

Ed. William Bentinck to Col. Mulla

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Confidential

Brampton Park
Oct 5 1841

Dear Col Mulla

I am about to
act irregularly, but the necessities
of my stay and the goodness of
my object must be my apology.
I want His Royal Highness's aid
in procuring a decision upon
the questions relating to Sardinia
and the Archduke before my
departure. I wish the Prince to
~~say~~ ^{ask} Lord Wellesley, what in these
times I am to have upon these
subjects. I add that he hopes

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it is not intended to send me
away without them — I know
from Nugent & I myself perceived
that His Royal Highness under-
standing foreign Politics better
perhaps than anyone of his Cabinet,
takes a most lively interest in
this cause. I have no difficulty
in stating my opinion, that if
this question is taken up in time,
if the plan is properly organized
and systematically acted upon, if
there is established in Sicily under
British protection such a model

of national liberty, as shall
make the happiness of that
people & shall become the object
of desire to the whole of Italy,
I do say that with the Archduke
for their leader, we may
raise against Bonaparte a power
infinitely more formidable
than that of Spain. The Prince
is entirely of this opinion I believe.
But my good friend, we are
losing much valuable time and
many valuable officers. Delay
is the rock upon which we split.
It is the bane of all our political

operations. In the multitude of
our Councillors there is much
Meridian Integrity, but we want
of promptitude - Excuse these
reflections, to which I shall
put an end. I have to entreat
very urgently one favour, that
this request may not reach the
ear of any Minister. I cannot
have ever cursorily aimed
any means within my power
of promoting the success of so
great and good a cause. The
Prince & the Nation may gain
infinite honor & advantage from
it. But no delay - Most

Sincerely Yours
W. Bentinck

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the
Bentinck
Oct 5/1811