

Robert Fraser to Col. McKeown

July 14 1801

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Sir

You will possibly remember my name from having the honour thro' you to present to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales in 1799 a paper respecting this Island which he was pleased to honour with his gracious approbation and which besides exhibiting those advantages which might be expected from that connection since formed proposed making a statistical survey of the internal resources of Ireland in order to lay the foundation for its future improvement. And which by His Royal Highness's commands signified to you I had the honour to lay before Lord Cornwallis. By an uncommon degree of perseverance I have at last obtained the assent of Government to proceed in those investigations I recommended. And I have been appointed to take the lead by giving an example of my design in the survey of the county of Wicklow which is now in the Press and will be shortly published.

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As soon as it is, I will beg leave to send you a copy for His Royal Highness. And as it will be particularly remarkable for an account of the mineralogy of this interesting country, I would be greatly obliged to you if you would be so good as to represent to His Royal Highness that it might be of great importance to my success, in gaining attention to these objects, if His Royal Highness would be graciously pleased to allow me to assume the title of mineralogist to His Royal Highness. And as I formerly held the situation of Collector of his duties or fees in the county of Devon, & in that situation had an opportunity of collecting that knowledge, which I hope is likely to be very useful to His part of the United Kingdom; His Royal Highness may perhaps think proper to condescend to grant me this mark of his favour. In return for which I shall send His Royal Highness, an arranged and interesting collection, of the mineral & fossils of this Island. The bearer is a relation of mine who will be greatly indebted to you if you will please

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to obtain him a view of Carlton House -

Yours with great deference

Sir

Your most obt. M^{ch} Serv^t

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Waterford

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I am now proceeding in a statistical investigation of the counties
of Waterford & Wexford, and I & Mr. M^r myself have greatly enter-
tained the wish to solicit a share of attention to the future improvement
of this Island.

J Macmahon Esqr

14. July 1801

M^r. Brown to Col. M^r. Anson

Written from Ireland, &
requesting to have the Appendix
or Letter of Mineralogy of the
Royal Academy.