

Dr. Nathaniel Highmore to Col. J. McKeahon

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Sir

The late unwarrantable attempts to injure in public estimation the younger branches of the royal family must have been viewed with an indignant concern by every one interested for the welfare of the monarchy and zealous to defend the honour of the throne.

That men, professing to guide the public sentiment, should thus insidiously turn its best feelings of loyalty and of patriotism into a means of undermining the hallowed fabric of

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public and of private virtues is surely a
matter calling for severe animadversion. — Easy,
and grateful even, as the task must be
of exposing this opprobrious sophistry, still
is it obviously one of delicacy also. A
princely dignity and a proud superiority to
faction's transient efforts may possibly lead
those highly eminent persons to discountenance
any officious interference, however honest, or
however able. — Neither can it be overlooked,
that any attempt to place in its true light
and appropriate colours the form, yet filial,

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demeanour of the royal brothers must involve
the further arduous duty of aiming to set forth,
in becoming phrase, the magnanimity, the forbearance,
the classic purity and correctness manifested in the
conduct of that illustrious personage, with whose
service you, Sir, are more immediately honoured.

For respectfully offering these ideas, passing
it, my mind as an unbiassed individual on a review
of recent occurrences, I have rather chosen to
commit an intrusion (towards which your acknow-
ledged urbanity ensures indulgence) than to state,
through any circuitous channel, circumstances in
themselves so delicate, though attaching to a

cause so honourable and so just. — Should
this humble offer of still humbler services be
condescendingly thought to merit notice, I shall
be proud to wait upon you; — as I, in a
contrary event, can with confidence rely on your
well-known liberality and candour, while venturing
to submit for your consideration the contents of the

letter. —

With great respect,
I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Wm. Highmore
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Your most obedient, and very
humble servant,

Colonel MacMahon

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