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Livington
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My Dear Friend

Lord Moira
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A very distressing event
has taken place. I am by all, for a mitigation
of these sentences I supplicated the
Prince, has been executed at Edinburgh.

Now, I am persuaded that the Prince
thought the matter was still under delibera-
-tion: And the unhappy wretch has persisted
thro' the expiration of the term (30 days)

which the Scotch Law imposes between the
 Judgment & the Execution of the Capital
 Punishment, so Respite having been issued
 from Office. As this has happened, I have
 no doubt but that they thro' whose inatten-
 -tion or thro' whose indisposition it has
 thus chanced will say that there was no
 room for extending mercy in the Case. It
 was not so. Highway Robbery is always a de-
 -liberate act & therefore of deep criminality;

yet to no species of Guilt is mercy more fre-
 -quently shown; and I maintain that an in-
 -stance can scarcely be imagined which
 furnished so many pleas of extenuation
 as Lyalls'. But thus it will be if the
 Prince instead of resting upon those who
 are anxious for his fame best refer him-
 -self to those who are (to say the least)
 indifferent about it. This having been the
 first Capital Sentence passed at Dinkbeg,

where Executions are very rare, since the Prince
had the reins of Government, it was desired
- that his Clemency should be manifested
- He was so because there is a very general
feeling in Scotland that the execution was
- unjust of the Lower Classes from the
multitude of individuals thrown out of
work offer much extenuation for transgressi-
- ons. His very consideration would operate
to disincline those who do not wish well

to the Prince towards lending any spontaneous
aid to his beneficent purposes. If the prin-
-ciple ministers are well here they will
his Clergy because they have no notion of
any thing but their official course; they would
visit, because the special service of a saint
or his coming into town made the Government
appear to be by a continuance of their own
authority; but the most would be refused
to his bringing to the mind of its imperfection

in the Country.

Partly from
him

Ed. Mc Mahon

Do not think he is fed as Mr.
- backs with regular letters.