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Private

My dear Colonel MacMahon

I am ashamed of troubling
you in person any more, respecting
the consummation of the Prince's
gracious promise to my Father,
but hearing that you are going
from town on Monday, I feel, that
unless the matter is finally
arranged with the Ministers
before

your departure, We lose our
best hope - and I am sure
that any disappointment
now, after such hopes have
been raised, would break
the old General's heart.

You must therefore, and I
know you will, forgive my
anxiety - in begging your wife
put the finishing hand to
it, before your journey - and

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in requesting your advice
if you think any step
necessary on his part -

Believe me
Your obedient
and faithful
servant
William Ferguson

A single line from you
before you go, which I could
send to my Father, would

be infinitely gratifying, if
it be not trespassing too
much on your kindness to
ask it —

The Rt Honble

J. Macpherson