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Sir

I lately took the liberty of addressing you on the subject of Mr. Didden, and I should be ashamed of intruding upon you again in his favour, if, from the known benevolence of your character, I could not confidently look to you for forgiveness, upon what is the result of humanity. His great merits, and the services which he has rendered to the cause of loyalty and patriotism, and which ^{his} admirable corps will for ever render to that cause, will, I am persuaded, recommend him strongly to a gentleman of your principles and feelings. - His only support, under the over infirmities of age and sickness, on the verge of seventy, and with an affectionate wife and daughter wholly dependent on the Pension of two hundred a year allowed him by Government,

expose him to expenses and embarrassments
which he is unable to bear and,
therefore, unless, by your kind intercession,
the Prime Minister may be graciously
disposed to order some little increase
to that Pension, the meritorious
veteran must descend to a still humble
state of life, and ably relinquish all
those few comforts which his unfortunate
state of health absolutely require. Yet
still anxious, as he is to obtain a small
augmentation of what Government allows,
his great and essential cause of solicitude
is his desire to get the Pension, as it
is extended to his wife and Daughters
who, otherwise, at his death would
be left utterly destitute. It would be
unbecoming in me to intrude upon you
farther, and, trusting to your benevolence
for my present freedom, I am, Sir,
your obed. Servt.

The Right Hon. John Pitt Rivers John Taylor.
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