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To His Royal Highness the Prince Regent,
The humble Memorial of Major General
John Slade, Respectfully sheweth

That your Memorialist has had the honor of serving His Majesty, as an Officer, during a period of 33 years. That he obtained his first Commission in your Royal Highnesses Regiment, in which he had the honor of serving 17 years, in the successive ranks from Cornet to Lieut: Colonel. That he then exchanged into the Royal Dragoons, in the command of which he served, untill placed on the Staff, as a Brigadier General, in June 1804.

That in October 1808, he proceeded to Corunna, in the command of a Hesper Brigade, & served in the Army under the late Sir John Moore, untill its return to England. That in the month of August 1809, he again embarked for Foreign Service, & proceeded to Portugal, in the command of a Brigade of Dragoons, & continued to serve in Portugal & Spain, without ever having once quitted his Brigad untill ordered to return to England in the month of May 1813. During the

period of such his Services, he endeavored at all times to execute every duty with the utmost zeal, & to the best of his ability; & he had the good fortune to find himself

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in the command of the Cavalry of Lord Wellington's Army, during the Retreat of Massena out of Portugal in 1811, & to receive upon that, & subsequent occasions, assurances from His Lordship, & from other Senior Officers, approbation of his conduct. His return from the Peninsula has by no means accorded with his own Inclinations, or did it result from any wish ever expressed, or insinuated, by him to obtain even the temporary indulgence of a short Leave of Absence. He has therefore to lament a Circumstance which has not only deprived him of opportunities of sharing further the Dangers & Honors, of an Army then engaging in a glorious & victorious Career, but which appears to him also to have bereft him of that reward for past exertions which the prosecution of that Career would probably have insured to him, as it has, or may, to other Officers of the same rank in Lord Wellington's Army, whose Services with it, have been of much shorter duration. Under this Circumstance Your Memorialist presumes humbly to submit his Case, and Pretensions to Your Royal Highness

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gracious consideration, firmly convinced that if they shall not appear undeserving Your Royal Highness's notice, they will experience, in a mark of Distinction, conveying the assurance of your gracious approbation, that protection which Your Royal Highness has invariably extended to those whose conduct has not forfeited your good opinion. The Favor which your Memorialist is anxious to obtain from your Royal Highness is a Baronetage, if it shall not be considered by your Royal Highness as exceeding his humble claims to your Attention.

And your Memorialist, as in Duty bound, will ever Pray.

John Slade Esq.

Kings House, Salisbury, 27 July 1813.

M. Grant Storer
27. July 1913.