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Island of Anholt November 1st 1813

May it please your Royal Highness, Lieut Hamilton Finney
Nov. 1. 1813.

I'm bolden'd from your Royal Highness's
Humane Character as a friend to the Distress'd, I most humbly
beg leave to trespass so long on your Royal Highness's time whilst
perusing this letter and the inclosed Papers, nothing could
induce me to commit my Misfortunes to paper but the present
distress I labour under. Before I enter into a Statement of my
case I take the liberty of informing your Royal
Highness that I have the Honor to be a Lieut. in the 11th
Royal Veteran Battalion, on Detachment here, and that I
can have the Recommendation of Lieut. General Warr
M.P. for the County of Donegal in Ireland, Major General
Darby 54th Regt. at present on the Staff in Limerick, under
whom I serv'd in Gibraltar whilst Quarter Master of that
Regt, I can also have a very good Character from Lieut.
General Bernard Colonel of the 84th my late Regt, together
with other Field Officers under whom I have serv'd. to
convince your Royal Highness I am no impostor. These several
Officers Recommendation of me will be found at the Comman-
der in Chief's Office. In 1806 I had His Royal Highness's
Leave to retire from the Service in consequence of a bad health
occasioned from a severe attack of the Plague whilst in
Gibraltar, some time previous to that I became possid of a
property partly my own savings for twenty years, and
part by the Death of a Relation which was investid in the
Funds to the Am^{nt} of £1550, all which I have unfortunately
lost by the failure of a Builder of the name of King, who
liv'd then at Stones End Borough Southwark, London,
His two Quips (inclosed) I took for this sum and he executed
two Leases of the Houses to me in an unfinished state, not
harbouring any Suspensions of the Man he bring in a fair way
to do well, I did not Register the Leases, I went to my Father's
in the North of Ireland for the Recovery of my Health, and in
the Interval he sold the Verry Property over again, and some
short time he Bankrupt, and I was ruin'd, not even getting

a penny in the Pound, it seems he cheated every one he had dealings with. Please your Royal Highness, my story is long and true, I have had it in contemplation for many months back to state my Case in the manner I am doing. Mess^{rs} Green & Co^o, a House in the Boar^d of the first Respectability, and Mess^{rs} Alcock, Boswell & Corner Solicitors, their Letter to me on the occasion I inclose. I most humbly approach your Royal Highness with a view that you would be graciously pleas'd to give my case a Moments consideration. I have no wish to make my situation a public one, nor do I seek for any pecuniary aid. I am only anxious to make myself usefull and to earn as much as would help me to maintain an Aged Father, a sick Wife confin'd for those seven year back partly to her Room, and Whome I have been oblig'd to leave behind in Ireland. I have also here a Daughter of seventeen and a Son of fourteen whome I have given as good an Education to as in my power, to fit him for an Ensigny if my good fortune admits, I have had the Honor to bear His Majesty's Commission these many years, upwards of twenty, and I trust without Blemish. Should my case meet your Royal Consideration If I might presume to say what I would wish for is, that I could have some Military Employment in addition to what I hold let it be ever so small would at this time be the means of bringing my Family forward, I humbly beg leave to state I am not either infirm or old not much turn'd Forty. The Distress'd State of my Family induc'd General Darby to apply for my removal to the Veterans. That this my Case may meet with your usual Eye of Compassion. I most

Respectfully subscribe myself
your Royall Highness's Most Obedient &
Dotted Humble Servant

Hamilton Finney
Lieut^{nt}: 11th: Royal Veterans

To
His Royal Highness
The Prince Regent