

J. Macnamara to Col. McDeakew

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Saturday 15th June 1805.

I take the liberty to request you to do me the honor to lay this letter before his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, whom I presume to solicit to name my eldest son Arthur Macnamara to one of the cornetries now vacant in the 10th Dragoons.

This young man has passed through Westminster school & Cambridge with very considerable credit, nor is the Army the line I wished for him; but from a predilection for a regiment commanded by his Royal Highness, and from the circumstance of Lord William Somerset, who was his school-fellow & is his particular friend, being in that regiment my son is induced to hope that his
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Royal Highness will forgive this intrusion
& gratify his ambition for a Commission
in it: I think I do not say too much
when I predict he will not disgrace his
Royal Highness's protection should he be
pleased to honor him with it.

My son will probably come into
the next parliament; and, although I
feel considerable delicacy in saying so
much of so near a relation, truth and
justice compel me to declare that I do
not believe a more eligible young Man
for any Regiment or Society exists, nor have
I a doubt but Lord William Somers &
every other person to whom he is known
will fully confirm this opinion of him:

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In case the Prince should be so gracious as to nominate Arthur to a cornetcy he would wish six weeks or two months leave of absence in Wales where his future public & private prospects call him at present - but in case of his nomination if his immediate attendance at the Regiment be necessary of course he would attend.

I presume to hope that his Royal Highness's accustomed goodness will pardon this intrusion & that you will believe me my dear Sir yours very sincerely
J. Macnamara.

To Colonel McMahon.

J. Macnamara
15 June 1895