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Hu. Couperre to Col. H. Chakow

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Thursday even?

My Dear Colonel

As I shall not have an opportunity of calling upon you, this morning, being en route to Woolwich, I can not delay writing a few lines to express how sensibly I feel your extraordinary kindness to me - at the same time, I am infinitely anxious to express upon you, that in the conversation which passed the other day, there exists not one particle of eagerness or impatience in my mind as to the progress of the object mentioned; but merely, that

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such was the line & direction of my
ultimate ambition, for the honest reason,
that I did conceive it to be an occupation,
in which I might, perhaps, make myself
more useful than in any other; when
the occasion should arrive.

In thanking you therefore for the
opportunity you afforded me of speaking
upon this subject, let me add that I
feel so highly, the mark of favour, which
our gracious Master has lately bestowed
upon me, that I hardly dare to hope
for any further consideration of the

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Hon. Comptroller to Col. Hekahou

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kind; and that my warmest wish is
to continue in my exertions to make
myself worthy of it hereafter - in the
mean time I can not but know, that
there are many Persons about H. R. H.
whose claims are far, very far beyond
mine - yet should H. R. H. ever think
fit to bestow a thought upon me,
my only prayer is, for a situation in
which I may be able to render myself
most serviceable to him -

With gratitude & best regards
Believe me my Dear Col.
Ever yours
Wm. Comptroller

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Mr Congreve

(? Sir William Congreve
d. 1814.)

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