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My dear Old Brother Officer, from the variety of Services we have  
been employed, it is a long time since we separated, & notwithstanding  
my long Service with a wife & eight Children I am not so well  
circumstanc'd as I am sure you could wish me. Perhaps were  
my Situation made known to the Prince, His Benevolent attention  
towards an Old Servant of the Crown might place an Old Soldier  
in some situation of Comfort & ease. Give me leave to mention my  
Services. I was an En<sup>sign</sup> with Gen. Braddock at the Ohio in America  
in 1755. my Father & a Brother kill'd there - I was at the Siege of  
Orwego - at the Siege & taking of Niagara & wounded - was at the  
Landing at Vicorderoga with Lord How when kill'd - at the Attack  
of the Lines of Vicorderoga with Gen. Abercromby & was wounded -  
was at the Boarding of a Frigate with Gen. Lord Amherst going  
to take Canada - was at the Siege of Fort Leoy under L<sup>td</sup> Amherst  
& at the Taking of Montreal & all Canada - I was 7 years first Aid  
de Camp to S<sup>r</sup> J. Irwine when Com<sup>dr</sup> in Chief in Ireland - twice Aid  
de Camp to Marquis of Buckingham when Lord Lieut<sup>nt</sup> in Ireland -  
was Aid de Camp & Bed Chamber to the late Duke of Portland who  
was my friend & had promised to do something for me; But alas  
my dear friend I have lost both him & the Gov<sup>er</sup> - After 56 years  
Service with a large Family six of them Girls: Do, my always  
kind Old Brother Officer, if Propriety will allow, mention me  
to the Benevolent Prince - and my grateful Heart will ever  
remember your kind Servant  
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