

Ld. Moira to Col. Mac Mahon

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Livington, Dec 31. 1804.

My Dear General

The intimation which  
you have given to me respecting Philip  
Castle has occasioned me to feel considera-  
-ble uneasiness. I am in the highest degree  
sensible to the kind intention of the Duke  
of York in the procedure, & sincerely grate-  
-ful for his suggesting the seizure of such

an opportunity to mark appreciation of my con-  
-duct. It has not, however, been aware that  
the form in question would at this moment  
be necessarily connected with my exertions to  
preserve harmony between the King & Prince:  
and, whilst the reward would lower the quality  
of these endeavours, the implication would be  
very direct that my professional estimation  
would not have led to expect similar notice.  
I am far, very far, from putting my pretensions  
of mine on a footing with those of Officers.

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who have rendered material services to their Coun-  
-try; but I lay advance of claim in the way  
of those of my own Rank & Standing. I have  
not been held back from enterprise at the call  
of my Sovereign; I have not been reluctant  
in the sacrifice of my conveniences or Civil  
Advantages; I have not been sparing of my  
Purse when by private expenditure could  
be forwarded the Public Service. When, therefore,  
at the close of the last War there stood

on the list above someone Officers, of Juniors  
in the Regiments (excluding those who have been  
-ing raised Corps or other special pretensions  
had little to priority, I considered a Regiment  
of Infantry as not to be offered to me with  
-out substantiating the insinuation that  
as a Soldier I had not deserved notice (e)  
equally with any one of these Gentlemen (n)  
On that account, I never could bring myself  
to do any thing so false as to thank the

Duke of York for continuing me to the King  
on the vacancy of that Regiment. Because,  
tho' I was perfectly satisfied he had not  
the remotest suspicion how the circum-  
-stances would bear, I could not affect to  
feel gratified where I was for otherwise.

It was to mark that I was not flattered  
that I removed the Regiment from Green-  
-wood, for whom I have really a warm re-  
-gard. Now, I certainly am conscious that  
my employment in Scotland has been so

far from indifferent to the Public Curiosity  
that it might all have the being ranked  
with one acknowledged merit; & were it  
not to be lumped, as at present seems the  
probability, with my efforts in another line,  
I should be highly sensible to such a recog-  
-nition of my zeal. As it is, this sort of re-  
-compence would be as outward for the  
King as for us. An inadequate compliment

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... affects the liver as much as it does the  
... precision; and if the King were to take  
... the Governor of trading with the way of  
... the working approximation of the general course  
... of my life, the difference in the world's  
... view between that on the ending in  
... his finances would be nothing. I never have  
... looked to remuneration. I have not been  
... more interested about them than I have

about money: therefore, unless the King thought  
that it befitted his own dignity to ask his  
feeling of my behavior of anything different  
from the usual giving me a reference and  
-fifteen claimants, the nearest thing  
both of us would have been that he  
was both superior to the consideration  
of words for questions which it would have  
been dishonest to withhold. Then to make  
Greenwood privately explain this if it be  
still in time. Ever by your friend  
W. H. L.

Ms. A. 9. 2. 31. 1864

Col. McMahon

[faithfully yours

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