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Dear Sir

I had y<sup>e</sup> Honor of receiving your letter dated y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> Inst, & cannot imagine, why Sir R. H. The Commander in Chief, should so pointedly, set his face against me, as I can, w<sup>th</sup> great truth, solemnly declare, that no action of my long life, has ever merited it. . . .

With regard to selling out, why should I be particularised, Gen<sup>l</sup> Sawett, Col<sup>l</sup> Brodie, Gen<sup>l</sup> Richardson, & many, many others, sold out & were afterwards provided for, & appointed to Governments, & I will leave the world to judge, whether, my pretensions, are not, much superior to any of theirs. . . .

With regard to making a bargain, on signing my resignation, I thought it would be too illiberal to propose it, in a grossing, that if I merited. My King & Country, would always reward me besides, I was at the time so very ill, that I thought only, of making some provision, for my family. . . .

Were I to relate my services, & sufferings, during, fifty three years, that I have been seeing my King & Country, (having purchased my Ensigny in y<sup>e</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup> in y<sup>e</sup> year 1750,) in y<sup>e</sup> different Spanish, American, & French, wars, from y<sup>e</sup> Reduction of y<sup>e</sup> Havannah, to 1803, It would fill a pamphlet. . . .

I am now, seventy odd years of age, Have been wounded in y<sup>e</sup> Head The first tittle of my skull, carried away. Have been shot in y<sup>e</sup> back. Have had

five yellow fevers, in y<sup>e</sup> West Indies, where I have  
gone sever different times on real service, & I can w<sup>th</sup>  
truth say, that all my sufferings, & services, did  
not affect my feelings & Health, as much, as y<sup>e</sup>  
refusal I lately met w<sup>th</sup>, on my late application to  
Lora Moira, who has known me well, for upwards  
of thirty six years, having been in y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> Reg, w<sup>th</sup> me,  
& all y<sup>e</sup> old gen<sup>l</sup> officers, that are now alive, under whom  
I had y<sup>e</sup> Honor of serving, and are ready to vouch, for  
every thing I have advanced . . .

I make not the least doubt, that when his R. H.  
recollects, that I have most faithfully, & usefully  
served his Royal Father, during his whole Reign,  
but I shall, from his humane feelings, & goodness  
of heart, yet receive, some mark of Royal favor

Your answer to this letter, when convenient, will  
much oblige,

I have y<sup>e</sup> Honor to be, Dear Sir  
Your most Obedient, & . . .  
Faithful Servant . . .

Edw<sup>d</sup> Madden Colonel  
Late Brigadier General

Colonel Torrens & Co