

T. Metzner to Col. McKean

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Rome July 12th 1841.

My Dear Sir

Your very kind & friendly
letter demands the earliest tribute
of My Gratitude. Sorry your obliging
representation to the Duke (in
had no effect, tho' it might.

But as you have since submitted
my situation to the Royal Duke,
I most confidently look forward
to the effect of the goodness of his
Heart, as knowing, that My great
Losses, & 2. Years Deprivations of his
Intended Bounty, have cruelly &
Unwarily reduced me - nearly to
want. - I estimate all my Losses &
to above £400. a Year - viz. about 300.
from my Military Grant, by the Duke
& nearly 400. from my Income, (by the War)
on losing the latter, I felt somewhat
relieved.

by a Dependence, on the Provision,
His Royal Highness gave me in 1802.
Judge of my Feelings, when almost
Immediately after his Resignation,
I was also deprived of this Honour,
& literally reduced to my Wage.
Language is unequal to paint my Situation.
I stand in need of speedily ^{aid} I have
the highest Assurance, that something
will be the result of the Application.
Yet, I feel perfectly convinced, that
a friendly hint (personally) has always
a more sure Effect, than Application
by Letter, Willing, as His Royal Highness is
to reward Services, - My Memorial
shall cannot always be before him.
Permit me then to solicit, that, (as you
frequently see him) you will kindly
remind him, of my unhappy Situation,
- As a Queen's Daughter, Mrs. M. might, (as
is customary) Memorial for a Pension, - of
than 2. or 300. a Year would probably not be
given her, - & I presume to think, that my

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Services of Taxes, entitled me to pecuniary
Reward. My great Aim is to secure a
Pension for her. - I beg leave therefore
to propose, an Annuity of an our Joint
Lines of 400. - & I will give up my S. Pay.
which is 128. Thus I solicit merely the
Sum of £272. from Government, & that
at our time of life, is but trifling.

Nevertheless, this must be asked of
the Prince Regent, & there can be no
Doubt, (When acquainted with every
thing) He will lend a gracious Ear,
especially as the Sum, is but small.
& thereby the Duke of York, might be
relieved from, my Recurring Expenses.

By granting me the favor to make
this Application, You will ever
render the greatest Friendship, to &
relief in Distress, to an Old Soldier,

With sincerest Regard, & Love

Yours most faithfully

Colonel McKeehan

Yours

T. Metzner

12 July 1811

J. Metzner

Private

Prays for
a pension in lieu of his
Wage Pay