

Lt. Col. Charles Doyle  
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My dear Mr. Mathew

My feelings upon the subject of obtaining a public mark of the approbation of my own Country, have gotten the better of every other consideration, and I have (most reluctantly as you may suppose) made my mind up to solicit from His R. H. the Prince Regent the order of Knighthood, for my services in the Peninsula.

You are aware that His M. Ministers & the Duke of York were pleased to look upon my services to be of that calibre to deserve my name's being laid before His R. Highness the P. Regent for the appointment of aid de Camp - The Brevet has made me Colonel & there is and of that delightful reward to which I looked with joy -

Three medals of distinction for my conduct in the field / four times wounded in the course of twenty one years constant & active service / and the high rank of Lt. General, are the marks of distinction I have received from

Your Obedt. Servant  
John Mathew.

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the Country in which I have been serving, these five  
years; but the object of my heart is a public mark  
of the approbation of my own Country -

I am the only British Officer employed  
in Spain as a Commissioner who has not received one  
ray more - each of them has received two steps of  
Promotion . -

May I pray you to take a favourable  
moment to state this my humble request to His R<sup>y</sup>  
Highness the Prince Regent, which I trust may not  
be thought presumption -

The D<sup>y</sup> of the Fleet including me in the Colours,  
has left me no alternative but to make this request

Yours ever my dear friend  
Charles Doyle