

Ld. Moira to H.R.H.

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London, Sep 19th 1793

Sir

The Post yesterday did not allow
me time to insert in my Letter the Memorand-
-um which your Royal Highness gave me
leave to transmit to you. I therefore, by per-
-mission to offer them now.

Viscount Shaftesbury, an old Peer without a
suspence of Fortune, was deprived of his Pension
for his Vote in the Irish Parliament on the
Regency Question. Lord Curzon & Lord Allen
were similarly circumstanced; and their Pensions

had been restored. It would be a very popular
step, as well as a just & humane one, if your
Royal Highness would exert your interest
for the restoration of Lord Mansfield's Pension
also. I am sure it would be for the credit of
his Majesty's government.

When the Regiment, in which Cap^l Napier
(nephew to Lord Napier) served, was reduced in 1703,
Cap^l Napier was eldest Captain, & was moreover
a very old Officer. The Major of the Regiment
died shortly before the reduction: had for the
pity saving of a Major's Half-Pay they would
not fill up the vacancy, but reduced Napier as

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... Captain. He is now coming upon full-pay as
... West in the 1st Corps, ready to try for Rank, &
... the situation would be otherwise ineligible.

... Your Royal Highness procure for him
... the Brevet of Major, it would be an act of
... beneficence to a deserving man who has suf-
... fered a hardship; & the favor would be
... thought well-bestowed by all military men.

... Sir George Elliot inquires himself
... prosecuted in his professional line, in con-
... sequence of his conduct on the Regency
... Questions. If any interdiction to his being

employed next upon him for that case
he appeals to your Royal Highness's goodness
to assist in removing it: and it is in
-but on me to prefer the Petition, as I was
his guide in that enormity.

The Duke of Devonshire
to
The Prince of Stewarts
Sept. 19. 1795.

Lieut^{nt} Billson, of the Oxfordshire
regiment (if he can get Leave of absence
for a few days, to Colonel Doyle in Flanders,
on private business. Should your Royal Highness
have any thing you wish to send to the Duke
of York, I will answer for its safe delivery
by that conveyance; as Billson was a Captain
in my late Regiment. I have the Honor, Sir,
to remain with profound respect your Royal Highness's

most faithful most obliged servant Moira