

Joseph  
Lancaster  
to  
Col.  
McMahon

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Private Reformation for Col. Mc  
Mahon —

Some time ago by interven-  
tion of the Duke of Kent - Elizabeth  
the wife of Joseph Lancaster was  
rescued from an eight years  
detainment by the process of  
this Delahayde at <sup>Weymouth</sup> ~~Weymouth~~ <sup>Weymouth</sup> ~~Weymouth~~ —

For so great a blessing Re  
both naturally felt grateful

On reflecting that she had  
been so long under a cloud and  
unable to render any service  
to her husband she instantly  
volunteered to take a part in  
his public lectures relative to  
female education —

By the advice and special  
approbation of the Duke of Kent  
whom he then consulted on  
all he did — ~~He~~ she was introduced  
to the Princess of Wales —

The Princess of Wales agreed  
to attend two public lectures



given by her in which she acquitted herself to ~~her~~ to the admiration of great numbers of ladies.

Joseph Lancaster is since informed by a person in whom he confides that the Duke of Kent has said - "the Prince Regent was so much displeased at this Lectures that he would not continue his support"

Joseph Lancaster does not doubt the veracity of his information, but he is convinced the Prince is too generous a mind to desert a benevolent <sup>man</sup> for a matter in which nothing but benevolence was really concerned - and for which purpose the introduction of the Duke of Kent to the Princess was preferred to that of any political man as J. Whittier &c

He begs to assure Col. Maitland that he thought himself quite correct in acting by the advice of a Prince of the blood and simply on a benevolent ground with the only Princess who could probably have felt herself at liberty to attend a public Lecture on female education and to encourage a worthy but long afflicted woman ~~with~~ in commencing a career of public benevolence who so greatly needed some cheering encouragement under such circumstances -

As the Prince has never ordered the withdrawing of his patronage J. Lancaster feels it his duty to ask Col. Maitland to authorize him to contradict this Report. -



Private information  
to Col MacMahon

For Mr MacMahon

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