

Duke of Northumberland to Col. Deckerhow

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My dear Colonel

altho I am confined to my bed &  
have the gout so violently in my right  
hand & wrist that I almost doubt whether  
I can even sign my name to this letter,  
yet observing that His Royal Highness the  
Prince Regent, has upon the termination  
of the War, been pleas'd to reward the Services  
of several General Officers, by raising them  
to the Rank of the Peerage; I cannot resist  
desiring you my dear Colonel, to say the  
Name of a most distinguished Officer in the  
The Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> Colonel Macknahan &c &c

Sea Service, with my most earnest request  
to His Royal Highness that he may be  
raised to the same Dignity. & I have no  
doubt but the first Lord of the Admiralty  
will acknowledge the propriety of the request.

The Person I mean, is Vice Admiral Sir  
Edward Pellew Bart. The obligations which  
I feel myself under to J.<sup>rs</sup> Edward, for his  
almost Paternal attention, to my son, Lord  
Algermon Percy, who has served under him  
till he is now arrived at the Rank of Master  
& Commander, makes it a mere act of Gratitude  
in me, to endeavour ~~to promote~~ his wishes,  
& to secure for him those Marks of appro-  
-bation which I trust his Services Deserve;

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nothing else could induce me to make such  
a request to his Royal Highness.

In saying this request before His Royal  
Highness, I beg you will assure him that  
I possess unaltered the same zeal for his  
service & attachment to His Royal Person.

I have the pleasure to be with  
the most sincere regard -

My Dear Colonel

Your ever faithful friend

Northumberland

D. of Northumberland  
May 13. 1814

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