

Colonel Stapleton
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Sir.

Permit me to solicit that you will do me the honor and favor of submitting to the Prince Regent my humble request, that his Royal Highness would be graciously pleased to appoint me when an opportunity shall occur, one of the Aides de Camp to his Royal Highness. I am induced to request this high honor as a mark of approbation of my conduct for an actual Military life of above thirty six years, eleven of which as Colonel in the command of the York Fusilier Infantry and of the 15th Garrison Battalion, both regiments raised for limited services but which they extended, thro' my personal exertions, without any expense whatever to Government. On the sudden reduction of the 15th with the other Garrison Battalions in 1805, I was permitted to return to the line, His Royal Highness the Commander in Chief not having before acceded to my repeated requests to that purpose in consequence of a regulation which had then been adopted, but made subsequent to my appointment of Colonel to the York Fusiliers which I raised

in 1794, this untoward circumstance has prevented my attaining the
rank of Rank in the Profession usually attendant on such a period
of service.

I take leave to add that his Royal Highness the Commander in Chief,
and the Commanding General Officers who entrusted me with command
of difficulty and confidence during the whole of the disturbances
in Ireland, have done me the honor to express themselves in
the most flattering terms on my character as an Officer, since the reduction
of my last regiment, I have held the situation of Assistant Adjutant
General, and received the approbation of the General Officers under
whom I have acted.

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I have the honor to be.

Sir
With great respect.

Right Hon^{ble}
Colonel McMahon
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to the House
London.

Your most obedient humble servant.
J. A. Chetwynd Heyington.
Lieut. Colonel & Aft. Adj. Gen^l.