

Maj. Chas. James to Col. McClellan

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November 19th 1812

Dear Sir

I have received a cheque from the
Earl of Moira for your Half-Year's
payment, due the 16th Instant, but
I am to enquire into the state of his
Lordship's funds at Mr. Coutts's before
I can offer it. Tell me, therefore, whether
you absolutely want the money immediately.
If you should, I will manage to answer
your wants out of my own resources,
as I have often done heretofore. I wish
I had been consulted, two years ago, relative
to your annuity. You might have
been paid off and his Lordship have
also been benefited by the liquidation. But
I do not wear a big Wig, and Mr. Adam
has never condescended to talk to me

upon the subject. I proposed this
morning, that either you or Mr Thompson
should go through my accounts, but Lord
Moira says he will examine them
himself on his return from Donington.
It is very necessary for your sake, that
the vouchers should be done with, and
delivered up. I have thought it right
to declare, in Writing, upon the word
and honor of a man holding his Majesty's
Commission, that I have never, directly
or indirectly, shared or participated in
any of the advantages which have accrued
to Individuals from the negotiation
of Bills &c. and that I have never
made an improper use of his patronage.
I wish other Agents could say as much.
Right Hon^{ble} Your's Faithfully
John McMahon Chas. James.