

Duke of Northumberland to Col. MacMahon

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Alnwick Castle 27th Sept^r 1811.

My Dear Colonel

Being a little better, I am able to quit my bed for a few hours, & to hold my pen so as to make my writing legible, tho' I do it with much pain & difficulty. I ought ^{to} make my excuses for such a scrawl, as I sent on the 22^d, but I was anxious to seize the very first instant of my being able even to hold my pen, to acknowledge the sense I had of H: R: H: s Goodness towards me, & to explain certain circumstances perhaps before unknown. Whatever is H: R: H: s pleasure I bow to with that silent acquiescence which is my Duty; but circumstances as I am with respect to the Prince Regent of Portugal, I am certain H: R: H: will see, the false suspicion, injurious to my Character, which may arise in the breast of the Prince of Portugal, if a Nephew of mine was to be appointed the immediate Successor to L^d Sturgesford.

Adieu My Dear Colonel; assure the Regent of my most Dutiful attachment, & believe me

Ever most faithfully Yours

Northumberland

Col. MacMahon —

Duke of Northumberland
27. Apr. 1811