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Killarney Thursday  
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My dear Colonel

On my arrival here yesterday morning I had the honor of receiving your Confidential and obliging Letter of the 26<sup>th</sup> of last Month, which from the knowledge you have of my devoted attachment, respect and gratitude I have towards His Royal Highness, The Prince Regent, you may easily conceive has given me the greatest sorrow and uneasiness: But various delays I met with on my Journey from London to this place on the one hand, and the uncertainty when to direct to me on the other, are the cause which I much regret of my apparent delay in answering you on a point  
of



of so much interest.

I never had the honor of receiving any written document from His Royal Highness relative to the Catholic Question, as stated I have no doubt thro' mistake, or from ill grounded reports in the extract from a Speech of Counsellor Finlay as it was reported in the Patriot Dublin Newspaper of the 19<sup>th</sup> June, to have been made at the aggregate meeting of the Catholics of Ireland. Tho' many and great have been the marks of condescension and kindness I have been happy enough to receive from His Royal Highness I never had the honor of receiving from Him anything in His writing, nor could I know His hand writing, having never seen anything written by His Royal Highness.

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have the mistake he fell into rectified, as I shall  
and must necessarily do so myself. I have  
communicated with him thro' a friend of his on  
the subject, for I am not acquainted with him  
personally, but as you may well judge without  
letting him know from what quarter I had received  
information of a circumstance so harmful to my  
feelings. I did not arrive at Dublin till the  
3<sup>d</sup> of July, so did not see the Speeches made at  
that meeting nor hear a word of my name having  
been introduced at it. Indeed I own to you, I  
seldom read the Speeches made at those meetings,  
or any others except a few of those made in  
Parliament, nor have I for these ~~long~~ <sup>many</sup> many years  
been in the habit of assisting at them no more  
than my Son Lord Castlereagh, from whom I  
might have had the means of hearing of what  
was said of me.

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I beg leave to add that in order to obviate any suspicion of evasion or any sort of subterfuge on my part, I stated to the Person I wrote to that I could equally assure Counsellor Finlay, that not only His Royal Highness had never honored me with any Document or promise or pledge in writing under his own hand, but that I never had received any such things in writing from any person by the Commands of His Royal Highness.

Permit me to request of you to take the earliest and most favorable opportunity, of <sup>\*</sup>Presenting to His Royal Highness the homage of my most sincere and devoted and respectful attachment ~~and respect~~ and gratitude. There is nothing I would not forfeit rather than His  
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Royal Highness's good Opinion of me, which I should have mented could I have been capable of such an Act of impropriety and indiscretion as the one attributed to me, by disclosing a correspondence on matters of so delicate a nature, had it so happened that I ever had been honored with such a distinguished mark of his Confidence on such weighty and important State Concerns. How could any one think me entitled in any shape to such a thing? That is what I wonder at most.

I have the honor &c  
(Signed) Henman



