

G. Keogh to Col. McKeahow

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N^o 92 Stephens Green
October 2^d 1812

Private

My Dear Sir

Being desirous of availing myself of every Opportunity
of convincing you of my Respect esteem and attachment
I beg to be inform'd if you are inclin'd for the
Candidates in case of an Election for the following
Counties Dublin - Meath Sligo Roscommon -
my occupying my father's Aunts in those Counties when
he has considerable Estates gives me great influence
amongst his freeholders. That influence shall be
devoted to your wishes. I must not let my father
know the use I make of my interest with them
when ever they become my Tenants you shall
command them

I have devoted the interest of the last Summ
to point out new taxes. at one time my father
intended me for a situation in the Treasury he
sent me early in life to those Counties where
add'd to a perfect knowledge of Accounts and

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Language I was two years in Holland under one
of the greatest financiers in the world

situated as the British Government is at present
and especially after the last declaration of the
Chancellor of the Exchequer (Mr. Cairnes) that
"he would in future endeavour to make the
"Taxes of each year meet the expenditure without
"recourse to Loans." It must be peculiarly desirable
to discover Taxes which will produce simply
without leaning on the poor, I phrase myself
to point out a tax which will increase the
Revenue for the Empire Four Millions
Five Hundred Thousand thousand pounds
sterling the collecting of which will not
be attended with a shilling expense
the tax is of such a nature that it is
impossible for it to create a murmur
I have also an other tax to propose which
so far from being oppressive would relieve
the poor of Ireland and produce one

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Million five hundred thousand pounds yearly
This can also be collected free of all expense
I am certain I have underrated the produce
of both taxes. The favour I have to request is a
letter of introduction to Mr William Fitz Gerald
the Irish Chancellor of the Exchequer who I have
not the honor of knowing, all those high officials
men have a certain feel about the name of
Keogh. particularly as I am obliged to please
my father to act in the Catholic Committee
next to Lord Sneyd. Mr Fitz Gerald's father who
is a most amiable man lived in strict habits
of friendship with my wife's late father and
would I believe vouch me on his account

My father like many men who have made
their own fortunes is miserably in his allowance
to his family though he has fourteen thousand
a year. he only gives me 200. Irish pounds
a year I have two children and a wife
Should Mr Fitz Gerald want a person who
understands calculations perfectly, perhaps
through your recommendation he would

employ me. I am certain if ^{he} adopts my tax he
will serve him, as Chancellor of the Exchequer
make him popular. I would not seek an
interview without an introduction.

I have a very great favour to solicit from you
which is to Recommend my Brother in Law
Mr G. Munkell to His Grace the Duke of Richmond
or Mr Peel for some situation if Iolan named by
one it would be Barrack master of Portobello Barracks
new building to which no person has as yet been
Appointed he is I beg to assure you Sir by Birth
Education and habits of life a perfect gentleman
will discharge the duties of any office cometh
and honourably this will confer the greatest
favour on me I flatter myself if His Royal
Highness the Prince Regent knew my conduct on
trying occasions His Royal Highness would be
gladly pleased to Recommend Mr Munkell

I beg pardon for taking up so much of your time
I again assure you my plan of tax on the bull
What has been thought of for years have the goodness
to address your letter to 1092 St James Street as there are
two other persons of my name living at the Green
I have the honor to be with the highest
Respect to your devoted
son
G. Munkell

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