

Mr. Jas. Haverkam to

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Col. M. Mahon

North Chapel near Detroit St. Supes
20th Sept. 1811

My Dear Colonel

It is impossible for me in any language I am master of to convey to you my sentiments in respect, to the very prompt and handsome manner you have done me the honor to answer my letter in. Accept the most grateful acknowledgments that can flow from a feeling heart, I have been for a length of time back so unwell to receive such friendly and gentleman like attentions, that your letter has quite humbled me, and my nerves are so affected, that I fear I shall be scarcely capable, to word a Petition to His Royal Highness as it should be, for to detail to you the Narrative of my Misfortunes, since I had the pleasure of seeing you in America, so as to be sufficiently comprehended. I am sorry it will be necessary to take up so much of your time, as the perusal of such a narrative will, but as you are good enough to say you will present the Petition for me to the Prince, I judge it right to explain to you as fully as possible, the state of my past and present situation, by which means you may be able to answer His Royal Highness any questions he may please to ask, of you. I would want on your personal help with your permission, but am afraid to come to Town for fear of being arrested, and even when I am the fear of a Jail Staves me in the face daily - but should the Prince condescend to serve me and you should wish to see me - if you will give me notice I will lose no time in obeying your summons - I owe between 400 & 500 £ 200 £ of which if there is any possibility must be paid within this year - and I have not for that purpose or for subsistence 20 £ in the world nor any expectations but my 20 £ as
Half Pay

20 Sep 2011

Dr. Jan Auerkam

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