

- McCarthy to Col. McMahon

Aug. 20 1803

Sir 39937

Cleveland 4<sup>th</sup> Oct. Saturday

I'm taking the liberty of requesting that you would be so kind as to ascertain either thro' Mr Tierney or others in the Secret whether the Russian Fleet is to act with us. And in making this request in Lord Moira's name I know I but anticipate his own intention. You are I am sure Sir persuaded that I would not presume to do so without being fully warranted.

The fact is that some of his best Friends in the City such as Rowcroft and Hornyold have been cut to the quoth by the Doctors fallacious statement last winter and that their wounds are not yet healed which operated very injuriously in certain arrangements. This is a Crisis which may enable them to recover those losses - for, if Russia should be with us, it will necessarily excite great confidence - I am well aware of the delicacy belonging to this subject which will thank you to apprise his Lordship of

I have the honor

Colonel McMahon  
or per

Copy of a letter from  
Mr M Gifford to Lord  
Mansfield 20 August  
1803.