

Jas. Stewart to Col. Ke Mahon

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My Dear Sir

The Tyrone Election ended some days ago  
and my opponents, Mr. Shand & Sir John Stewart have  
succeeded, their junction, supported by Lords  
Rivers, Mountjoy and Bolmore, gave them an Advantage  
which, owing to the imperfect state of the registry on the  
part of my friends, I was not prepared to contend with,  
We have been taken by surprise but we are not  
subdued.

Accept of my best Thanks for your  
kind Confidential Letter, with Pride and gratitude  
greater than words can express I learned the condescending  
attention which the Prince Regent was graciously pleased  
to give to my situation, to His Royal Highness my  
poor services have been long devoted, His great and  
generous Mind has estimated them not by their  
intrinsic value but by the sincerity and zeal with  
which they have been tendered, I now lament

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The loss of my Election as it removes me from opportunities  
 of Evincing my Attachment but in every Situation of  
 Life it must continue Warm and Unalterable, may  
 I hope that with your usual Kindness to me, you  
 will take some Favourable opportunity of laying  
 before His Royal Highness my renewed Declaration of  
 Unceasing Loyalty, Attachment and Gratitude.

Now my Dear Sir allow me to commit myself to your  
 Friendship requesting you to act for me as to your  
 better Judgment may appear right, either by suppressing  
 altogether what I shall write or submitting it, if not  
 too Presumptuous, to the Notice of His Royal Highness,  
 Being now the only Survivor of the Delegates from the  
 Irish Parliament in 1729. and having never deviated  
 in the smallest degree from the Devotion at that time  
 professed to the Service of His Royal Highness, may I  
 now venture without danger of offending to solicit  
 some Mark of His Royal Favour, Emolument

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Emolument is not my Object, my highest Ambition  
is to be distinguished by His Royal Highness's Favour  
and placed in a Situation which might enable me to  
serve him, being precluded by my Connections in  
Ireland from seeking a Seat in the House of Commons  
unless it were for that County which has been repre-  
sented sixty four successive Years by my Father  
and myself, shall I appear Presumptuous in looking  
to a Seat in the other House.

To you I have taken the Liberty of opening my Mind and  
by your friendly Advice, if you will in kindness  
afford it to me, I am anxious to be favoured,  
earnestly entreating you so to direct me as not to  
let me give offence, rather than so I would  
pass my Life in Retirement. Pardon me for  
trespassing so long on your Patience and allow me  
to assure you that I have the Honour to be with  
Respect and Esteem My Dear Sir

J. M. M. M.  
Octob<sup>r</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1712

Yours most Faithfully  
J. Stewart

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James Stewart

Oct. 26. 1812.

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