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Lord Temple

for Mr Pigott

late of the 85th Regt

Provena Street

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Dear Sir

I understand that a memorial either
 has been, or will be, presented to the Prince
 Regent by the Earl of Morda signed by Mr
 John Pigott and others, late of the 85th Regt
 humbly praying His Royal Highness to be gra-
 -ciously pleased to take into His consideration
 the situation in which the Memorialists are placed

by certain proceedings which took place in the year
1800, and which were the result of a Court Martial
held upon Lieut. Colonel Popham then also in that
Regiment. May I be permitted my dear Sir most
earnestly and with all humility to pray His Royal
Highness's humane and favourable consideration of
the prayer of this Memorial. I have very long
and intimately known Mr Popham one of the
Memorials, who is, and has been for some years
Major in the Royal Bucks or King's Own Militia
under my Command. In addition to the strongest

possible statement which I can make of his Gentleman-
-like and honourable conduct, I beg leave from my
intimate knowledge of him to declare my conviction
that I know no one less capable, than he is, of being
induced to lend himself to any scheme for raising
a party in a Regiment against his Commanding Offi-
-cer, or of doing any thing which could tend to injure
the discipline of His Majesty's Service. The effect
of the proceedings of 1800 has been that of depriving
him (in common with the other Memorials) of the whole
of his fortune which he had vested in the purchase
of his Commission which he was not allowed to
sell. I know His Royal Highness's humanity

too well, and have too often experienced His Grace
and Favour, and I be well convinced that He never
can feel offended with me for venturing to approach
His Royal Highness in favour of a very meritorious
and worthy man whose fate has been a hard
one, and also by the entire failure of his prospects
in life has, I should hope His Royal Highness
will be inclined I think, suffered sufficient pen-
-itence for any error in judgement into which
he may have been unwarily betrayed, without the
additional ruin being heaped upon his head
of the entire loss of his fortune.

Alfred McMahon

I have the honor to be

Dear Sir

your very faithful
humble servant
Ranolds Joseph