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Genl. James
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Dear Sir

As you were pleased to think favourably of my extemporaneous efferion on the conduct of the Prince Regent, do me the kindness to peruse the paper in the accompanying Publication.

Sir Edward Ryan, who will leave Town this day, on his way to India, declared at Mr Bosville's Table, that His Royal Highness's name was universally mentioned with enthusiasm in Ireland, which Country he left last week.

As Lord Mulgrave will not attend to my Memorial praying to be permitted to retire from the Corps of Drums, and as my Literary Pursuits engross all my time, allow me to put your friendly disposition in exercise on my behalf. The Prince Regent cannot surely object to my going on Half Pay, especially as my friend George Hanger was

permitted to retire on full Pay in 1807.
Perhaps you may wish to see my Commission
before you take any step; when we may
have some conversation relative to the
anomaly of my Rank, and the impossibility
of my doing any Duty under those circumstances.

If you will name any Day, and appoint
an hour at which I may see you, without
hurry or interruption, I will not fail to
attend. Two Volumes of the Regimental
Companion are already worked off, and the
third will be completed this month. Had
I produced the Military Dictionary and the
latter Work in any Country, but our own,
my situation would, perhaps, have excited
very different feelings at Head Quarters, than
those which, for years, have existed to my
disparagement. Rousseau has well said:
*La Patience est amère, mais son fruit
est doux*—

I heard from Lord Moira on Saturday.

I am, Dear Sir,
Col. McMahon M.P. Your faithful M.S.
Chas. James.