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Maj. James Allen to Col. Dickhaut -

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my most worthy & kind friend,

George's Coffee House
Hay Market Aug. 10th 1812.

I rec^d. your obliging letter & enclosure to Gen. Garner, would have answered sooner but waiting from day to day in hopes of some favorable answer of my son's application to be reinstated.

It has now been officially stated to him, that the Duke cannot comply with his request. And an official letter from Col. Gorrean to me, says on account of my long service & very respectable character & the advices made by Family for my son's Commission,

The Duke will order a Troop of Dragoon^s to be sold to remunerate my family. - I immediately waited to thank the Duke, gave him my son's military observations & drawings, dedicated to the Duke, & that my son might at this time be of use in Spain being a good draftsman with French & Spanish, Hoped H. R. H. would be pleased to give him a Com^{mission} to enable him to commence again. He said he would consider of that & made his Memorandum.

I told Gorrean, who has been very kind to me, he was of opinion the D. would think of the Com^{mission}. - how my dearest friend, altho' it might be a mortifying thing for my son to commence as Cornet after having been 13 years in the service & a Capt. & second in the 25th Dragoon^s, I know not what to do with him, & I wish & hope the Duke may give him that. Poor fellow he has suffer'd before he could get home, having been without pay for above a year. But this you know my friend must all come upon me, and God knows when
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may be told for us. - My son has had some powerful enemy, for it
cannot be the Proceedings of the Court Martial. He will shew you
a great number of Certificates from Gen.^{ls} & others to his good conduct
as an officer & Gentleman, The S. of Richmond at the Head of the
List, the whole has been sent to Gorven: to Lay before the Duke.

Poor fellow his fate at 24 has been a hard one, hope some
kind friend may yet stretch out his hand to help him on.
I know he has worth & abilities & now only wants to be well
laid in again to shew himself. - Perhaps my good friend
in the event of his going to Spain, which I sincerely hope
he may/ you may probably be able to serve him with a
line. Lord Bellingham & I was at S. Camps together twice
with Mr. Buckingham. But I fear my line as things are
so alter'd might be of little use. Mr. Beverford he took
letters of Recommendation when at Madras, may now be
forgot - My dear friend, vast difference between a rising
Man & a poor fallen young Man. But surely some kind
friend will come forward to rising merit. He goes with
me to Dublin for a month, on his return will make his bow
to you. Many thanks my dearest friend for your kind
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Maj James Allen to Col. McMahon -

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and good wishes & may you long enjoy your health & spirits
is the most sincere prayer of your sincere & faithful
obliged old Brother Officer
J. Allen

I think of leaving this about Sat. or Mond.

Right Hon^{ble}
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Aug. 10. 1812