

Mrs. (Eliza) Smith to H.R.H.

Feb. 3 1813

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Sir

As the Earl of Moira is going out Governor General to India, it will not, I hope, be thought too presuming in me to solicit the honor of your Royal Highness's gracious recommendation to him for my son Francis, whom G. R. H. sent out as a Writer six years ago, under the care of the present Governor General Lord Minto, and from whom he has received many acts of kindness.

The time is now come, when my son, from his standing in the E. I. Company's service, may expect to receive very great and considerable advantages from the notice and patronage of the Governor General, and on which account I rest all my hopes of G. R. H.'s pardoning the additional trouble I am now giving you on his account.

Solely indebted to G. R. H.'s goodness for every

advantage my son enjoy, and being therefore naturally
 unwilling to owe the most trifling obligation to any
 other person, I should feel an insupportable pride
 in reflecting, that their advancement in life was
 owing exclusively to that high protection which, G.
 R. H. bestowed upon them on their first entering
 into their respective professions.

My son Thomas, whom G. R. H. placed in the
 Commissariat department, is, I am sorry to say, exactly
 in the same situation he was, altho' he has been qualified
 some time ago to receive his commission, I confess I cannot
 help feeling the disappointment very great, when I hear
 of other young men who have received their commissions
 and who entered the service later than he did, tho' had
 not the advantage, as my son had, of G. R. H. interference
 in their favour. He left Sicily with the Army under
 General Baird for Spain many months ago, and
 was at Alicante when I last heard from him.

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Royal Highness you were graciously pleased to say
you would honour me with a visit, from the multiplicity
of business and engagements your R. H. time is so much
occupied, I feel the condescension would be more than I can
now have any pretensions to; but should by R. H. be
still inclin'd to honour me so far, either here, or any
where more agreeable, my happiness would be complete
as I should then have it in my power to explain Mr Smith's
and my conduct in our late application to G. R. H., as from
Mr Sansitt's letter to Col W. M. M. our wishes must in
the first instance have appeared presumptuous in the
extreme, and to have pass'd the bounds of moderation, which
from the explanation I should be able to give G. R. H. would
I trust appear not to have been the case by any means &
I have the honour to be with the greatest respect,

Sir.

Your Royal Highness,
most dutiful, and ever obliged
Dumb servant,
Eliza Smith

22 Bolton Street

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