

H. Adams to Col. Beckwith & (over) Dulles
York -

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Blair = Adams
7. Oct 1812

My Dear Friend

On the other side is a
copy of what I have written to
the Duke of York on the subject
of Frederick - To go back to Society
would break his heart - To be un-
employed would be contrary to
his duty & his nature - He has
made such an effort as to secure
the approval of all: And I have
too much experience of the
tenderness of the Prince's feelings
and of his partial kindness
to

To me & Min to make it fit
for me to do more than to
you (to whom unswerving friendship
I owe so much); ^{know} but this is
the state of the thing —

I sh^d hope that a Brigade
would be attainable — especially
as regards the sympathy which
Frederick's case excites & His
Brothers John & Charles, & so well
known to Willsley — as to make him
hidden favourably —

I am here in retirement with
my private B^s & my family & Country
improvements not hindering but keeping far
aloof from the Bustle of Elections —

Yours most truly

W Adam

H. Adams to Col. Metcham & (over) Dulley
York -

W. Adams, 1813 -

Sir,

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I have so much to your Royal Highness for your
Gracious and kind attention to my son Frederick, in all
the hopes of his professional career, that I should feel
great hesitation, notwithstanding my long experience of
your benevolence and goodness, in pressing his case on the
attention of your Royal Highness, were it not for his
peculiar and most afflictive situation -

He joined the Troops at Alicante before they
marched, but in consequence of their falling back to that
place, and the probability of the British Forces joining
Lord Wellington, he joined the Staff to which he belongs
will bear an end -

He feels an unconquerable reluctance to return
to Sicily - the scene of all his sorrows - But he considers
it to be his bounden duty, for every reason, to court
Active Service -

A Staff appointment or a Brigadier under Lord
Wellington is what I should most amply desire for

him - And I hope I do not improperly trespass if I
humbly and most earnestly solicit Your Royal Highness
to promote this only means of securing to him tranquillity
of Mind, through the medium of active Service -

I am Sir,

With most profound Respect
Your Royal Highness
Most devoted and
obedient Servant
Wm. Adam

W. R. A.
The Duke of York -

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7. Oct. 1712.