

Maj. Chas. James to Col. Keblehow

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May 18th 1873

Dear Sir

Have you adverted to the Paper I left with you regarding the Foreign Artillery and Engineers, a copy of which I delivered to Lord Sidmouth under the same personal explanations that I submitted to you? Lord Moira so forcibly expressed himself in my behalf, that, although the Secretary of State for the Home Department did not seem to understand his views in my regard to the full extent they appeared to have been given, I am firmly persuaded, that he now imagines something has been done, not only for me but also for Colonel Doyle, with whose name he most kindly coupled mine.

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Perhaps by talking the matter over, we may be able to hit upon some expedient whereby I could be rendered useful without compromising my own feelings or honour. You have often expressed yourself warmly disposed to second my views, and from the recollection of such assurances - without however binding you in the slightest manner to the execution of Lord Maira's Promises - I now appeal to your understanding and goodnature - You will observe, that by my becoming Agent to the Foreign Corps under the Ordinance, I shall not take above Twenty or Thirty Pounds per Annum out of Mr Greenwood's Pocket.

Allow me to ask whether the Bond you hold has the joint Signature of Lord Maira and Lady Loudoun? For this will make a material difference.

Maj. Chas. James to Col. McCracken

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in your security and in the eventual liquidation of it.

I suppose you know, that the House in St James's Place sold under its supposed value? But so it is with everything belonging to that ill-fated and ill-used Nobleman; and so, I still fear, it will be with other concerns. Mr. Donn and Macdonal are honest and well meaning men, but alas! they little know through what a labyrinth of moried entanglements they must work before the least Day-light will appear. The latter gentleman who - to use Lord Moira's expression to me - is a very keen man, will find hard substances to back upon. In fact the two Attornies ought to be, night and day, at work. More auditing will never. Pour moi Je m'en lave les mains - There is nothing I would not do to serve Lord Moira; but when I know that I have been kept in the dark, how can I act?

Right Hon^{ble}
John McCracken

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Major James
May 10th 1813