

Thos. Sheridan to Col. McCracken

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Dear Mr. McCracken -

You have not to learn that I am
out of favor with the Prince, for Maria told
me how friendly an interest you had taken
upon the occasion - I will first thank you
for that, & I do assure you that this evidence
of unshaken regard, wh: I thank Heaven I
experience from all quarters, more than
repay me for all my poverty & privation,
& I sometimes doubt, if I could have ex-
perienced the same share of happiness, had
my circumstances rendered it necessary
to call them forth. - secondly I request
your advice as to how I should best proceed.
The inclosed will save me a world of trouble
& station - it shows, that I have made up
my mind to ask a favor - the reason why -

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I shall I conceive the proper mode - but
I will state further to you, why I consider my-
self in some degree entitled to R. O. R.'s con-
sideration, tho I in no means of suggesting
it to him. - you may perhaps remember
an offer made me by the Duke of York, to
take me into his family, giving me a regular
Commission. - a Lieut. Col. in the Third
Army of Reserve with the Pay, & Promotion
in the line, as rapidly as propriety wd. admit
off, towards rendering that Rank permanent.
A finer opening for a young man, it was
impossible to imagine - His O. R. & the
Duke were unfortunately at that time on bad
terms, & after due consultation with Mr.
Fitzherbert, & all the circle about the Prince,
it was decided that, I ought to refuse, as
the acceptance, wd. look like an abandon-
ment of my avowed Patron. It is on
this circumstance, I found any claim I
may have on His O. R. - I wish no
great favor, I seek employment, &
I will not affect the false modesty, of saying
any thing unduly humble of myself;

Thos. Sheridan to Col. Maclean

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I think myself qualified to fill any situation, such as I now aim at, without discredit - & I will add stoutly, that the Prince will not do an unpopular act, by serving me. I have already stood this among some of my friends, but I will rather be obliged to the Prince than any one, nor will I believe his good will toward me is to be destroyed by some affront he, who my whole life & love & veneration is a contradiction to - for tho' I can not maintain what it is, I have said, it is something in abhor of him personally, it seems / there being no occasion where he has been individually attacked, & no subject in which he is personally interested, that I have not done my best toward his support. If you deem it wise to submit the enclosure to his inspection I am sure you will be glad of the opportunity of serving me - if not, give me yr. advice how I ought to proceed & believe me
Dear Mr. Maclean
Truly yrs.

Thos. Sheridan

To: Thurston
June 20. 1813.

To: Mr. John M. Nathan.

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