

Sir John Cradock (Capt. 1st Baron Howden) to Col.  
Mackenzie

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Government House

Cape of Good Hope

September 14<sup>th</sup> 1811.

My Dear Mr. Mackenzie

To so kind a Friend I will  
give myself the pleasure to state our safe  
arrival on the 8<sup>th</sup> Inst after an excellent passage  
of eleven weeks - This may appear some what  
tedious, but we had only one day of any thing  
like bad weather - I cannot as yet form correct  
judgements, but every thing has a favourable  
prospect, & were the rest of Europe & all the  
Islands & peculiar fortifications, this ought to be



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the best & happiest of situations - by the next  
opportunity, I will write again a little more  
fully upon all circumstances - It may be too  
much to expect at times, a line from so  
occupied a person as you must be - but, I  
feel, you know, how deeply interested I am  
in every quest, that passes under your roof -  
My thoughts will be incessantly there, & it will  
ever be the highest gratification, I can experience,  
to be acquainted of the happiness & prosperity  
of "that person", to whom I owe so much,

I shall say no more - than that I shall  
ever be ready to return to England to throw  
myself at the feet of that person, & that no  
consideration can ever counterbalance that  
passionate feeling - In your friendly regards, I commit  
the expression of my unbounded devotion -

I have done every thing in my  
power to show the highest respects & to express  
myself upon my taking the command & I know, he is  
sensible of it to the utmost - besides a personal  
regard, I thought it would be acceptable, when I  
am most anxious to please -  
I remain, my dear



Mr. Baker, while in London, attempted to say to  
you, how much I felt all your kindness - & I find  
the same equally inadequate - therefore I can  
only declare - that I shall ever be

your most obliged  
& unreservedly devoted

Wendell

Best regards to Lord Salisbury - Ever your

Wendell

John Lubbock  
April 14. 1891