

Buckingham
 Decr: 20: 1828.

Dear Mayo,
 In answer to your Lordship's
 letter of ¹⁷ instant I wish every Peer of Ireland
 could put his hand on his heart and say like
 your Lordship, the country was quiet and
 that he was as good an Irishman as your
 self: we should not then have a committee
 and in every good magistrate and their pro-
 vement of every thing we could insure. I judge
 me but justice in stating me the real friend
 of Ireland and however your Lordship and my
 self may differ in some points respecting

the means, we both equally intend the promo-
 -ment interest and welfare of Ireland and I be-
 -lieve your Lordship a most excellent Lord
 -Lord: indeed my son George is very true in your
 Lordship's praise respecting the manage-
 -ment and prosperity in and about C. Gas. I
 shall always be anxious and ready to remove
 -events from your Lordship's hand and decided
 -by opinion of the Police and Insurrection acts
 are necessary. I wish Ireland did not require
 "Fortiter in re: sed suaviter in modo" might
 not be forgotten. Still I do not ultimately
 despair about Ireland and cannot help thinking
 that the more the state of the country is discussed

in Parliament. The latter and will favour the
Irish the consequence that is attached to the
sister Kingdom on this side of the water.

The Duke has perused with
me most sincerely and kindly in every hearty
good wish towards yourself and the Court of
France to whom they take particular notice
land.

Believe me ever believe me,

My Dear Lord,
Yours truly
C. O. O.
W. Mearns

K R H Duke
of Clarence
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