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Sir.

15th Dec. 1888.

I wrote you some time back respecting a Royal Commission of an Ancestor of yours & having received no reply & having changed my address I come to the conclusion my letter has miscarried. The following is the purport of my previous letter: A few days ago I purchased some old & valuable documents & on close perusal one of them turns out to be a Royal Commission appointing "Our trusty & well beloved William Pitt Esquire" to be an Officer in the Coldstream Regiment of Foot Guards & bearing the signature of the then reigning monarch & countersigned by the Prime Minister Lord Sidmouth & entered with the Secretary at War Robt Lukin & the Commissary General of Musters J. C. Butts. Given at our Court at Saint James's date 1. 5th March 1812. I have been offered 15/- for this document by a

Connoisseur but refrained from accepting until I had written you - presuming your ancestor's commission would be most highly treasured by you.

Should, however, this not be in the direct line I should take it as a very great favor if you would kindly inform me the next nearest surviving relative of this noble & gallant officer, if in your power to do so.

Will you kindly favor me with an early reply as I shall refrain from disposing of the documents until I have received your decision.

I have the honor to be,

Your most obedient Servant,

Ernest Day.