

R. Peel to Col. McC Mahon

Aug. 31 1843

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your letter. Believe me  
my dear Sir  
I am most faithfully  
My dear Sir. Robert Peel

The change which has recently taken  
place in the Government of Ireland, (I of the  
truth attend to such changes you must  
be well qualified to judge) has added to  
much during the course of the last few days  
to the ordinary <sup>burden</sup> of my official labours, that  
I assure you this is the first opportunity  
which I have had since its receipt of ack.  
now hoping your letter from Cheltenham of  
the 18. Instant.

I consider it most unfortunate that at  
the very moment you were expressing



an interest in favour of Colonel Thos. W. Maken  
do wish for his advancement in the Army  
his professional duty, the conduct of that  
Gentleman, arising out of the embarrassed  
state of his affairs had compelled the Govern-  
ment to take a step which was very painful  
to them & to require his resignation of the office  
which he held. If the exertion of any influence  
could have procured a mitigation of his  
sentence, I am sure that which he commands  
would have succeeded. His connections with  
the family of Lord Thomas & the Attorney  
General of Ireland you are no doubt apprized,



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but I trust that those who were most  
interested in his behalf were perfectly satisfied  
that the course which Government felt it to be  
their duty to pursue towards that Gentleman,  
was not unreasonably severe. I may add  
that I do not consider that any stigma has been  
cast upon the character of Colonel Mr. Mahon  
which would preclude his employment under the  
Government at some future opportunity should  
his pecuniary embarrassments be wholly removed.

With regard to the other Gentleman whom  
you have recommended to my notice, I can  
only say



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that I wish most heartily on your account  
that I had greater powers of serving them.  
The patronage of the Irish Government is no  
doubt in one sense very extensive, but I believe  
you are aware that long & unwearied usage  
has given to the supporters of Government a claim  
(they consider it almost a right) to the appointments  
to jobs situations falling vacant within the towns  
or districts in which their local influence lies.  
I shall note the names of the Gentlemen above  
mentioned if your wishes in their favour, & I suppose  
you that my inducement to comply with them would  
have been very great, even had they been unaccompanied  
by the kind expressions towards me which could be