

Ed. Moura to Col. McMahon

The Earl of Moura

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to
My Dear Col. McMahon

May 3^o 1790.

London, May 3^o 1790

Dear General

Offer of her the
most affectionate duty to the Prince of
Wales, and assure His Royal Highness
that nothing can in my opinion be more
judicious or more happily turned than
the letter of which you transmitted me
the Copy. The distinction which His Royal
Highness has further made in his applica-

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-tion is equally well conceived. The rank of
Field Marshal is undoubtedly that which pro-
-priety points out for him as a permanent
character in the profession: but, for the
present crisis, the plan of acting as Lieu-
-tenant General under Sir Charles Grey
is of all others the most eligible. In case
of invasion, that station would of all
others be most gratifying to the Prince's
encouragement: but, if the King do not come, he

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of will not have the less credit for the order
pro. with which he sought the situation where
the danger was most probable, & for the modesty
with which he desired to submit himself
to the command of another when the public
interest was so sincerely at stake. I hope
in God that this generous offer of his Royal
Highness will be accepted. Present, also,
my sincere thanks to the Prince for his
goodness in dispensing with my attendance

at Free Mason's Hall on the 9th. You know
that I should be sadly worried if I could do
more.

A thousand thanks for all
the trouble you have taken about (Chazone
& the other matters. You have been
there all admirably. I will with great
pleasure accept the flattering compliment
of being named a member of the Cocoa Bee

Believe me faithfully yours
John W. Baker. Thine