

August 13 - 1813

Sir

Notwithstanding the repeated acts of Kindness
 you have ever been pleased to confer upon me, whenever
 I have found it necessary to address you for the
 furtherance of my views; I should yet hesitate to
 submit to your consideration the accompanying, were
 it not apparent, granting the request would enable
 His Royal Highness to confer on His Country one of
 the greatest benefits, it can possibly receive.

It is obvious, that our present means of
 giving relief to Shipwrecked Mariners are too,
 inadequate for the required purpose; and sanction
 all other attempts, towards effecting this great end.

This is simply to have a body of Men
 at all times prepared, to proceed to the assistance
 of Vessels, when wrecked or in distress; guarded against
 the possibility of themselves being drowned.

Was an Angel to descend from Heaven,
 the pure Spirit could say no more - than - allow
 these Bold & resolute Men, to effect their purpose.

W. H.
 Mallison
 to
 Col.
 Kebleton
 (Copy
 given
 to Col.
 Cockcroft
 for
 Life-
 Boat
 Institu-
 tion
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without the present danger of themselves perishing -
their future exertions & consequent advantages to the
country must progressively & extensively increase -

The documents in my possession in proof of
this are such, that after investigating them, I
truly believe, did the execution of the Plan require
ten times the sum, it would be granted me -

The Opposition the plan has received will
tend most powerfully to the Honour of the Prince
Regent, as it will shortly be seen & acknowledged
by the country, that His Royal Highness intuitively
discerned the difference between a great difficulty &
an impossibility; and from motives of Humanity
and in the Hope, it would conduce to the real
Interests of the country he governs; with Royal
Magnificence removed the impediment that
otherwise would for ever prevent the execution of
the Plan - And as the Service would continually
increase, it must prove an everlasting source of
grateful encomium from all ranks of Society -

who will be forced to proclaim that this long required benefit was due solely to the superior Mind and Liberality of His Royal Highness—

In regard to the individual who might be chosen to examine the documents— tho personally unknown to Col^l Congreve; perhaps there could not be named one more proper— Indeed to any gentleman whom His Royal Highness should depute, the ease with which this great end may be obtained would instantly be apparent—

Should etiquette imperiously preclude the possibility of the High Interference prayed for; may I without offending submit a request for employment in some public department or office; the salary of which however small will prevent the pressure of extreme want— Upwards of 80,000^l has been raised for the express purpose of effecting the Plan which reduced me from comparative wealth to poverty; & since I had the honor of your letter of the 29th of April 1805 wherein you

You so obligingly stated "I am commanded by the Prince
of Wales to express His strongest approbation of your
very useful & meritorious discovery: a discovery of such
a nature as cannot fail to command His Royal
Highness's countenance & protection" five years
have been indifutigably employed, in the furtherance
of the Plan in question; without my receiving any
remuneration for time or personal service -

As it may be proper an investigation should
previously take place, should you consider the subject
worthy the attention of His Royal Highness; permit
me to request a few lines to Coln' Congreve, or any
Gentleman you consider more competent -

I have the Honour to remain

With the Highest respect

Sir

Your Most Humble &

Most Faithful Servant

W. H. Mallison

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The Rt Honble

John M. Mahon Esq

Esq

13 Aug 1803

Mr Wm H. Mallison

Petition returned

to be sent thro'

Sec. of State

Home Dep't