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Wimbledon

27. May 1814

My Dear Sir,

Since writing to  
you yesterday, I have received  
the inclosed letter from H. H.  
H. The Duke of Clarence, &  
shall of course send any  
instructions which it may  
be the Prince Regent's pleasure  
to convey as to the place  
where the two Sovereigns  
shall be landed. As the  
Duke of Clarence has not  
stated any reason for



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Their Majesties being landed  
at Deal, which is against  
the advice of every Naval  
person to whom I have  
mentioned the subject, I can  
only repeat that the voyage  
to Dover is considerably  
shorter, — that carriages can  
be landed there with conveni-  
ence which cannot be  
accomplished at Deal without  
Risk, — & that it frequently  
happens at the Admiralty  
that we have no reports  
from Ships in the Downs,



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because their boats dare not approach the shore on account of the surf. If the weather shall happen to be moderate, there shall be no swell from any previous wind, Their Majesties may be safely landed at Deal; but not otherwise.

I shall be in Town tomorrow when it will be necessary to send off the final instructions for H. R. H. The Duke of Clarence.

Believe me, My Dear Sir,  
Yours most faithfully  
Melville

Wm. S. Melville.

