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Sir

I take the liberty of obtruding myself on your more important avocations to beg that you will do me the honor to lay before His Royal Highness The Prince Regent my respectful and dutiful petition, that in the event of a second Surgeon being appointed to the high and distinguished station of Serjeant Surgeon to The Prince Regent, His Royal Highness would be graciously pleased to receive and to consider with indulgence my humble solicitation to be honoured with so great and flattering a mark of His Royal Highness's protection, if it should not militate against any other



other arrangement or any superior claims on His Royal Highness's gracious notice.

A natural and I hope not unbecoming anxiety for Rank and Respectability in my profession might perhaps plead with His Royal Highness in excuse for this application even in the absence of any claims on His Royal Highness's favor: - I do not presume to flatter myself that I have any such pretensions to advance; - whatever I may have derived from a few years of zealous services devoted to The Royal Family may not perhaps be wholly unknown to His Royal Highness, to whose gracious favor and protection, and with every feeling of the most grateful and dutiful devotion, I respectfully commit this my humble request.

I have the honor to be  
Sir, with great respect,  
Your most Obedient humble servant

Colonel McMahon

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