

Mr. Genl. (Capt. Sir) H. Keppel to Col. Keppel

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Park Place  
Jan 20<sup>th</sup>

My dear Friend

The kind act of friendship which you communicated to me yesterday, deserves a warmer return than my disappointed feelings permitted me to offer you at the moment, but I trust you know me, and judge me as I am, but have, be assured, been surprised, and disappointed, when having been thought worthy to fill the situation of His Majesty's Representative for seven years (a situation I trust I did not deserve), I am to day, judged unworthy to possess that which every Briton may hope to obtain, and have not the least

Mr. A. C.

in the Extreme, to see that that, which is the Birth  
 Right, generally speaking, of every British Subject,  
 to look with Merit to check it, to every honou-  
 in the State, should be withheld by a accident  
 of Birth, and an old act not suited to the  
 Present day, withheld from them perhaps who  
 may have the good fortune most eminently  
 to serve his Country, and shut out from that  
 which the meanest Member of the Commu-  
 nity, may not despise to check. That I  
 should have been judged not deserving of  
 what I am believed, might have been the  
 Case, but that our Excellent and amiable  
 Masters should have thought the Measure  
 offered to them sufficiently weighty to stop  
 his Hand, and follow his Inclination, for  
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Mr. Genl. (aft. Sir) H. K. Reppel to Col. Ketchum

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Forward me of this family, for many years  
some, but to a degree, from Ministers.  
I had no reputation, or did I wish to take  
the place of any body, but I did. I confess  
hope that I might have been included  
in the list. How humiliating to think  
that the lowest individual, a highwayman,  
or a Dish Doctor, may pretend to stand  
to which I am forbid to hope,

But I am afraid there is an indisposition,  
where I ought to have received a better  
return.

Yrs. Bly. from my dear friend

W. Reppel

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