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Sir, His Majesty's Ship Swiftsure Spithead 11th
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I assumed to request the honor of addressing
You about five weeks ago, upon the Subject of my
unredressed Case as Comproyee for Prisoners of War
in South America, under the appointment of General
Barrford, but I declined at the time to enter into
any Particulars of it. The Receipt of my Letter was
contendingly noticed, tho' not by You, and I
presume again to approach You on the same Topic,
under the prospect of almost an immediate departure
from this Country, after which all regular Intercomms,
and the redress ^{of such} must be materially Suspended -
After many an unavailing effort for the pay of my
Office, with the various departments of the Treasury,
the War Office, Admiralty, and Transport Boards,
I am now Solicited to submit both the grounds and
the justice of my Appeals, to the decision of His

Royal Highness, The Prince Regent. My claim,
Si, rests upon a document from Marshal
Beresford, similar both in tenor and spirit to
that by which the rest upon His Excellency's Staff on
the South American Continent have long since
realized their respective allowances, from the dates
of their nomination, until they finally re-embarking
from it. An example, I presume to address to Gen
two, viz Capt. Adamson of the 71st Regiment, and Lieut.
Lancel Royal Marines, who being of different Services,
is each in his nature well calculated to dissipate all
professional objection to my right. The former acted as
Town Major of Buena Vista and drew his wages as
such, by a Treasury Warrant of the 16th May 1800, from the
1st July 1806, till September 5th 1807, altho' his duties
ceased on its recapture, and he was then deemed
entitled long after its erasure from the map of our
conquests - In like manner, the latter Officer in quality
of Quartermaster to the Royal Marine Battalion in

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received the attached pay on such during a similar period,
altho' his function terminated on the 12th of August
1806, as both men and officers were separated and
all connexion between them even after dissolved
by a sanction from The Admiralty to the Paymaster
General of Marines. My office was unremittent in
its duties while we maintained the Peace. It led to my
personal proscription and loss of every thing I had,
after I in turn became a prisoner, my Servant was
murdered by an infuriated mob, and I was visited
as a respectable public character who held the Books
of Poole and Allestree, in June 1807 by a strong guard
up the Country, the Captain of which threatened me
to deliver them up, but I retained them at a crisis of
importance, and have since lodged them in the Foreign
Office, as the latter appeared to me at that time a
most essential document for His Majesty's Ministry.
I am now offered as a recompense for my services, in
compensation of my losses, the comparative sum of

