

Wm. Hecker to Col. McMahon
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Sir/

As you were so obliging to give me leave to wait upon you, I take the liberty to state to you briefly, the case which has involved me, and my family in ruin and distress; and as you perhaps are not acquainted with the detailed circumstances, I am happy to have an opportunity of laying them before you, to judge how truly unfortunate an event has rendered me, in which God only knows, I had no criminality of intention.

I had, sir, an old office box in my possession for near two years, of a size that could contain but a few letters; and being near a foreign journey, I wished to use it to bring some trifling things in my way home from the continent: a common

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bell hanger happening to be at the house, I asked him to make me a key that would lock it; the man took the box to the office, and His Majesty's Ministers suspected me of having sinister motives, and treated me accordingly. The length of time I served in the Royal Family and Government, with zeal and attachment, will or must I am sure, exculpate me from such a criminal charge, in the eyes of every liberal man.

I am however left without any provision for myself or family, among which is a constant sick Daughter; and I should take it as the highest favor if you would give me your advice how to obtain the Messengers Pension / to which fund I contributed whilst a Messenger / to keep me, in my advanced age, and family from want. I am very reluctant in addressing or troubling you, but knowing your kind disposition to the unfortunate I am induced to indulge a hope, that you will not withhold your advice, and will not be offended at the

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Liberty I take, which I shall never
cease to acknowledge with thanks and
gratitude.

I am, Sir, your very respectful
and most faithful
humble servant
W^m Hunter Senr.

June 26th 1804

62 Stafford Place Pimlico. —

