

Duke of Northumberland

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My Dear Colonel

altho again confined to my bed, & hardly able to hold my pen I can no longer delay begging you to lay an ad. the Prince's Seal, & to assure H. K. H. how sensible I am of His kindnes & Favour. I am sorry that L. Streyford's Conduct should make his removal necessary; but I should feel more miserable than it is possible for me to express, if it was Lord Lovaine to be appointed Lord Streyford's immediate Successor. It appears this Appointment must have to H. K. H. the Prince of Brazil, Lord Streyford, & his Friends, I am not a Member, as well as how injurious as well as false the Conclusions rest on the Occasion. I trust therefore H. K. H. the Prince will permit me to supplicate Him in the most earnest manner, that L. Lovaine may not be the immediate Successor to L. Streyford.

Of Lord Lovaine's Abilities for filling such a Situation I know nothing, nor would I wish to be supposed to interest myself in any way about his future appointment. I find from a part of your last letter that it is necessary I should explain in Confidence the Situation of Lord Beverley's Family with respects to mine. Soon after my Father's Death, my Mother wanted upon me to say, that she should look upon herself & Family in Politics, as Colonel had been

having no Connection with, & perfectly independent of me,
and in conformity to this he immediately joined Mr. Pitt, & proce-
-ed his own Course in the Service, & different other employ-
-ments without ever my knowledge, till the Circumstances ~~mentioned~~ ^{above} were effected;
nor has any political Intercourse of any kind ever subsisted
since between Lord Beverley's Family or mine. L. Louisa's appoint-
-ment therefore to the Situation mentioned must be as perfectly
independent to me as if any other Person was appointed. But
unfortunately, and just so in the present instance, from the injurious
appearance that the appointment of my Nephew as the immediate
Successor of Mr. L. Sturford must carry with it.

Desiring you, my Dear Colonel, to lay all these Things before
Mr. Pitt, Mr. Fox his most serious Consideration, I beg you will assure
him that I shall ever feel the gratitude I owe Mr. Pitt, Mr. Fox
his confidential Communication, whatever may be the Decision
upon this Point.

I wish you may be able to make out this letter, but I send
no longer delay writing Adieu

Ever most faithfully Yours
Northumberland