

Lady Camilla Robinson to Col. H. C. Keane  
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Sir

I am so much embarrassed how to address you & feel myself unequal to the task, but when I reflect how kind you was to me on a former application, from the honor you did me by interceding for me in my favor, it would have proved successful had not you left town for the recovery of your health which I trust sincerely hope was effected.

I am quite ashamed to trouble you with the present application & I intend you will pardon the nature & the sense with all apologies which I most sincerely feel are due for this liberty. Permit me to say that ever since I had the pleasure of seeing General Turner & have been at both ends for the benefit of the benefit of the air & am at this moment of addressing you almost blind from a Rheumatism your will do me the most eminent Physicians upon me that find relief from the Chelmsford Water & I am greatly embarrassed to say my present inability to procure that relief is the consequence of a wandering place for ten months has deranged my mind & finances I am indebted bad terms with you brother Ambrose in account of servants that I have received whatever from that channel & the assistance I have from the Emperor of Russia by the means of Prince Repnin & I assure myself in several months I have more to expect but I must

I am now come to the painful task of saying if you will have  
the goodness to represent my situation to His Royal  
Highness the Prince Regent, whose great indulgence  
at the present time I trust will be the support of this request  
I am assured the will be done to honor me by the Royal  
assistance. The small sum that I wish is 25, or 30,  
to enable me to take three steps for the recovery of my health  
it makes me extremely unhappy for I must fear that  
I am my right mind

I shall consider myself under the greatest obligation imaginable  
to you & that to be in all respects to redress you  
it will be your kindness to me the future comfort of my life  
pardon me requesting the honor of an early answer  
as every day is of the utmost moment to me  
permit me to subscribe myself

Dear to all  
Lady E. Robinson  
Officer Admiral Fortescue  
Calverley Street  
I beg you will be so kind  
not to notice this long apology

Sir,  
Your most obliged  
Friend & Servant  
Camille Robinson