

Duke of Northumberland to Col. De C. Harrow

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Alnwick Castle 4<sup>th</sup> April 1813.

Private

My dear Colonel

I had the pleasure of receiving your letter by the Post last night, and as I am just on the Eve of my Departure for here for the South, I have taken up as pen to answer it directly, lest the hurry of business just before my leaving this place, should prevent me if I delayed it.

I much fear the Letter written by H. R. H. the Prince of Charlotte, and the Visit to Black Heath, will not induce those who are evil minded to put an end to those very mischievous Discussions which have lately irritated the Publick Mind, unless this intercourse between the Prince of Wales and her Daughter is to continue perfectly free and uninterrupted in future. Then, of course they must be silent, at least for  
~~The R. Hon. Col. De C. Harrow~~

a time, as Her Royal Highness will have gained Her  
 Point, & gained the Victory. How Mr. Whitbread could  
 make such a speech, as the last I saw in the Paper,  
 I am at a loss to conceive, as I had always heard  
 him spoken of as a sensible man. His Conduct however  
 throughout this unfortunate Business certainly does not  
 tend to confirm this Report.

I am much concerned on Lord  
 Moira's account, for the very unpleasant situation  
 in which he is placed, by this ever to be lamented  
 Discussion. It has done more mischief in lowering the  
 Characters of all the Parties concerned, in the estimation  
 of the respectable Country Gentlemen, & the middle  
 Class of Inhabitants of this Country, than is easy to  
 conceive; and so far has answered the purpose of the  
 Instigators of the Measure.

I would say much on military Matters, did  
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not of the best Consideration, nor fit to be put in  
comparison, with those of an half pay Captain of eight  
Troopers. I shall therefore conclude, with offering you the  
compliments of the Duke, as I wish, & ought, & desiring  
you to present the same for us to Mr. Bredin.  
Adieu My dear Colonel, & be assured I ever am

Your's most faithfully  
Northumberland.

Duke of Northumberland  
4. April 1613