Ld. Moira to Col. McMahon.

Dublin Castle, June 10th
1806.

My dear Colonel

This day I have received from Calvert a Leave permitting to be for my private affairs & for a short period at such time as I may think fit to use it.

The letters which for these three days past I have had from Lauderdale make me think it better to wait here till I hear further: for I might be otherwise expend my

Leave during a term when my attendance would not be useful to His Royal Highness; & then, when some new material circumstance arose, there would be difficulty in applying anew. I am however now furnished with the power of staying any summons, & I shall be constantly prepared.

I am sorry that Sir & his friends have brought forward an attack upon the Lord

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Advocate: Because the utmost success of it could be of no use to them; & they make war unnecessarily on a powerful connection. This is speaking politically. Morally, they have not sufficiently examined their ground. The Lord Advocate, tho' somewhat intemperate, is an useful & energetic servant of the Crown. The letter in question was indiscreet; but its object was only to discourage the obstructions which Individuals were giving

to the Volunteer force. These obstructions I am persuaded did not arise from disaffection, nor do I believe any such taint is to be imputed to Mr Morrison: It is however very dangerous to let individuals determine whether the Legislature has or has not good grounds for the apprehension of invasion & for the Provisions which it establishes against that danger; especially when the defence of this part of the Country rests so much upon the Volunteers

that there was at the time only one Battalion
(of Militia) between this place & Lower
Canada House. Morrison acted my Appren-
-ty to his Servant (which Matthews was
not from want of local knowledge ex-
-pected) in turning him adrift so suddenly.
He man cannot find employment in la-
-bor in that Country as he can in England;
& it is only at the stated times of Living

that a servant can find opportunity to engage himself. During this want of employment, the man cannot resort to the Parish for assistance as in England, so that he is literally incapacitated from supporting his family. Morison had taken an extraordinary revenge of the Rajah, which would have operated as a powerful example to

other servants enrolled in the Volunteers had not the Masters been discouraged for the resistance to their drilling. This it was that made the Advocate use a threat never meant to be realized.

Faithfully yours
Maria

Colonel McMahon

Lord Cromer

June 10. 1904