

L^o Gen. A. Mackenzie to Col. J. McMahon

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Private Gen. Mackenzie
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My Dear Mr. McMahon

I have every reason to believe and to expect, that as your Montgomery has now got a Regiment, I shall in all probability be recommended for the next - and altho' I am aware that your friendly efforts to serve me on this occasion, would be of a nature as sincere and as active if I did not write to you on the subject, still I am desirous of saying a few words

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not with the view of stimulating your
expectations, but in the intention of conveying
to you a more explicit notion of my
own ideas and wishes on the subject.

Should the Regiment intended for
me in the next succession, be of the line,
of one Battaⁿ or of a description that
ensures it of a permanent nature, my
nomination to it will of course be acceptable
to me, but should it be of the class of
Foreign Corps, Garrison Battaⁿs which
I can scarcely suppose at my standing would
now be offered to me, it certainly could

not be in any way to my interest or
advantage to get it — for my present look
wh^o to the 36th is in every way much better.

There are now nearly fifty Generals in
the list below me that have Corps,
and having waited so long as I now have
done, I cannot suppose that any other

than a permanent Reg^t could be
offered to me. You see Montgomery

who is a youngest Major General
has got the Reg^t to a Lt General of
four years standing I think no objection
can be offered why he may not succeed

you will well - but I have no reason to think
that I shall not for the sake of you - was all I
could expect or wish on this subject, as well
to myself - as to you and Mr Greenwood,
who spoke twice to H R H on the subject -
so I am therefore sanguine, and I trust with
some reason - I must entreat of you to
to guard over my interests - you will have
the first information of any vacancy, and
if you cannot secure a proper and creditable
appointment for me, I entreat of you not to
allow me to be named to any of another
description - This I give you full power
and authority to act for me, and I feel
at ease and comfortable knowing that it
is in so good hands. - I need say no more
Pray offer my kindest wishes and
respects to Mr Mearns and
Believe me most faithfully yours
Albany