

Maj. Chas. James to Col. Geo. Mahon

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My Dear Sir

I shall certainly feel obliged to you if you would embrace a seasonable occasion to read to the Regent the Outline of a Proposition respecting the Half-Pay Establishment. It has been communicated to the Secretary at War, many weeks back, by Lord Sidmouth; but I can expect little from that Quarter; especially as I took up the Budgets on the same Side that His Royal Highness the Commander in Chief stood respecting the Paymastership of the Second Battalion of the 27th Regiment late Lord Clarina's, whose Memoirs I passed into the Military Journal at your desire. Lord Sidmouth has also informed me, that

the Paper in question was given to
 Lord Liverpool several days ago. I abstain
 from any remarks upon the extraordinary
 manner in which I have been left by
 a Noble Friend of ours to make my own
 way with the present Ministers,
 upon whom I have no other claim
 than that which every zealous and
 active Member of Society possesses. Cicero
 says well: *Quicquid populi commodari,
 id tribuatur cuique, vel ignoto.* I know
 that were I permitted to carry my Plan
 into effect, in conjunction with a gentleman
 of the War Office (who has long thought
 upon the same subject, but from whom I have
 not borrowed the faintest idea,) I would
 render the Office a Depository of Communications
 which might be useful to Government,

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and of service to the Commander in Chief.
I avail myself of this opportunity
to request you will obtain for me
the Regent's Permission to inscribe to
him a New and Enlarged Edition of Syller's
(late Lord Woodhouselee) Treatise on
Military Law, which I have undertaken
to edit.

Believe me, Dear Sir,
Yours without reserve,

The Right Honourable Chas. James.
John McMahon

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Nov. 13. 1813.