

Mrs. (Anne) Nepean to Col. H. K. Kahan.

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Sir

It is with the utmost difference I beg
leave most humbly to address your kind attention
in the supplication and painful distress of an afflicted
parent in behalf of her unfortunate son my husband
died at the Siege of Malta leaving me a widow with five
children three boys and two girls my eldest son Thomas
nepean was Educated at the royal military ^{College} great
marshes and after his course of Study he was promoted
to an Ensign in the 25th Regiment of Foot he served
some time in the West Indies until he was promoted
to the rank of Lieut in the same Regiment and then
returned to England when he was ordered on the
Recruiting Service with only an acting Corporal
and a few inexperienced men but upon his want of
judgment in that Service being so young only
18 years of age but notwithstanding all the difficulties
he procured a number of recruits and conducted
himself very much to the satisfaction of every
person in that town but in the latter part of
his time the District paymaster was not regular
in his advances to him and ~~that~~ inasmuch that the
whole of the stoppages came at one time which
prevented his being able to recover himself or
obtain a sufficient sum to liquidate the arrear due
in consequence of this the party made a representation
to the Regiment and an order was directed to the
commanding officer on the District to call a Court
of Enquiry upon his conduct the result of which

was thine advice for him to resign his Commission
with a promise from Colonel Ainslie to get him
into the royal services he did resign and all the
matters paid up by him before he quitted the regt
Colonel Ainslie told him if he resigned and got in
the royal services it would be less expence then a
regiment of the line as he had nothing but his pay
to live on what ever and to ~~take~~ get out of my power to
assist him I applied to Lord Melville myself for a Commission
and he sent him an order to pass which he did and
came down to Plymouth Division he paid due attention
to his duty three months in which time the officers
found by his manner of exercise he must have been
in the army before had recourse to the army list
and found he had been in the 25th and because he
had been unfortunate in that war to the Admiralty
for no offence and got him removed from the
list without any enquiry of any kind may I
Sir be permitted to beg the favour as a distressed
woman of you to use your influence with his royal
Highness to reinstate him you will relieve
us from the deepest misery and interesting distress
I hope your general goodness of heart will think
it enough to lose one Commission for so small a
Debt as 25^l and that paid by him he can have
a very good character from the Gentlemen of the
town we live in wh Sir may I beg you to
intercede if not for my husband, sake and
memory who died in the Service as an officer
much lamented. for the sake of his two Brothers
who is in the Service now one a Lieut in 52 with
Lord Wellington suffering every persecution

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and the other in the royal mines in the
millford and has distinguished himself much in
taking June I hope Sir you will pardon the
liberty I take in addressing you but I am informed
you are a friend to the prisoners, I should not
have troubled you with so long a letter but I thought
I ought not to have hid any thing from you
respecting the 25th regiment I hope my distress
situation will plead every apology I may have
been very inaccurate in my account and
particularly in the directions of my letter he
has been out of the mines now twelvemonths
I should have sent to you to clarify your
friendship before but dead full
to relate I had a fine girl burnt
to death at the time if Sir you are a father
you can feel for my afflictions but the Lord
gave and the Lord taketh a way my trials hath
been very severe since the death of my husband
that you may extend a kind hand towards us
the prayers of Sir your most obedient
Humble servant

Anne Nepean

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