

Ed. Moura to Col. DeKahon

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Do not think that the Duke of Cambridge's wish has escaped my attention. I have thought & twisted the matter two or three ways in my mind; desirous of managing it, because I think it would be for the Prince's advantage. Still, I have never been able to contrive how to go about it. In conversation, I could have no difficulty of submitting it to the Prince; because he would then see that

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it was not an attempt to get round him, which
I should both understand towards him what
was the subject. In a letter, one cannot go so far
on Home: because there is a sort of straight-forward
-ness that is neither more nor less than imper-
-tent presumption; I mean the attacking
a proposition without knowing by previous
questions whether it may not be exceedingly
unbecoming to the person so addressed.
Had the idea occurred to myself, I would have
stated it to the Prince at once. As the D. of C.

which has suggested it / I could not avoid that par-
 ticular - to which / there would be a species of circum-
 stances - mention in it which, however honest the
 object, I would not use with the Prince.
 I have often thought that his Regiment
 really furnished the excuse for not giving
 him rank, since, at a time when all is to
 be military, he must have had more than
 position had he not been a Colonel. If
 the King saw him wear a Field Marshal's
 uniform in the City, it proves that he must

be considered in that rank here on by of-
-ficers with troops, and led down by a special
Commission of inferior quality. This, I think, will
be over till I get to town. For I see I shall
be obliged to send you up for a week. There
is an Ensign Putland who has written with
letters from Newport, about his not having
been gazetted in Sir T. Ballance's Corps, which
he says was thro' mistake (see Enclosure) & that
he therefore cannot get the Pay which would liberate
him. When you see Browning will you ask him about
it; as I had conversation with him before about
Putland. Faithfully yours
Murray

London
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