

Ld. Melville to Col. Hecksarow

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Admiralty  
26. May 1814

My Dear Sir,

I understand that the Duke of Clarence has announced his intention of landing the Emperor & the King of Prussia at Deal. Unless the Prince Regent has given orders to that effect, it ought not to be sanctioned, because Dover is a much fitter place, & more convenient as well as much safer in landing. I do not know how Carriages could possibly be landed in safety on the beach at Deal, & when the wind blows fresh, it is very unsafe for persons. The passage to Dover is also considerably shorter from Boulogne, & I understand that Lord Nelson is prepared to receive

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His Majesties at Dover.

I have sent herewith a Box containing a statement humbly submitted for the Prince Regent's consideration. I have not ventured to add what I have little doubt will immediately occur to His Royal Highness, viz, that the bare mention or surmise to any person of the possible disturbances therein contemplated, might without any other circumstance produce the effect which we are anxious to guard against.

I did not intend to be in Town tomorrow, but I could easily come if necessary, & a messenger can come to me if you have any communication to make. I shall be

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at Wimbledon. -

I think that I understood from The Prince Regent that it was His Royal Highness's pleasure that after accompanying Their Majesty to Dover ~~H.M.H. The Duke of Clarence~~ should strike His Flag & come on shore.

Believe me, My Dear Sir

Yours most faithfully

Melville

The Hon<sup>ble</sup>

J. Leckham

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Lord Melbourne  
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