

Maj. Chas. James to Col. McCracken

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My Dear Sir

I answer your obliging Letter, which breathes the same sentiments towards me that you have ever evinced, and to come to the point, I would wish you to obtain for me the Agency of the Foreign Corps belonging to the Ordnance. Lord Sidmouth has a Copy of the Paper I left with you, and he is in full possession of my views. He knows that my object is of a political nature, and I know that by a proper application of my zeal and intelligence among Foreigners, I may do some service to the State, with credit to myself and benefit to the Publick. Verbum Sat. Lord Sidmouth did say, that he would have a confidential communication with me three weeks ago. Expectans expectavi Dominum Sed non venit. I fear we are fast running

into perilous times and circumstances,
and we ought to imitate the grand
Devastator of Europe by employing
those only who have skill and
activity. Remember that the Lion
once was rescued by a mouse.
Pray explain to Mr Greenwood
my object in asking for the foreign
Agency. I know he is not pleased
with my writings; but what have
they to do with the matter in question?
I should think the Regent would not
be aware to my being rendered useful.

I am, My Dear Sir,
Yours truly,
Right Honorable Cha. James.
Col. McMahon