

Mrs. (E.) Clark to Lord Liverpool. (H. 50, 81d.)  
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My Lord.

My addressing Your Lordship, not having the Honor of being known to you, will I fear, wear the appearance of Presumption, but my hopes of Pardon, rests solely on your exalted Character, & liberality of sentiment, that ever leads you to attend to the appeals of the Unfortunate, & to relieve their woes if in your power: not to intrude on your Lordship's attention too long; I will endeavour in as few words as possible to explain my motives for this intrusion; I am the Daughter of the late Colonel Frederick, who at the age of seventy two, overwhelmed with disappointments & Poverty, put an end to His existence & left me fatal Heirs of His misfortunes; my Father was a distinguished Character, & had resided forty years in this Country & during the life of the late Prince of Wales, received from Her Royal Highness a Pension. some time previous to His death. the Prince of Wales & His Royal Brothers The Dukes of York & Clarence, did Him the Honor to employ Him, to Negotiate a loan at Antwerp, for which He



He exerted Himself with the most ardent zeal & was a great sufferer in many respects; His Royal Highness had the goodness to promise to reward Him, the delay of those promises, drove Him to desperation & to end an existence no longer supportable. He left behind Him, a Narrative of the transaction, wrote on the outside, delayed publishing by particular desire of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. being at the time of my Father's death in most distress circumstances, with a young & large family, I was persuaded by my friends to publish the Narrative, they conceiving it would be of great advantage to me, I prepared to do so, but was prevented by the advice of a Gentleman, who I imagined was warmly my Friend, He assured me He had seen <sup>some</sup> of the Party whom He informed of my intention, who send me word if I published it, it should be made a libel, but if on the contrary, I would unconditionally resign every Document & paper with the Narrative & intirely rely on the Honor of the Party. I would be mov'd to the advantage of myself & Children, implicitly believing I gave up every thing, & placed full confidence on the promises made to me & by so doing disoblige'd some of my best friends

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& so strenuous was<sup>2</sup> to act with rigid Honor, that I sent for a  
copy of the Narrative that I had lent a friend two Hundred  
miles from London, the late M<sup>r</sup>. Hammerley the Banker  
waited on me to solicit the favor, of my returning to Him  
the letter of credit on the Bankers abroad which was given  
to my Father, when He went to Antwerp. I complied with  
His desire, & He faithfully promised to render me & my family  
every service His point obtained The business ended. I have  
no more from him, nor have I my Lord, ever received any  
remuneration for thus delivering unconditionally the  
Narrative, & my papers - frequent have been my applications  
but alas! all unsuccessful - I am at this moment in most  
distress'd circumstances, & feeling more acutely for my Daughters  
than myself who are accomplished Women, but their abilities  
avail them not, owing to the pressure of the times - My  
Son, & Brother, both perished in the service of this Country  
Deign, my Lord to pity my afflictions, & condescend to  
represent my Claims, & misfortunes to His Royal  
Highness the Prince Regent, who is too good, & just  
not to allow my right to some remuneration, & will  
I trust alleviate my present embarrassments, which otherwise



must terminate in the ruin of myself & family, permit  
me to add that to the Benevolence & disinterested liberality  
of Colonel MacMahon we are much indebted - that Gentleman  
know my Father will - accept, I intreat you my Lord  
for my thus presuming my Apology, which excels of duty,  
prompted, & believe me to be with the most profound  
respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordships

most Obedient

most Humble Servant

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Fludger Street  
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