

C. Harcourt to Col. Mc Mahon, enclosing papers re Sir  
John Cradock.

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*Enclosed  
to Col. Mc Mahon*

Albany Feb 9<sup>th</sup> 1808

Dear Sir

I trust the motives which lead me to  
submit the accompanying papers to you, will afford  
me an excuse for the liberty I am taking, and  
obtain your pardon for the intrusion.

Sir John Cradock appears to have been so  
very ill used by the Council of Directors, his character  
attacked and his peace of mind disturbed (tho' I trust  
rather the one or the other will suffer but for the  
moment) that it seems to be almost a required duty  
of those who are in possession of the facts of his case  
to

Colonel McMahon

*Yr  
Obedt Servant*



C. W.  
To

to state them; And if after perusing these papers  
you could take an opportunity of mentioning their  
contents generally to His Royal Highness the Prince  
of Wales, I am persuaded His Royal Highness would  
be gracious by pleased to hear with interest the  
case of an honorable, brave and upright Officer  
who under the pressure of great and many difficulties  
seems to have conducted himself with eminent  
propriety. —

Sir John Baddock by his protest has defeated in  
a great degree the intended extension of power and  
authority attempted to be exerted by the Court of  
Directors over the principal Officers of His  
Majesty's Staff in India, whilst by his not causing  
any real embarrassment to the Service at large,  
he



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he has shown his high sense of what was owed to  
the public interests; But really if the Court of Directors  
are permitted to trifle with the characters of  
distinguished personages to the extent they have  
endeavoured to go with that of Lord Wellesley, Lord  
William Bentinck, and lastly of Sir John Cradock,  
who is there that will serve where 10 colonial wars  
a result, seems to be the systematic termination  
of his services? -

Again I must entreat pardon for this intrusion  
and I beg you will believe me ever Dear Sir with  
great truth your Obedient and very faithful Servant  
C. Harcourt.



4 Feb 1808