for Mr. McKee's application to you, about my son Robert, induces me to make a most devout request of you, - first, let me say how happy I am to hear from you, - of your being so well & also Mrs. McKee who I often wish some favourable sign to Ireland that we might be on a more intimate footing of friendship, than hitherto, time or place would admit of - I however look forward to our meeting at some future period, which I hope, may not be far distant when I shall be most happy to renew our former acquaintance -

I am a victim of unpleasant circumstances, the manner to mention, which has occurred to Mr. McKee since the death of his uncle - owing to his getting a property very much involved in debt - of the subject of constant litigation at Law - it has embarrassed him more than you can possibly be aware of - so much so



Mrs. Thomas McKee to Col. Beckwith

My dear Mr. McKee, his Person is heavily threatened,  
which would be the loss of his present Employment  
and leave to me & his children in being deprived of  
the Means of giving us bread - & tho' at the instant  
he has agreed to sell part of his Estate to your  
brother Sergeant McKee yet it will not reach  
him entirely - Under these circumstances, & knowing  
the friendship you have always shown Mr. McKee  
and a knowledge myself of the goodness of your  
heart which I know ~~you have~~ ~~been~~ ~~experienced~~ ~~in~~ ~~your~~ ~~kindness~~ ~~in~~ ~~being~~ ~~the~~ ~~goodness~~ ~~to~~ ~~submit~~ ~~the~~ ~~enclosed~~  
Memorial to the Prince Regent, and with it your  
that warm support, which I am confident, would  
be the means of my obtaining, this most desirable object  
both for me & my large young & improvident family  
You will perceive by the enclosed Memorial,  
Mr. McKee would have been provided for had the  
Duke of Bedford remained - You will have the  
kindness to return it - I shall only add, that my  
entire expectations, of Mr. McKee, are entirely fixed  
on you alone - he joins me in best affections regards  
to you & Mrs. McKee & begs I am always, My dear  
Col, most sincerely, & affectionately, Yours  
Mrs. McKee

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Should it so happen, My Memorial, can not be  
complied with - Through your Interest, you could provide  
for Mr. McKee, in getting him a better Employment,  
if not in this Administration, there can be no doubt,  
but you can in the next,



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James W. Mackay  
Sept. 9. 1888.