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Brompton Grove 25 June 1811

Dear Colonel MacMahon -

Earl Grey's admirable speech  
of last night, which I have just read, - a speech made  
on the day on which the Prince - Regent invited himself  
to dine with his Lordship - will do infinite good  
& prevent evil. It has relieved my mind from  
much anxiety, about the formal invitation of  
the Emigrant French Royal Family to the Fête.

Earl Grey could not render a greater service  
to the Royal Family, & to the Honour of our Government  
than he has done by that speech. much could  
I explain on that subject, which I can not commit  
to paper. The Punishment of <sup>the authors of such</sup> Publications so  
openly encouraging the opposition of the Rules of a  
civilised nation, a Ruler whom we acknowledge  
as Sovereign in the Peace of 1801 - should be  
insisted on. The Prince Regent has not only &

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from the beginning very wisely expressed his Honor  
against such attempts - This is well known in  
France, & to that very Circumstance much does  
his Family & Country owe.

But never before was the ~~Appropriation~~  
Policy so openly & systematically recommended from our  
Pulp till of late -; & that Circumstance united with  
the formal Invitation to the Royal Site occasioned  
my last note to you. This subject can not be  
too much attended to: Peltus & the morning Chronicle  
have not mended the matter. -

Should we meet accidentally in our  
rides I will say more to you on this subject.

You will smile to read a Letter from  
a Sheridan to me, to obtain favours from your  
Prince - Regent - I have lent to the fair Petitioner  
whose late Husband I much admired, & whose Son  
I have endeavoured to save, to wait till the Prince

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Regent has more in his Power & Men to present  
her Petition from her own hand.

A Letter from another Lady, which is  
enclosed from ~~another~~ Lady & addressed to me explains  
how the Present, intended for his Royal Highness, of the  
Beautiful Cone from Ceylon adorned with all the  
Precious Stones of that Island - has been lost. It is but  
justice to Governor Dunion to mention the Circumstances  
to his Royal Highness. -

In George Nagent's speedy Departure for  
the East offers a noble opportunity for announcing  
to the Princes of India, & in the best political manner,  
the Prince Regent's anxiety to protect their Rights.

Do you know that a Letter, which the Prince wrote  
in 1789 to India did more good than an Army?  
That Letter is referred to in a Letter from me to the  
Nabob of the Carnatic, which, much to my Satisfaction  
the Madras Council Commissioners have <sup>just</sup> sent Home  
a Copy to the Madras Commissioners <sup>here</sup> -

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I will send you a copy of it in a day  
or two for your own private satisfaction.

Sir George Nugent is devotedly attached to the  
Prince Regent - He has the manners, the Temper  
& the Talents suited to conciliate & regulate  
India - which is now our Treasury & the real  
Source of public Credit. How fortunate that the  
Prince Regent is master of the true India System.

When sailing in 1781 for India with full Powers  
to unite Parties - I wrote to <sup>Minister Lord North</sup> ~~them~~ as you are  
already reformed "save the Constitution, India will  
do the rest." Some months back I wrote to Mr.  
Percival, whom I have never visited - "The Empire has  
but one Treasury, the Chancellor of Downing Street  
is Chancellor of the India Treasury & responsibly such  
if that Treasury is sound, the Constitution will do the  
rest; vice versa as in 1781." vice vale, Dear Colonel  
Believe me & with most affection yours truly John Macpherson