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To His Royal Highness the Prince  
Regent of Portugal.

The humble petition of Edward Thomas  
Colvill Second Lieutenant of the Regiment  
of Artillery of this City

Most Humbly Sheweth

That exercising in Lisbon the Employment  
of Teacher of the English Language at the Military  
Academy belonging to the Regiment of Artillery N<sup>o</sup>. 5  
with the Graduation of Second Lieutenant, & having received  
its respective pay of twelve milreas p<sup>r</sup>. month:

That Your petitioner in consequence of  
the Entry of the French into that Capital retired in order  
to seek Your Royal Highness's Service in this Metropolis  
where Your Royal Highness has granted the self same post  
of Second Lieutenant of which he already had the Graduation  
& received the pay 10 mil.

That in consideration of Your Royal  
Highness having generally & most bounty-  
fully bestowed favours on all your Royal  
Subjects: He ventures to approach  
the Royal Throne Humbly imploring  
the favor of being promoted to First Lieu-  
tenant of any of the three arms with the  
Exercise of Teacher of the English Language  
Since several of his Scholars, who were Cadets  
at the College, are first Lieutenants; & the Post  
or Regiment being no ways incompatible  
with his Employment.

And Your Humble petitioner as in duty bound will  
ever pray

Rio de Janeiro November 11<sup>th</sup> 1809

Edward Thomas Colvill

