

Wm. J. Palmer to Col. McC Mahon

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Albany May 1st - 1813

My Dear Colonel

You are sensible of, and have always done justice to the pains I have taken to present my Cause in Parliament being made a Party Question, & how delicate a post I have had to act, amongst the various interests, by which I have been so honourably supported - finding no Enemies but in a part of his Royal Highnesses Administration I cannot with propriety explain to you, how I have been assisted & with what difficulty pursued (without offence) the numerous recommendations to obtain His W^{ts} consent to bring my Cause forward in the Commons, and which I chiefly effected, by urging them my very oldest & best Friend Mr Dehyll, who had always zealously supported me, had kindly undertaken, in my Son's unfortunate absence, to take his place in the House; and now will, it appears to the Public, should he now recede from the arrangement settled, & for which I hear he has had some hints,

from Persons, who I feel confident were
unwarranted in such insinuations - you know,
my dear Colonel, I have never presumed in the
least on his Royal Highness's goodness to me,
or mine, or ever ventur'd to insinuate one word,
beyond what his Royal Highness allow'd me to
say, of his sense of the justice of my Cause
& his Individual Wishes for its' Success,
allowing me to express such his opinion,
but at the same time so guarded, as not to
extend to commit his Royal Highness against
his Ministers, should they unfortunately determine
to take a hostile part - Should they do so
this Opinion, it will be they who make the
Opposition & not me - when the most honourable
& popular line they could take, would be to
leave the Cause to the unbiased Decision of
Parliament - I have for these twenty Years, never
ceas'd to express in the strongest Language,
my feeling of the dishonest Treatment I have receiv'd
and that whilst I had breath, I would persist
by every legal means to obtain justice - from that
Determination no consideration on Earth shall
ever make me reverse - my life may be a
short one, but I will at least retain,
whilst it lasts, a Character for Truth
& consistency - I need not desire you,

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J. Palmer to Col. MacMahon

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Colonel to express to the Prince Regent
my constant duty & gratitude towards his
Royal Highness, as I am you always
do me justice in that & all other respects

I beg you to believe me
Sir Col^l ever your grateful Friend

To
The Right Hon^{ble}
Col^l MacMahon
State Secretary
to his Royal Highness
The Prince Regent
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J Palmer

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Colonel Palmer
May 1. 1813
Mr. Palmer