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Sir
The Death of the Earl of Uxbridge (which I have learnt with extreme personal regret by the Papers of yesterday) occasions a Vacancy in the Office of Vice Admiral of North Wales, Milford Haven & its Dependencies, & which are included in his Lordships Patent of Vice Admiral. It is not as I have reason to believe (having been myself ~~successor~~ Lord Uxbridge's Deputy Vice Admiral for Milford Haven & its Dependencies) an Office of any Emolument, & it has been considered more as an honorary Grant than one of immediate importance to the Country. I am at a loss how to presume to ask so great a favor of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, that he would honor me with an Office, which from my local Situation, & property in the Port of Milford, would not only be most particularly flattering to me, as a mark of His Royal Highness's most gracious condescension, but by which I should be placed in a situation, wherein I might prove my Zeal & unremitting Attention to His Majesty's Service, by the faithful discharge of those Duties, so important to His Majesty's Naval Interests, as well as to the Commerce & Trade of the Principality, & which in this Quarter is rapidly increasing.

Having already stated that this is not an Office of Emolument, I venture to ask, that you will have the goodness to present the inclosed Letter from me to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent with my most respectful & humble Duty, & which conveys to His Royal Highness, my present Wish nearly in the same terms, as those which have detailed the particulars of the Subject to you.

I have the honor to be

Sir Your very faithful & obliged Humble Servant
Rob^t F. Greville.

Col^l: MacMahon

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