

Dear Lady Jersey to Col. McKeane

A.A. No. 232.

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Private

Jan 9<sup>th</sup> [1813]

Dear Sir

I have received your letter of yesterday, & in justice to myself I must remind you of your calling upon me on the 12<sup>th</sup> of August 1811. & asking me why I would not have a Pension? I understood I cannot ask for one, you then said that the Prince felt hurt that I was in an uneasy & probable situation & that the moment the resolutions were taken it would be the first thing he should do, to grant me one - we entered as much further into the subject as to agree that such a thing could be done without its being made public - all that passed in this conversation, as well as your answer to a letter which I wrote to you upon the subject, in which you told me I must address myself to the Prince & ask for a Pension / I understood to be indirect messages from him, nothing but what I looked upon as an absolute



Rev. Lady

promise from him would have induced me to do so  
I thought my letter to him a mere matter of form  
& now I find that I have put myself in the  
disgraceful shape of a Beggar! — I do entreat  
that you will relate these facts to him in order  
that if I have been mistaking if I have misunderstood  
his intentions & your goodness, that I may no  
longer feel in the humiliating state in which  
I must remain while my way of thinking  
upon the subject remains unexplained — many  
of my friends have at different times advised  
me to apply for a Pension, have urged that as  
the Widow of a faithful servant of His M<sup>ty</sup> High  
without a sufficient income to support my  
rank, I might hope that I had some claim to one  
but I felt that it <sup>was</sup> quite impossible to ask, and

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no power, but a command from him could have  
forced me to take a step so unwarranted to my  
feelings of respect to his Pet. or of delicacy to  
myself — Should you desire to show this letter  
to the Prince, or to state to him all that has  
passed, I have no objection to writing to him  
when I shall most fully explain that no  
blame can attach to the part you have said  
that all the distress which I now endure is  
owing to my having misapprehended you  
when I saw you here —

May let me have an immediate answer  
to this letter, I shall be satisfied till all is  
explained —

I am Dear Madam — Ever your  
very sincere friend &c

J. L.



Lady Jersey  
Jan 29. 1813