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Alas, my friend, how are the machinati-
-ons of pride baffled in this world! Francis
Perkes was required by Plattheart to invest
himself with some military character to fit
him for appearing in the suite of the Em-
-bassy. Nothing could be devised more sham-
-tial in its nature than the belaying
to the Dover Hamlets militia; and, as there
was not to be either pay or emoluments
attached to the appointment, I thought

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the young Diplomatist might as well be called to wear
a Captain as a Subaltern. I applied to the
Prince accordingly & had his gracious assent
but, lo! when we come to put the thing
into form for annexing Francis as a
superannuated of the 2^d Reg^t D. Dr. with
finds out that the militia act does not
provide for superannuaries. The cure
for this is easy but still it should be
laid before the Prince for his pleasure.
It is only that Francis may be allowed

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called to wear the uniform which he has used
to the up & to hear a little into the validity
of which the Emperor Alexander will soon
institute enquiry & which of course dis-
appears when Francis returns.

After balancing a little, I thought it
right to send yesterday to the Prince
& letter I had received from Bishop
Barbington. The delusion of thinking the
Irish Catholics inactive or in good temper
may be fatal. Barbington has stumbled

on something which claims him. Yet I am
 sure it is nothing beyond what I have long
 known. Indeed, no private information ought
 to have been requisite for the fixing our opi-
 -nion on that subject. The inviolable prin-
 -ciples of the human mind made it sure that
 when the Catholic body once attained the point
 of introducing the management of its
 -vical force, no middle policy was left.
 We must win them, or wake up our minds
 to Bonaparte's losing them. Yours truly
 Wm Pitt the Younger

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