

Kaj. T. James to Col. Tec Kahan.

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August 3^d 1813

My Dear Sir

As I am still willing to believe, that when Lord Moira took me to Lord Sidmouth, and recommended me to him in the most unqualified manner, I was to be employed in a fair and ostensible way, especially after the expression which our Noble Friend used a few days before his departure, I feel no repugnance in requesting you will take a convenient opportunity to sound Lord Sidmouth, with respect to a Plan for the benefit of Half Pay Officers, and certainly for the much required information of Government, which I have delivered to him. I am very confident,

that if the object be taken in all its bearings, and is properly explained to the Commander in Chief and to the Secretary at War by the Home Secretary, this Plan will be countenanced and adopted; but I am far from flattering myself, that the management will be entrusted to me. I have never yet failed in my humble endeavours to serve others; but it remains still to be proved, whether I can serve myself. I am perhaps a solitary Instance in the British Empire of having devoted the best part of my life to the extension of Military Knowledge, under the most untoward and heart-breaking occupations, without having been honoured by one mark of favour in the line of enrolment or promotion, for you know I am only a Half-Pay Lieutenant, in spite of the anomalous

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Genl. J. James to Col. McCracken.

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Half yearly Allowance which I receive from
the Ordnance.

Believe me, My Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

J. James.

Right Honourable
John McCracken

[Faint, illegible handwriting]

Chas. James
Aug. 13. 1813