

Sir - Craddock to Col. McKeehan
A. A. No. 143

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Government House
Cape Town
September 12th 1812

My dear Mr. McKeehan

I wish I could express all my
feelings in this letter - I have seen in a paper
the gracious recollection of his royal Highness, &
I may say I am in possession of all I wish, in being
his immediate servant - I have always desired,
through my situation is among the first in royal
disposal, that is but a secondary object, in
comparison with the happiness I should feel, in

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performing whatever duty his royal Highness
 may be pleased to command - I have no view,
 but the sole gratification to prove myself a
 zealous devoted adherent - such has been the
 cherished idea from those early moments of
 life, which his royal Highness is pleased
 to remember, & may the heavens testify that
 the recollection has not been misplaced -

I cannot quit this Station
 without special leave - may I employ you to
 have sent out to me "such a conditional
 permission, as will enable me to place the
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The future disposal may be decided. As, if
in any shape. I, as my appointment can be made
useful, as turned to account, do with me,
as my friends by a master please -

Our Intelligence, as letters reach
no further than the 30. May, but rumours
circulate through the meeting of ships at sea,
that Mr. Percival has been appointed, & that
the animosity of parties is carried to the
utmost extent - such things make me the more
anxious to be at home, & share in whatever
may be the case - A ship, the General Bellamy,
which ought to have come here direct, & which I
believe, has all our letters, is gone to New-Jersey,

to be ever left in painful anxiety -

In all this

agony, I can only refer to the subject of most
interest in my kind, to take the most favorable
notice to place her, & by devoted sentiments
in the Seat of the Prince of Wales -

To you, my dear friend,
never adequately say, how obliged & grateful
to you I am for your accepted kindness -
accept my most sincere
affectionate regards.

and believe me

I am truly yours

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Mr. John G. G. G. G.
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