

Earl of Roden

April 13. 1812

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Tollymore Park

April 11. 1812

Sir

after the recent Mark of your Royal Highnesses Condescension in gratifying my wishes to the Utmost Extent, in Placing my Son about your Royal Highness's Person, I fear I shall be considered presumptuous in making any further Request; but as I can answer for the Character of Colonel Orde (who is Brother to Lady Roden) being the most respectable both as a Private Gentleman, and in his military Capacity; I with Humility beg leave at his Request to solicit he may have the Honor of being placed in your Royal Highnesses Establishment, as Squirey or Aid du Camp Supernumerary or otherwise: It is his

Ambition to have the Honor to serve your
Royal Highness, and it would be my Pride
as his Relation to have him placed in
that Situation.

I ask a Thousand Pardons for this
Intrusion

And Have the Honor to be
with every Devotion and Respect
your Royal Highness
most Faithfull most obliged
& most Humble Servant

Roderic