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To the British Government,

BY

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BARON DE GERAMB,

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ON the 1st of December, 1811, I had the honor of presenting a Memorial to the British Government, claiming, from their justice, the reimbursement of a small part of the very considerable sums due to me.--- For this portion I solicited, that it might enable me, with honor, to leave a town to which I came by order of the Ministers and Officers, of his Majesty, and where I have lingered, in painful inactivity for nearly

one and twenty months.--I cannot but acknowledge, that the sum of £ 3000²— which I had claimed, was so trifling in comparison with my real exigencies, that I had determined (that my demand upon Government might not be too heavy) to dispose, by public auction, of all the effects that I had brought to England.--Then I should have quitted London, possessing only my sword, the uniform I wore, and less than £ 1000, although I had arrived with £ 8000, in ready money, effects of great value, and an undoubted claim for a considerable sum on the justice of the most enlightened and generous of nations.

But money never was the object of my desires ; I should have departed, sa-

tisfied with the portion I had received I should have gloried in this sacrifice : It would have proved, to England, that my attachment was disinterested, and I should have left it, happy--without riches it is true ! but with the noble spirit that would sooner perish than leave one claim behind to blast my name with infamy !

Embarrassments are daily increasing. Honor recalls me to my post. I entreat ! I conjure the Government, by the sacred name of Englishmen, by every tie that binds them to their Country, that they will consider the situation in which I am placed and listen to my claims for equity.

Can Government behold, with eyes unmoved, the man whom they have drawn

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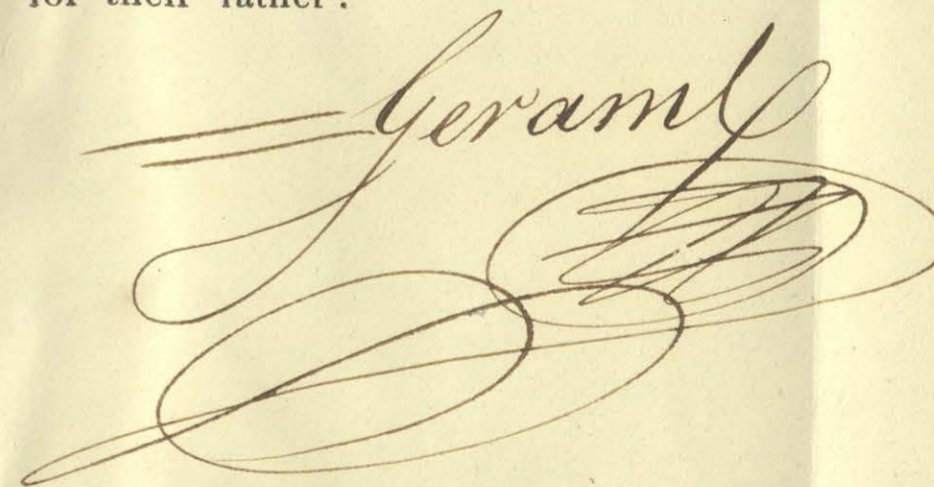
to England--one who has given them such repeated examples of ardent attachment for their country?--Who, braving every danger, for Britons, abandoned the dwelling of his children, the heritage of his fathers, to undertake an enterprize unparalleled in the annals of history?--Who, for that Government, has expended upwards of £20,000, with liberal hand lavishing for them his gold, little supposing that he should one day be obliged to solicit a reimbursement?

Can Government look coolly on a man who has legal pretensions to so large a sum and yet reclaims but part?--Can Government behold a Peer of Hungary, a Chamberlain in the Court of a Monarch who is

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still, in heart, the faithful ally of England--in a word, a man on whom the eyes of the Continent are fixed, and whose sacrifices for this country are so universally known--can Government, I say, behold this man unable to leave for want of pecuniary assistance?--Will Englishmen suffer him, perhaps, to be dragged to prison as a recompence for his love to their country?--No! never would I survive this infamy. Hungary and Germany will listen, with astonishment, to my misfortunes, and my disconsolate children, will raise their supplicating hands, and look to England for their father!

Gerard



12 Jan 1842

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