

Duke of Northumberland

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My dear Colonel

It is impossible to say how much I feel myself obliged to you for your letter of 20th, & the ~~interest~~ ^{trouble} you are so kind as to take on account of my wishes to serve my relation M^r. Hume. By a letter I received from him this morning, I find that M^r. Baron Stephens, whose Death was hourly expected, is relieved for the present, so that the expected Vacancy of a Baron of the Exchequer has not taken place. This perhaps is fortunate; as it may enable you, thro' your kindnes, to secure a future Vacancy, by giving us more time.

I see by the Papers that the D: of Cumberland, always goes down to Windsor with the King, & attends H: H: H: about constantly. Is this really true, or only a Newspaper Invention? As the Duke is such a staunch friend to the present Administration, I find from my letters that people in general

believing the account, look upon it as a strong proof that
the present Ministers will continue to hold their Places.

My neighbour, Lord Grey, has got quite well again, altho
I understand he will be always liable to returns of his
troublesome Complaint. If I remember right the late Lord
Shelburne was troubled with full Strokes for some years.

I hope Lord W-^y has by this time had a surfeit of his
Zerera, & will apply himself & assiduously to the Business of
his Office. He will have enough to do with Spain &
Portugal, if all the other Powers on the Continent remain
quiet, besides the Attention which other Parts of the
World, such as Sicily - North America - &c. &c. &c., will
require. I hope you are receiving great Benefit at
Munich, & that Dr. H. has taken is quite well? To both
of whom the Duke, & the rest of my Family desire to offer
their Compliments with my own. Adieu; & believe me

Your's ever most faithfully

I am recovering daily,

but very slowly. Pray when do you return Northumberland
to London?