

Count Münster to H.R.H.

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Count Münster to the Prince Regent

Sir

In conformity to Your Royal Highness's commands I have addressed a letter to the Danish Minister Baron Rosenkrantz for the purpose of ascertaining the King of Denmark's wishes concerning a marriage proposal, on the part of His Highness the Duke of Clarence, with His Majesty's eldest daughter. This step has been talked over, with Lord Liverpool and Castlereagh, and the first of them, has approved this morning of the draft of my letter.

Rosenkrantz has been particularly desirous to keep the transaction secret, in case the King of Denmark should declare against this intended alliance. Unfortunately this object will be but imperfectly attained, for the Danish Minister asked me yesterday, after dinner, at Lord Castlereagh's, if the proposal

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of an intended union, between the above  
 mentioned Princes, was true? On my  
 answer: that rumors of this sort were per-  
 fectly natural under present circumstances,  
 and Burke assured me he had the inform-  
 ation from a person to whom His Majesty  
 The Duke of Clarence told it himself -  
 I did not however think myself author-  
 ized to confirm the report, but have in my letter  
 mentioned to His Majesty that I had  
 been obliged to withhold the information  
 from the Danish minister - !

Enclosed your Royal Highness will  
 be pleased to find a letter from Comptroler  
 at Rome, with the Pope's answer to  
 the letter of notification; further a  
 similar letter from The King of the Two  
 Sicilies - I take the liberty of adding  
 a private letter from Castelfidardo

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received this morning. The pamphlet  
he mentions is joined to Gode's report  
from Paris.

Ampléda's Dispatch from Berlin relates  
to the Duke of Cumberland. Your Royal  
Highness will find that Prince Charles  
of Mecklenburg has again endeavoured  
to do all the mischief in his power.  
Neither Rufé or Ampléda seem to  
be aware that Witzgenstein has been  
intriguing from the beginning in this  
affair, with a view to ingratiate him-  
self to the King.

This morning I have read the Lord's  
paul my answer to the complaint of  
H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. I am just going  
to communicate it to Sir John Leach.  
The Duke of York was in considerable  
pain yesterday.

Respecting my most humble  
Obedience

Count Münster

to

The Prince Regent

20<sup>th</sup> Jan 1810.

Thanks for Your Royal Highness most  
gracious Reception at Brighton

I am with the profoundest veneration  
Sir

Your Royal Highness

Most humble and  
obedient Subject  
Minster

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