

Ld. Harrington to Col. McMahon

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Stable yard November 14th 1813.

My dear Sir.

In obedience to the commands of the Premier Regent relative to the sale of Lt. Kelly's commission in the 1st Life Guards, I shall not fail in the course of a day or two to submit to His Royal Highness the name of the Cornet who stands next for purchase in the Regiment.

I beg the favour of you at the same time to represent to His Royal Highness the impossibility I have experienced for a considerable time past of finding Purchasers for Commissions at the present regulated price of 1200 L., & the necessity I have in consequence been lately under of ~~the~~ exacting from Officers quitting the Regiment, ^{by sale} an agreement, that their Commissions shall be disposed of at half price, in case an eligible Person shall not be produced in the course of three months for ^{the} purchase of them at a higher rate.

As several Officers have however at the present time sent in their resignation

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abroad unaccompanied by a similar declaration, I fear that many
Commissaries may remain vacant for years to come, should not His
Royal Highness think it expedient, ^{either} to order the price of that commission ^{with}
to be lowered altogether for a time at least, ^{or} ^{for a time at least} be pleased to authorize
on the present occasion to authorize the Commissaries which shall become
vacant to be sold at ~~the~~ a reduced price at the expiration of a given
period, in case of their not being previously filled up, the officer
who quits the Regiment standing to the top. —

These expedients, which the necessity of the case obliges me to suggest,
I beg the favour of you to most humbly submit to the favourable
consideration of His Royal Highness.

I am, with greatest truth & regard,
My dear Sir,
Your most faithful
& most obedient
Servant
Harrington.