

Enclosure.

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Putnam
York, N.Y.
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Sir

The attention which I have had the honor to receive from you, this day by the confidential communication of the intended promotion of Major Officer, & the qualifying manner you have been pleased to express yourself towards me personally, calls for my immediate acknowledgments, & warmest thanks —

I have for a length of time thoroughly weighed the subject in my mind, & the precarious state of Mr Grey's health, with a family

of eight children, six of them girls,
the eldest of whom is nearly grown up,
confirms me in my determination
to retain my present situation, but
as this is the first instance under
H. M. A. the Prince Regent, & cannot
be quoted as a precedent, I am not
without the hope of being permitted
to have my salary & business as
Commissioner of this Post, which
after the number of years, I have
been actively employed, chiefly at
-board, with out I hope to be considered
improper. I am therefore induced
to ~~request~~^{request} you will have the good
ness to take the matter into consid-
eration, & if requisite lay my petition
before H. M. A. the Prince Regent