

Alia: Davison

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St James's Square 26th May 1813

My Dear M: Mahon,

When I met You on the New Road, I mentioned my desire of seeing You relative to my Son Capt: Wm Davison five years in the Northumberland Militia, who was Aid de Camp to General Linsingen at Watchorn, and afterwards Brigade Major to Sir Montague Burgoyne - is now 24 Years of age -

What I am extremely anxious to obtain, and what I fondly hope you will assist me in, is to get for him an Official Appointment, or situation upon the Staff with a General Officer of Consideration upon Service on the Continent, in Sweden, Denmark, Russia or Germany -

He is a Young man of elegant manners and address, universally admired and beloved, and a good Scholar, happily possessing the finest disposition with a good Constitution, and is uncommonly active - He was Educated at Eton - and has travelled a good deal having visited most places in the Mediterranean, particularly Malta, Sicily, Sardinia, the Greek Islands, Athens Constantinople &c. - He understands, Greek, Italian, French and completely master of the German Language - Indeed my Dear Colonel it is too great a sacrifice to distinguished Merit, for me to allow him to continue in the Militia, Lord Lovell who commands the Regiment

having repeatedly told me what a pity it was, that a Young
Man possessing such Talents, and Qualifications, should not be
~~in~~ better employed - He likewise draws well -

I cannot but be very anxious, to have him placed in
a situation, in which he would have an opportunity
of distinguishing himself - Pay is not so much my
Object, as the Station in which his Qualifications and
Talents might have scope and be exercised. - I will
only add a more Worthy mind never existed in the
Bosom of any man - - If necessary, I would only wish
to have a Reference made to General Linsinger, Sir
Frederick Burgoyne, Lord Lovat, or to any one of his
acquaintance regarding him, as it does not altogether
become a Father to speak the praises of a Son -

If You can oblige me in obtaining the Object
in View for my Son, You will create an everlasting obligation
on my Dear Mr. Mather, Your attached and Faithful Friend
Alex Davison

Thos. Mather Esq. Mr. Mather -