

Duke of Northumberland to Col. Macleod

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Albion Castle 15th Oct. 1811.

My dear Colonel

I was very happy to find that you had got a fortnight's leave of absence, to enjoy the Sea Breezes & Sea Bath. I own both of which I sincerely hope you will receive great Benefit.

I have been waiting in expectation of hearing from you because of Lord Wellington's Victory, which as yet is over.

I want my dear Colonel your advice on a subject which I have a good deal at heart. Mr. David Hume who is Nephew to the late Mr. David Hume, named a very new relation of my late Father's. He has been many years Professor of Law in the University of Edinburgh, & one of the Judges now sitting on the Scotch Bench, were educated under him. He is besides a Person held in high Esteem by the Scotch Bar. Being now somewhat advanced in years, and the fatigue of his Lectures in the University, & his Business at the Bar, & as Sheriff Deputy, having affected his health, Colonel Macleod -

Duke of Northumberland to Col. Keble

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M^r Hare, my Cousin, has strongly solicited me, to get him
seated on the Bench, & she is particularly anxious I should
note some application now, as M^r Baron Hephworth of the
Exchequer Bench has been taken very ill, & is not likely
to recover. I should undoubtedly be very happy to see M^r
Hare placed there, because I know he is in every way
properly qualified for the Situation, & I know some years
ago he might have had a seat on the Exchequer Bench
but that his modesty declined it, saying there were
others more advanced in the Profession, whom he did not
wish to supersede in their Preferments. Now my dear
Cousin knowing nothing of the Scotch Bench I presume,
I wish to know the when I ought to apply upon this
Occasion; for however anxious I may be for the success
of M^r Hare, I cannot think of troubling the Paper
upon the subject, remembering well my being pleased M^r H:
H: in a Situation unpleasant to him about Captain Maxwell
& God forbid I should ever again commit such an error,
So let me know who has the Disposal of these Scotch Places?

for altho' I am not ^{to hope for success} well enough with any of the present
Cabinet or Ministers, yet I confess I should be inclined,
for M^r Hare's sake, to make the attempt, if I only was
informed of the Person who has the Disposal of these
Scotch Preferments. I thank my dear Cousin for your
kindship & good rep^s to excuse me for the trouble I am
giving you, but I really should feel myself most particularly
obliged to you would you give me your advice how to
act, or what in any way to be instructed in procuring
for me the accomplishment of my wishes on this Occasion.

I wish you may be able to make out this scrawl
but, altho' I am much better, writing is still very
painful to me.

We all write in Compliments to you & M^r Hare
- Nether - Wien

Dear most faithfully yours
Northumberland

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Duke of North Devon in Exeter

13 Nov. 1811

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