

J. A. Vesey to Col. McKeane

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Petersmouth April 12th 1805

Dear Sir,

Having been under the necessity of leaving
Town at an hour's notice - I was deprived of the oppor-
-tunity of inserting my name in the visiting Book
at Carter's House previous to my departure - and
least this might be considered as wanting in respect
on my part - I venture to request of you to make
my most respectful excuses on the occasion - but
the Admiralty communication was so pointed that
I dare not venture on any delay -

I had also an additional reason for
wishing to see you personally before I left Town -

J.A.
that I might make you acquainted with an
official communication which I rec^d from the Com^{dr}
in Chief's Office - the day I left London. It appears
they are about to place me on half pay - the 2^d
pay, of which I was offered the Lt. Colonelcy - being destined
to Garrison some of our West India Islands -

I have remonstrated - but altho^{ugh} I have a warm
friend in Col. Gardiner, I am fearful of the event,
for the Commander in Chief seems bent upon
noticing me in no other way, but by letting
me feel his power - I have solicited the Duke
of Kent - whose kindness to me on all occasions
far exceeds my merits, to mention these circum-
stances to H. R. H. The Prince of Wales - with a view
to do away any unfavourable impression which
His Royal Highness's mind might receive from

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am hearing that I am handed about from Reg^{ty} to Reg^{ty}
without much consideration either to my feelings
or my interests - Perhaps you would do me the
favor of placing, on any favorable opportunity,
the contents of this letter before the eyes of His Royal
Highness - for there is nothing which I so ardently
desire as that every transaction of my life should
come before him in a point of view not likely to affect
me in his good opinion -

I should not have troubled you with my private
concerns - were it not for the friendly part you was so
good as to take on the occasion of my removal from
the 52^d - an event which I cannot sufficiently
lament - as it has been the occasion of depriving
me of any eligible active service during the war -

I shall rely on your usual politeness to

forbear this intrusion - and shall without further
apology subscribe myself - with sentiments of great
respect -

Dear Sir,

your most Obedt
and very humble Servant.

J. G. Vesey.

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Apr 8 12. 1805.

Col. M. Mahon

H. G. G.