

M. Rochfort to Col. Beckwith,

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Sir

Altho there may be circumstances, when an application from an unknown individual, to a person of your rank might not be improper; still I have no excuse to make for this intrusion, and trust alone to your goodness for pardon. The request I have to make is merely this; a vacancy having now occurred in the Lower Hamlet Militia, I wish to solicit your interest to obtain ~~for me~~ the appointment. The object is not considerable however it would be desirable for me, & I would feel most particularly favoured should you give me your interest. It is more than probable, that not knowing me, you may feel immediately inclined to reject my application; and allow me to say that this is one of the greatest misfortunes that an unknown man has to encounter; he is repulsed by all, no hand is stretched forth to his assistance and he has to struggle against fortune without the aid of friendship. I do not pretend to any claim upon the attention of government altho many have been provided for upon account of services

who never performed more than I have done myself.

My father was a Magistrate for the County of Dublin
Shank Office he filled for 45 years, and never had
any favours conferred upon him, and I acted as a
volunteer during the entire rebellion: and many
who have done less have been rewarded, but I
do not offer this as any kind of claim upon your
attention, I mention it merely that you may not
hastily reject my request because I am unknown
to you; that it may incline you to enquire whether
I am worthy your notice or not.

I shall say no more than that I am
with the greatest respect your
very humble servant

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