

St James Mackintosh to
? Col J. MacKintosh.

A.A. No. 249

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My Dear Sir

Lord Mordaunt informed me yesterday that His Royal Highness had been pleased to grant me "the fullest access" to the invaluable collection of Papers formerly belonging to the Stuart Family which he has just received & His Lordship added that he thought I might immediately apply to you to ascertain the mode in which I might avail myself of this most gracious permission. I am very anxious to do it as soon as possible as some of them must relate to the commencement of my History.

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Col J. H. Kahanu.

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If you would have the goodness to ascertain the times & places which are thought proper for my examination I should esteem myself particularly obliged to you.

Your good nature & kindness induce me in confidence to observe to you that the examination of these voluminous Papers would be conducted with far greater ease & advantage of every sort at this House than any where else if it were thought fit to entrust them to my care for a short time. My health does not yet allow me always to go out - but I could always carry on the inspection of the Papers at home. The matter might be accomplished in half the time &

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& the accommodation time in making extracts &c would be very great. - It might in that case be delivered to me by the Catalogue which would be a sufficient security. In this way Lord Hardwicke & some other Noblemen have had the goodness to allow me the full use of their Papers - If you think this suggestion fits to be mentioned to His Royal Highness it would be the greatest favour to me to do so. The very great obligation conferred by him would doubtless be ~~imposed~~ ^{expressed} in the highest degree & his most precious intention of granting me the full & acc^{cept} would be completely carried into effect.

But this I entirely leave to your Judge

ment. I shall take my chance of finding
you at home between one & two but
you should ~~not~~ go abroad I beg the favour
of an answer as soon as you can

I have the honour to be

My Dear Sir

Yours very truly

James Mackintosh