

Sr H. Manners to Col. M. Mahon.

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Sr H. Manners to Col. M. Mahon,  
Sir

Oxford St. 1<sup>st</sup> Aug /15

I received your letter which I return according to my promise, as I shall do every other you may favor me with. I am sure you think I have been used very abominably, & that I shall be justified in bringing the whole transaction before the world and of making it a second Mrs Clarke's business. However as I am unwilling to distress the Prince's feelings, and as an Baildon will one day descend to me from my ancestors, the Murrays, & as I could not support Ministers who recommended their Prince to break his written promise, I am willing to compromise the matter & to return Prince's letter, certainly a most serious one, and to resign my own pretensions to the promised Peerage, on conditions that my wife Lady Manners shall be made an English Peeress with Remainder to my Sons, and that my third son shall be now given one of the remaining vacant Commissions in the first Grenadier Guards, for which he is well qualified - 6 ft. 2 in high tho under eighteen.

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The Duke of York to whom I am infinitely obliged, had lately the goodness to give my second Son a Commission in the same Regiment, whom His Royal Highness will find one of the handsomest and most accomplished young men in the Army as well as a most excellent scholar, and on that occasion promised thro' Sir Henry Torrion the first Commission for purchase to my third Son, who I now recommend to your notice.

I have the honor to be Sir  
with great esteem  
your faithful & obedt Servant  
W Manners

P.S. My 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sons were both at the Royal Military Academy.

I omitted to observe that Lord Melborne tho' made an English Peer has uniformly opposed Ministers his whole life. I am his superior in Family & very far in Fortune, or than any of the Clergy in the last respect. It will be useless to

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write private on your letter respecting a matter  
likely to become so public -

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The King's Chamber  
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