

Gen. J. St. Ledger to Col. McMahon.

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My dear Mr. Mahon,

Here we are at last, after a long  
& tedious Passage of fourteen weeks: we arriv'd  
here the 20<sup>th</sup>. I am afraid we shall be detain'd  
some time. The best fleet only quitted this a  
week before we arriv'd. If Mr. Rosenhagen is gone  
on to Madras, & that S<sup>r</sup>. G. Whinstons has given him  
a very good employment, you may depend upon my  
assisting him as much as lies in my power.  
On our arrival we were greeted with the pleasing  
account of the Salomon's Business. My place  
must appear well after having been so long at sea.  
but the Cape by no means answers the expectations  
I had of it. I mean in point of being a place of such

great plenty. every body who has been here any time  
is perfectly sick of it. The Utility of it strikes me  
as very great, & I should imagine it capable of  
great improvement. Craig receiv'd me in the most  
friendly manner. He appears to me to give the  
most universal satisfaction both to the Civil and  
Military. He will have business done in a proper  
manner. I have heard this from people whom I  
know were strongly prejudic'd against him. I am  
very glad of it, and have always had a very great  
regard for him, as I believe you may have heard  
me say. I was a friend our friend D. & our old  
with him during his stay here. I am the more surpris'd  
at it as in several papers at times I have had  
him, about Craig, he appears to me have a  
regard for him. I mean to make an excursion  
up the country to morrow or next day, & will  
give you some account of it in my next. There  
are some ships that sail to morrow for England  
which has given me an opportunity of writing to

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those I am particularly anxious should remember me.  
I still feel the twitch I experienced at parting, and  
most probably shall not forget it, till I meet them  
again. I am sorry to inform you that poor Grey  
of the 22<sup>d</sup> is very ill, & I am afraid in great danger.  
within these two days, there is some change that  
is favourable. I shall call on him as soon as  
he will let me see him. he could not see Wilson  
yesterday: he is return'd to day, & I will not send  
any letter till I get his account of him. I have just  
seen Wilson. How often the surgeon you must have  
heard Doyle mention, has seen Grey, & does not  
seem to think Grey so ill as was reported: & has  
great hopes of his recovery. When my dear Mac, I  
must finish, most probably I shall another opportunity  
of writing before I leave this, as there is a cutter on the  
way home from Madras. Remember me to Huskisson,  
I shall write to him by the next opportunity that  
offers. assure him that I shall never forget the  
twitch I experienced from him: congratulate  
him from me on account of the Sabornia's success.

I wish our Squadron that is cruising off Mauritius  
could give us some account of the progress  
the Enemy has in these Seas. The state of the  
fleet here, is so bad that we are not to be convoy'd  
the whole way to Madras. Some of the India  
Captains say rather black on the occasion.  
Adieu once more my dear friend, as you will easily  
imagine, I am not a little anxious to get some  
news from Mrs. Lewis. I think we shall see a very  
interesting period. I expect a Volume from you.

Believe me to be

Y<sup>r</sup> ever affect<sup>d</sup> friend  
J. H. P. Lewis

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They are sent to Mr. W. M. Mason.  
As every thing possible to Lord Anson  
If you have an opportunity I shall be oblig'd to  
you to mention to the Duke of Clarence, how  
grateful I feel for H. P. L.'s good wishes. I will  
venture to assure his Family has not a more  
attached follower than I am. I believe you know  
it. Adieu.