

Wm. Battine b. S. R. H.

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Private

Sir

From the high honor formerly confer'd upon me by your Royal Highnesses Efforts to second my professional Views, I most humbly request the liberty of addressing you.

After serving his Majesty in the high Office of his Majesty's Advocate general in his Office of Admiralty, above Twenty Years, I lately to my surprise found myself dismissed by the appointment of another Gentleman, without any Previous Notice or communication home; directly contrary to the invariable Practice observed by the Admiralty, and the benevolent and gracious Usage of his Majesty.

If there existed any charges against me <sup>ought to</sup> ~~should~~ have been put on my defense - and I am bold to say, I should have obviated any objection made to my conduct.

But Sir, I am not to presume there were. For I have the Direction of Board to memorial your Royal Highness in Council, as Regents, for a Provision on Retirement in Remuneration of my services.

If I have been guilty of any Delinquency, Why direct me to memorial your Royal Highness for a Provision?

If I have not been guilty of any Delinquency, Why dismiss me?



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The Truth is, I am sacrificed for private accommodation after Twenty Years Service, I am precluded from making a defense, because it is foreseen, I could offer such as is effective; and as the Admiralty has Now found itself to recommend me to your Royal Highnesses Bounty, to square it with their abrupt and uncommunicated dismissal, Their Recommendation of me to your Royal Highness, will probably be that of "Deo Volente Belisario", under an appearance of Justice, to add Injury to Injury.

The Memorial I have prepared to transmit to your Royal Highness in Council, will not be in conformity to that expected by the Admiralty under their direction - It will be the spirited address of a Man, not insensible to injury, and referring himself to those Constitutional Principles of Justice, recommended at the Council by its former venerable President, the Lord of Comden, as those of his Majesty, and which I am sure, are equally dear to your Royal Highness.

Whether your Royal Highness shall consider me worthy of an easy Provision in the decline of

life for my past services, or of nothing, I shall be content (provided the Judgment be that of your Royal Highness) and the Boon if any be the Result of your Royal Highnesses free Bounty & not that of the Board.

I have the honor, Sir,  
Subscribing myself your  
Royal Highnesses most dutiful  
grateful and devoted Servant  
William Battine

Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> 1812.

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I take the liberty of adding my Ad.  
Father is well, and that I am going  
tomorrow to East or orders.



Mr. Batten  
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