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Another Bank on board the
 Windsor East Indiaman
 23^d Feb. 1819-

Sir

Pursuing on the introduction I
 had the honor of receiving to you, from
 the Duke of Wellington, when I was the
 bearer, from His Grace, of one of the
 Joseph Bonapartes state swords, taken
 at the Battle of Waterloo, to His Royal
 Highness the Prince Regent, when at the
 Pavilion in August 1814. I take the liberty
 of requesting your friendly advice, on a subject
 which I trust will meet with your approbation,
 I therefore beg to state, that it has
 frequently been hinted to me, that if I
 were to memorial His Royal Highness
 the Prince Regent, he would either grant
 me a state of rank, or confer on me
 some other mark of his ^{Royal} pleasure, for
 having been the bearer of the above mentioned
 Trophy, as other officers, similarly situated,
 have been honored, and as a state of rank
 would be highly gratifying, as well as
 advantageous to me, at this moment,

Yours General
 Sir Benjamin Bloomfield, &c.

as I am about to sail with my Regiment
for the East Indies, (Madras) having lately
exchanged from my old Corps, the 5th
West Regiment, for this purpose of India
appearing the only field at present
for a military man I am induced
to this presumption.

I will not think of annoying
you, by requesting you to peruse a parcel
of letters and other testimonials, which I
have from the several General Officers
I have served under on the Staff, and
on particular Services, particularly
that of monitoring during the Peninsula
War, for which Service, from my knowledge
of the Spanish language, I had the honor
of being chosen, first by Lord Wellington
and afterwards constantly by His Grace
the Duke of Wellington. I was also, from
my knowledge of that language, employed
by His Grace with several of the Spanish
Corps, Morillo's, Mina's, San Julian's, Ballasteros
&c. &c. and from many of these celebrated
Generals I have strong testimonials. —
Since the Peninsula War I was employed
on the Staff in France, and was with
General Borneo, as a Staff Assistant Adjutant
General, at the Battle of Waterloo, and
from

from his recommendation, General
Blavas, and other Officers of distinction I
received the Breast Plate of Major, when
I was put off the Staff on the reduction
of the Army in France in 1817.

Previous to joining the Army in the
Peninsula; I was aid de Camp to the late
Commanding General Officer Sir Geo. Stewart
at Malaga, and left his Staff, when
my Regiment was ordered for that glorious
Service, and after Sir George got the
Command in Canada, he frequently wrote to
me, as also through his Staff, to offer
to arrange an exchange for me into
a Regiment in that country, in order that
I might again return to his Staff, but as
I could never return to myself, the
idea of deserting so glorious a cause
as that of the Peninsula War, and one
in which I felt so much interested, I
sacrificed my own interest, to those feelings,
that every Soldier ought to be proud to
be a Soldier - for had I accepted Sir George's
kind offer, I must have been a ^{st. Colonel} Colonel
some time since, as the Officer
who succeeded me on his Staff, Captain
Fuller, has received this rank for
having been ^{his} A. S. C. - I trust, Sir,
that

that on consideration of what I have stated, you will have the extreme kindness to pardon the liberty I have taken, and attribute it to the anxiety I feel for advancement in my profession, in order that, that may at a future period enable me to provide for three sons at present only infants.

If you will be kind enough to favor me with a reply, addressed to me at Madras, as we expect to sail the moment the wind proves favorable, with your frank and candid opinion on what I have detailed and suggested, I shall ever, Sir, consider myself under the greatest obligations to you. I should not have delayed, till the last moment, before leaving England, addressing you on this subject, but could not before bring myself to the resolution of troubling you in the way I have done, and for which I again crave your forgiveness.

I have the honor to remain

Sir,
Your most devoted

and ob^d. Servant

J. S. Mauchley
M^r. Major 13th Light Dragoons

Major Mauchley
23rd Feb^ry 1811

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The only legitimate
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