

Ed. Kenmare to Col. Beckshaw

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Walsley Road Brook Street Thursday  
September the 12th 1811

My Dear Colonel

after the long kind & obliging manner  
in which you were so good  
as to convey to me Sir Royal  
Highness the Prince's Regent's  
most gracious & flattering  
news, I feel encouraged to take  
the liberty of asking your opi-  
-on & advice on the subject  
which has brought me back  
to town the moment my  
health permitted me. I beg  
leave to state to you, that I  
have one of Mr. Jones's (the second

Ld. Kenmare to Col. Deckerow

named Thomas) in the Army, he  
has had the honor of serving His  
Majesty in the 4th Regiment of  
Infantry for these four years  
dating from the 14th of Septem-  
ber 1807. In which he is now  
a Lieutenant. He has been in  
Portugal & Spain ever since  
Lord Wellington went there  
in 1808. I am happy to add  
that he has served with as  
good a reputation as any  
officer of his rank & standing  
could be wished to do & has always  
been fortunate enough to enjoy  
good health & to receive but  
one slight wound at the Siege  
of Badajoz. His name is

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inspired his two younger Bos-  
sons with <sup>and</sup> a desire of entering  
upon the same glorious career,  
to which I have given my  
most hearty consent, happy  
to be able out of my family to  
send forth three promising  
youths to serve their King &  
Country.  
What I wish to have your advice  
& opinion on ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> this. I intend  
to be advised by some of my  
friends, to ~~make~~ <sup>present</sup> an applica-  
tion to His Royal Highness  
the Duke of Cornwall, who is  
in chief command in person, or thro  
Colonel Adams his <sup>present</sup> lieutenant  
for Ensigncies for my two sons  
William and Michael. Without

purchase, as such things are very  
frequently granted, and I should  
hope, would not be considered  
as too unreasonable for me to  
pursue to ask for. But it occur-  
ed to me, that from my very  
great & truly, dutifully & grate-  
full attachment & respect  
for His Royal High Prince Regent,  
that previous to my taking  
any further proceeding about  
this Commission, ~~that~~ it would  
be proper as well as highly  
gratifying to my feeling that  
my intended request before  
His Royal Highness & to express

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to have my happiness <sup>at</sup> being able  
to add out of my family my O-  
-ration to the number of his  
Majesty's, His Royal Highness's  
faithful, devoted servants.  
If you think that I am not im-  
proper in following the line  
of Conduct I have taken the  
liberty of explaining to you,  
The next favour I should have  
to request of you will be <sup>to</sup> tell  
me in what manner you  
think I should carry it into  
effect. As His Royal Highness  
is so much occupied, so often  
out of town, I should apprehend  
that I should not be able to

to present my duty & at the same  
time the object of my request as  
above stated to him personally  
without hesitating or his pres-  
-ence. I should think that in this case,  
I should hope that you would  
have the goodness at a reasonable  
moment, to lay before his Royal  
Highness, my request, & my  
hopes that he will deign to  
grant this <sup>gracious</sup> protection to my  
sons; Confiding, as I have reason  
to do from their Conduct hi-  
-therto, that they will not render  
themselves undeserving of that  
the greatest of all happiness that  
can befall them & myself.

I have to apologise to you for  
the length of this letter as also  
for the length of the writing  
owing to my bad sight. I  
enquired & heard you would  
return this morning from Chelt-  
-inham. What, I hope, has accom-  
-plished well with you. My  
boys are very impatient for me  
to put them into the Army.  
I prefer the Infantry for them  
especially <sup>if I can</sup> the 4th Regiment, as  
I am glad to know, that it is  
that is very much regarded in  
it. I hope you will pardon this  
liberty. I have the honour to  
be, My Dear Colonel, your Obedt  
servant

Honest & faithful obedient servant

Thomson

Permit me to present my best  
respects to Mrs. M. & M. Thomson

Lord Thomson

Apr. 12. 1811.