

H. H. C. Mahon to Col. H. C. Mahon -

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My Dear Brother,

Mexico pt. 13 November 1813 -

private & confidential

Not having any pleasant tidings about myself  
I yielded to the persuasion of Duranich & have deferred to this evening (Saturday)  
to convey the enclosed Memorandum to your exclusive perusal -  
I was not prepared for the result of the interview for I thought the  
object was fixed in his Lordship's mind, but I met the occurrence  
with the greatest possible good-humour & accommodation, & I  
distinctly saw I caught his Lordship by my quiet &  
ready acquiescence - The result just proves what I always thought  
that if Mr. L. liked the object would have been that you  
joined any time before the first of this month, but that the  
moment the parties came here the thing was hopeless; for his  
Lordship is so amiable & yielding in his disposition that he  
cannot resist the ardent approaches of those who bend him  
& he is surrounded here with men of the greatest address -

I had a confidential talk with Burke but he would only say that if  
he took the Rolls he thought he had no right to expel me  
& that my statement was quite just that I should be solicited  
as he is - but he would not make up his mind to  
accept the Rolls until a vacancy actually existed -

Amongst these events Mr. C. states his intention to be not  
to resign during the life of his Son - so that the clear  
result is all is over for the present, & I have banished  
from my reflections on hopes all immediate expectations -  
Do not imagine that I am at all out of Temper on the subject  
I have met the trying events of it just as I might, for my  
friends & especially yourself has marvellously & anxiously stood  
by me, & there is nothing with which I have reproach myself  
for I used all proper measures - This is my state of Mind upon the  
question & looking to some more fortunate opportunity believe me  
always

The Right Honble Frederick Maitland

Yours ever affly  
Wm. Pitt Rivers