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The Earl of Moira

to
Lieut. General of War

Oct. 19. 1813

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Calcutta, Oct 19th
1813.

If the benignity of
your Royal Highness betrays me
into indiscretion, the same gracious-
ness which has afforded the opening
for the error will excuse it. The
Officers of the Fortification Castle, sub.

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-jected to much inconvenience of
 ceding accommodation aboard the
 ship for so large a family as mine,
 have to that claim on my attention
 added the recommendation which
 by opportunities of observing their
 respective characters could not fail
 to suggest. Lieutenant McCandlish

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was noticed by me as particularly
the efficient & distinct in his duty.
I liked the mildness & patience of
his manner with the men. I learned
that his character was held high-
ly respectable among his brother
Officers. I found that he was fixed
- up & without hope of Promotion
but for some casual circumstance.

Was it surprising that I should say to
myself "This is the kind of man for whom
the Prince would wish his beauty pray-

-ed"? I act upon that feeling, &
humbly solicit your Royal High-

-ness's protection for this Officer

Ever, Sir, Your Royal Highness's

Most devoted, affectionate
& respectful servant

The Prince Regent

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