

Enclosure

Sir James Macdonald & Col.
McMahon

A.A. No. 212

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My Dear Sir

In consequence of what passed yesterday I take the liberty of requesting that you will lay my humble duty before His Royal Highness & assure him of the gratitude which I feel for the high honour which he does me by his gracious remembrance of my efforts in his Service. It is still farther enhanced by your intimation that His Royal Highness would be disposed to shew that remembrance whenever any change of Circumstances should allow

Dispositions so gracious & condescending cannot fail to embitter my regret at the painful & unexpected necessity under which I feel myself of declining for the present

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any public Station connected with the
political Administration of Great Britain.

The trifling Services which His Royal High-
ness is pleased to recollect must have
derived their whole value from the Sincerity
of that dutiful & respectful attachment
towards him which they manifested & which
has actuated me throughout my whole life.

No part which may take either in or out
of Parliament in discussing the measures
of any Administration can affect the Stead-
iness of that Attachment. It may I
trust rather afford me opportunities of
proving its constancy & the consistency
of such Sentiments with the independent
discharge of political duty.

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I took the liberty of mentioning to you that
I was engaged in the composition of a History
of Great Britain from the Revolution
& you seemed to think that there would be
no impropriety in humbly soliciting His
Royal Highness's orders for copies of such
Papers or Extracts ^{of Papers} from Public Offices
as might be material to my work & might
on due consideration not seem unfit to
be communicated.

If you should continue to be of that opinion
I should consider your mentioning it to His
Royal Highness as an additional proof
of the kindness which I have always
experienced in our personal intercourse.

The repositories particularly meant are the
Paper Office & His Majesty's Library

It is the History of the Establishment of
His Royal Highness's Family, & if my
Talents are equal to the purity of my
Intentions & to the Magnitude of the
work it might be thought on National
grounds to deserve the assistance which
I now very humbly solicit

I have the Honour to be
My Dear Sir
Very truly Yours
James Mackintosh