

J. Bedingfield to Col. McMahon

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Navy Pay
Office
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Dear Sir

I am glad to hear of your
return to Town & hope the
waters of Colchester have
been beneficial. During your
absence much has been said
written relative to a naval
appointment, but the Executive
Government is not bound to
act

Col McMahon

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upon the Prince & Princess of
Wales Princess of the House
of Princess.

The annexed Paragraph relating
to the appearance in a Morning
Paper the day before yesterday
I have been twenty five years
in this situation. Many of
my friends & connections &
others in different parts
of the Kingdom, hope that

x see over

The General had the ^{in March last} honor of
presenting me to the Prince Regent
with the best productive of some
advantage to me.

You will be sorry to hear that
our kind friend & the
Ornament of the English Nobility
the Duke of Northumberland
is confined at Warwick with
a terrible fit of the Gout.

I have the honor
to be
Dear Sir
Yours most obedt
& humble Servant
J. Bedingfeld

with each other? Yes, yes; the people are likely to place much reliance upon the *sincerity* of the Generals, when they hear them rail against *sincere* virtues, which regard to the outcry which is attempted to be raised against the amount of salaries in general, we have to repeat, that though the *Generals* and others possess enormous *sincere*, the persons in active office, so far from being *overpaid*, are in many instances very inadequately remunerated for their services. There are many Gentlemen of education and rank who devote the whole of their time and talents for a few hundreds a year; and we know one in particular who fills a situation of great importance, and who, by his indefatigable attention, has rendered the utmost benefits to the naval service of the country, who has spent a long life in the honourable performance of the duties of his station, and more than once risked his personal safety in loyal and patriotic pursuits; and who, though grown old and grey in the service, has never received a greater remuneration than six hundred pounds per annum. Will any one pretend to say, that important services are over-rated by such a ratio of remuneration? or, we again ask, where, in a general point of view, is there a Government to be found in Europe admitted with so little expence to the nation as that of Great Britain?

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