

Maj. Burgess. Canac to Col. Tecchabow

20820-1

Head Quarters, Tesaca 18th August 1853.

My dear Sir,

I have not wished to trouble you for this long time, knowing how much you are occupied, if however I could draw your attention from more important concerns, to listen for a few minutes to those of a Private individual, I should feel gratified. I shall be as brief as possible on this subject, and state at once the object I have in view.

I wish for the rank of B. L. Colonel in His Majesty's Service in the same manner as all the British officers who have entered into the Portuguese and Spanish service have received additional rank. Thro your kind offices I have been now upwards of two years

Maj. Burgess.

a Major in the Army. & in the Service, which
I entered rather late in life, since 1800. Seven
years of which I have passed in India. since I
have obtained the rank of Major - numbers have
been placed over my head, and are so every day.

Being on Staff pay at present, it will be first
necessary to be exchanged, which many will be
most happy to do. & which Col. Torrens can ~~write~~
a moment effect. or if His Royal Highness The
Commander in Chief can recollect a promise he
made to Marquis Wellesley as far back as June
1808. when H. R. H. gave me a Company, that
he gave me that for the present, but that he
would afterwards give me a Troop, it would
be much better. particularly as I am in the Cavalry
in this Country. I shall at any rate feel obliged
by any thing you can do for me in this business.

Burgess, Camac to Col. Keekahow

20821

I shall ^{not} trouble you further on this subject, but leave every thing to your kind exertions in my favor, which I have not the least doubt but will be crowned with success.

Pray you will present my kindest respects to my good friend and patroness Mrs. W. Mahon. she used always to call me her Major Camac. I trust I shall be gratified by her calling me her L. Colonel Camac.

Were it not tedious to you I would venture to give you an account of our glorious affairs of the 28.th and 30.th of July. I had an excellent opportunity of seeing some thing being with Lord Wellington a great part of the time, & having had a horse shot under me on the 28.th and on the 30.th a Ball

1831

having hit my stirrup and broke the chain
of my spear. The affair exceeds every thing
Lord Wellington had before achieved, and
as *Vetus* says. He who has never lost a battle,
can only become greater from misfortune, and
except what Heaven avert he should exhibit
the Majesty of suffering virtue - he has won
out every topic of applause.

I must now conclude, not however
apprising you, that I am, and every shall be your
much obliged, and most faithfully devoted
humble friend and servant.

B. Camac

R. Honble J. W. Mahon.

de de de

*James
100
1831*