

Ld. Hastings to Col. Ke Mahow

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The Earl of Churia

May 20.

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Calcutta, May 20th
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My Dear Friend

The *Shiva*, which sailed
ten or twelve days ago, carried an attempt
at expression of gratitude from me
to the Prince. I try it again by this op-
portunity: but I really feel such improp-
riety of saying what I wish that my
Heart sinks with the apprehension of
its being considered as not duly sensible.
My feelings, however, on the subject are as
glowing as any that I can believe ever

swelled a human heart. You will give
me credit for the just affection with
which my thoughts have rested on the Prince
during a separation naturally leading
to the review of all his conduct &
all his qualities. The true which such
a reflection has inspired on me has
made this last favor a real exultation
to me. The King approved by him, the
King distinguished by him, & above all
the King obliged to him for conscience's sake

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which I should not relish with regard to
many I have made the circumstance a
matter of the greatest gratification to
me. As he would say with Milton that
the grateful kind "by owing owes not but
repays." I hope I may produce to
him a return for his gracious help.
If I live, I think I shall in a few
months place the interests of the Com-
pany on a footing of great & stable
prosperity. If I succeed in that, I know

Dear the Prince with relish recalling to the
memory of the Directors the appearance
he gave them respecting me, & to enable
him to have had triumph it is by effort
I have been busily taking by measures
-lently. The machinery has effected all
its purpose as far as it has hitherto
been applied, & I have thence therewith
for the confidence I feel that I shall
establish arrangements most important
for the Company with great apparent ease
Love by Dear friend, faithfully yours
Wm. Pitt Rivers
no official ratification but I see the yet

St Blossfield to Lord Hastings

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Carlton House

September 20th 1817

My Lord

I am too well aware of the kindness, of Your Lordship's Friendship and of the sincere Regard with which Your Lordship was pleas'd to honor my late and dearly valued Friend Col. M^r: Manton, not to know, that his decease will have greatly affected a Mind so full of goodness, as Your Lordship's.

My Lord - If it be not presumption
The May^r: of Hastings

in me, warranted as I have been by
reiterated marks of Your Lordships' Favor
to me, I should feel it one of my earliest
Duties, call'd as I am to fill the Vacancy
which my valued Friend has created in
Public Life, thus to offer my humble Services
to Your Lordship, ^{as an individual, attach'd to your Lordship} by feelings of gratitude &
devotion, not less than those which inspired
my Friend: May I then, My Lord, be
permitted to say that it will ever be one
of my greatest gratifications, to obey
any Commands Your Lordship may honor
me with, and to prove myself worthy of
any confidence which Your Lordship
may