

Edward Fitzsimons to Col. Lee Mahon

June 21 1815

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Sir,

From the deservedly confidential & near approach which the situation you hold enables you to have to His Royal Highness The Prince Regent, - I am induced, as Proprietor of the Hibernian Journal, to send you one of the numbers of my Paper of this day, in which you will find that an attack has been made upon me by Mr. Leigh Hunt of the Examiner, and has been, I trust, fully & satisfactorily answered by the individual who takes the liberty of now addressing you.

I should not intrude on your time, unless it appeared obvious that I have been visited with this man's displeasure, for no other cause than my having dared to defend in my Paper His Royal Highness The Prince Regent from the assaults of an ingrate & a libeller. Oblige me by believing that His Royal Highness
The Night Guard -
Wm. M. Mahon, Esq.

Highness

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Ireland may justly feel that any part I have
hitherto taken, humble as it has been, in literature
& its branches, has been to maintain inviolate
those principles which have placed the Throne
of Brunswick on the British Throne, & that I shall
continue to do so; - would that I could say
as much for all the pensioned Poets of my
own Country: - I have a pride in saying, however,
for the better part of the Irish People, that I am
the only writer in this Land whose effusions,
inferior as they may be to those of other men whose
Lyric productions have ~~been praised~~ ^{been praised, & that highly,} have
met with the general approbation of those of all
parties; as the only number of Irish Melodies

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which I have published as yet, and of which, should they
prove acceptable, I shall take pleasure in requesting
your receiving a Copy, has prospered beyond my
most fond hopes, altho' breathing the spirit of
Loyalty & devotion to the Government. You will
have the kindness to pardon this trespass on your
time, and to believe me,

Sir,

Your most Obedt. Servt.

Edward Fitzsimons.

30 Upper Baginot St.
Dublin.

21st June, 1815.

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Edw. J. Stephens

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