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Sir

By removing to Town with my Family from Richmond Park for the remaining Season, on Friday last, I had only the honor of receiving your most obliging Letter by yesterdays post from thence, & I have taken the earliest opportunity in my power, to wait on you at Carlton House, with the hope, of being enabled to return to you my personal thanks, for the very kind manner, in which you have communicated to me His Royal Highness the Prince Regents decision, on a subject I had lately ventured to address him.

Not having had the good fortune of meeting you at Carlton House, I leave this Letter expressive of my anxious wish, that you would on some favorable opportunity, convey to His Royal Highness, my most grateful thanks for the very kind & gracious answer, He has been pleased to convey to me through you, to the late Application I had presumed to make for His Royal Highness's Appointment of me, to the Office of Vice Admiral of North Wales, Milford Haven, & its dependencies, vacant by the death of the late Earl of Uxbridge, & I truly feel highly gratified, by the very gracious & condescending expressions, by which His Royal Highness has been pleased to reply through you, to my expressed Wishes, tho' to these, it has not been in his power to accede.

I should be happy if His Royal Highness the Prince Regent could know, that had I been aware of the intentions of the continuance of this Office, from the late, to the present Earl of Uxbridge, I certainly should not have intruded my Application, but I was urged to the Step I have presumed to take, by the wish, that this Appointment might not be given from me in Bombrookshire, & therefore I had cherished

the hope, that on this Occasion, I should not be excluded from a preference
in that Quarter, where no one has greater Interests, depending on Milford Haven
than what my local property at Milford, extends to Me.

Committing this detail to your kind Offices, & requesting that
you will accept my most grateful Thanks, for this, & former Instances of your
kindness towards me, I have the honor to be with great Esteem,

Sir,

Your Faithful, & much Obliged Humble Servant

J. F. Greville.

The Hon^{ble} the
Colonel McMahon