

Col. McCulloch to H.R.H.

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Mr.

Although the triumphant manner in which the Question on Thursday in the House of Commons was disposed of, & seemingly put at rest might occasion a doubt as to the policy or necessity of taking any Public Notice of the very gross & abominable misrepresentations of Palmer & Kerney, still, under all the Circumstances of the Case & of the Times, it was the Clear Opinion of both Wharton & Meit, this Morning, that the three points so shamefully perverted by them, should be distinctly stated, & as distinctly refuted in the Courier of this Evening, & therefore the Paper which your Royal Highness will read

in it, was accordingly prepared by Wharton, &  
Embraced as he conceived all the most essential  
points of the Instructions which G. R. G's had  
given him at Brighton. This Statement  
studiously confines its Refutations to positive &  
unanswerable facts. It offers no Comment &  
strictly avoids every Wanton Provocation, & as it  
is declared to come from Authority "this Course  
was unanimously thought to be the most  
fitting, & Dignified for such a Communication.  
Neither does it leave to Invite any further  
Discussion, or to bring to Life again the  
extinguished Question. I saw The Duke of  
York, & Errews together this Evening, who  
were both (as I think every Honorable  
minded Man must be) decidedly of opinion  
that Col. Palmer ought not to remain

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At de Camp, each differing only as to the mode of carrying the measure into effect, the former wishing nothing to be done for a fortnight, or three weeks to come, in order to see whether Palmer should feel the propriety of resigning that honor, while the latter was for removing him Instantly.

It is here necessary to acquaint G. R. H. that in strict confidence, I have learnt from G. Thelwell that it is Palmer's fixed intention not to quit the Army, & he has said, that he did not mean to resign his de Camp ship, because "he feared it would be considered a personal offence to the O.R." & stating his determination for granted, I am induced to think with the Staff, for if he was now dismissed he would truly say, he was just on the eve of giving in his resignation, which in a fortnight or  
three

Weeks hence (when his resolution to continue in the  
Service would be obvious to every one) that  
Tale would not hold Water. In my superficial  
Judgement I have no hesitation in feeling,  
that G. R. Affs will be as strictly correct as you  
will be strictly Just in not suffering him to  
remain your A. D. C. nor should G. R. Affs  
Pleasure for dismissing him, be sent forth in  
the communication of it, as proceeding from  
his having been the Prosecutor of Colonel  
Siviter. As it has been for subsequent Conduct  
& what his Crime could a Military Man  
Commit against his Profession, than in such  
a Case, to avail himself of the adventitious  
Circumstance of his being a Member of  
Parliament, for the purpose of Wresting from  
the Military Jurisprudence their solemn  
determination, & to drag it before the  
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Tribunal on Earth that an Army has the strongest right to be jealous & suspicious of. Besides, when sinking under Personal Kindness & obligations, to deliberately expose N. R. to the expected fury of a Faction, & to all the vile filth of the ranker Democracy. I have likewise seen Lord Liverpool this Evening who is also clearly of opinion that Palmer should be removed but concurs with the D<sup>o</sup> of York as to the time for doing it he told me that many of his best supporters in the H. of Commons, are desirous that the rebuilding the Palace should not be brought on until the Question of the Property Tax shall pass the House, & this will be after the Holidays.

Ever your Royal Highness's  
Affectionate Servant.

The Prince Regent. J. B. Mordaunt.

