

Sir R.W. Kennedy to Col. McMahon (over) C. Herries

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Head Quarters
Wellington
17th Oct. 1812

My Dear Sir,

On my arrival here
about ten days ago, I received your
letter of the 2nd of August last
in favour of Mr Sedley, & one at the
same time from himself, announcing
his having landed at Lisbon
& begging to receive my Commands.

In attention to your wishes

Your Obedt^l Serv^t John McMahon

Sir R. W. Ke

I immediately gave directions to my
Representative at Lisbon, to employ
Mr Sedley in my office there
and to make him an advance
of two month's pay.

It is necessary I should mention
to you that, upon my return to the
Army, I learnt that an order had
been sent out by Mr Herries to the
Commissary General in this Country,
a just about the time I was leaving
London, forbidding all Commissariat
appointments abroad, which are not

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sanctioned by the Lords of the Treasury.
I have therefore been under the
necessity of applying to their
Lordships, through Mr Herries,
for permission to place Mr Sedley
upon the List of Commissariat Clerks.

I cannot do better than to annex a copy
of that letter, & it will give me great
pleasure to find that I have acted
upon this occasion according to your
intentions.

The Castle still holds out & it is
difficult to calculate when we may
get possession of it. I beg You will

Present my kindest regards to Mr McMahon
& believe me, My Dear Sir, to be
with sincere Esteem
Yours Most Truly Obedient,
Wm. M. Keene

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Head Quarters Villavieja
11th Oct 1812

Charles Keene Esq,
Commander in Chief.

Sir,

A Mr John Sedley having been
recommended to me for a Clerkship in the Command
Department in this Country, by Colonel McMahon,
and having at this time before me a letter
from Mr Arbuthnot respecting Mr Sedley, I presume
that you have no objection to my giving
employment to him. I beg leave to observe
that I have never yet seen Mr Sedley, nor did
I ever hear of him until Mr Arbuthnot's
letter was shewn to me, but as he can be usefully employed
with this Army, I will thank you to let me know
whether I may place Mr Sedley upon the list of
the Department as a Clerk at 7/6 per day.

(Signed) McMahon &c

R. H. Keene's
11th Oct 1812