

- French to Col. Mahon.

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Mr. French has to communicate to Col. M. Mahon that he wrote to the Prince about two months ago from St. Omer, stating that a plot was in agitation to procure Buonaparte's escape from the island of Elba, and that he would bring, if permitted an officer of the 28th regiment of foot, in the French service who would furnish satisfactory proofs of such an attempt being on the eve of accomplishment. Mr. French has now to state, that for these nine months past a Regiment of miners at St. Omer have ~~been~~ been carrying on their subterraneous works to a very great distance from the town, as far as certain hills, where any troops about

to Besiege the town would be certain to take
their station. The same Officer told M^r S. as
a curious fact some months ago, that those
miners were at work by orders from the isle
of Ilba, and that in consequence of orders from
that quarter they worked with the greatest alacrity
and with most astonishing celerity. As our
troops are not far distant from St. Omer
M^r S. thinks it his duty to apprise M^r Mahon
of this circumstance. M^r French is ~~at~~ the
point of setting off for St. Omer again in the
course of a few days, and if he can be of any
service to his country or his Prince, will be
proud to perform it. M^r S. speaks the French
so as to pass for a native.

M^r S. will be obliged to depart in a few days
in order to sell the furniture of a house
which he has at St. Omer.

M^r French.

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