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Private
My dear General

J. G. Hall
11 Exptl
1843

I am glad to put up,
in my pocket, yesterday
afternoon, the copy of
the Memoir which Lord
Hall gave to Lord Grey,
and the extract of Sir Fred:
Ponsonby's letter - These
documents are alluded
to in my correspondence
with the Duke of Wellington,
and Sir Herbert Taylor and

I now send them to
you - I also send you
a copy of the return of
trials and punishments with
which I furnished Sir
John Hobhouse at the
opening of the Session,
(upon his representation)
I he laid before Par-
-liament - May submit
it to the King as it is
an interesting document,
at this moment - Every
man is, less or more, bedded

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his own plan, so you must
 judge me merciful when
 I confess to you that
 I am wedded to mine
 upon the present occasion -
 The more I reflect, the
 more satisfied do I feel,
 that we shall produce
 a ~~little~~ ~~diadema~~ ~~of~~
 some value, getting this
 subject hung on, as a
 subject for protracted
 and detailed deliberation
 and discussion, before
 Committees or Commissions.

and

That the natural and most
likely to be effectual course
of proceeding is, for Lord
Kell to submit his proposed
Articles of War, on his reputation
in lieu of such Articles, to the
King, to obtain His Majesty's
approval when it shall
have been shaped according
to His Majesty's views and
wishes - to place it, then, in
the hands of the Lords, and
to let them make it acceptable
to Parliament.

I dine yesterday with
Herbert etc a etc, and

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course, discuss the
 subject with him - I desired
 to have his opinion (before
 I should impart my own
 to him), as to the course which
 he would pursue, if he
 were in Lord Hill's situation
 He, at once, declared
 my course would be
 good, & he has since, and repeatedly
~~declared, that he saw~~
 declared, that he saw
 no other regular &
 practicable course that
 could be pursued - Then
 perhaps you will say
 why

not let your interests of
be an your reputation
be framed (the united
wisdom of the proposed
Commission - I answer,
because "Too many Cooks
spoil the Broth" and
because the more apparent
pains he take to start
advantages, terms
from Parliament, the
more determined will
Parliament (probably)
be, to reduce our terms
to its own standard -

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I found this apprehension
 upon my observation
 of human nature - It
 is true that I recommended
 to the Duke of Wellington
 & Cherie in both the suggestion
 of having a meeting and
 that I predicted, in my
 letter to his grace, a disadvantage
 from his doing so - that
 my recommendation was
 the offspring of the moment
 and I was glad to avail
 myself of any expedient
 to induce him to entertain
 the wishes of Gov^t - seeing
 as

John, from his answer & an
private letter, that he was
far concerned nothing
and foreseeing, therefore,
as John, that his persuasion
in that determination,
would be the very thing to
stimulate the Radical
Members of the Ho: of Commons
I hold out for either
total abolition of slaves
presently, or for something
all but tantamount
to that — what can be
researched, or investigation,
of a Commission of this
nature

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Elicita Hereditate with
 request for subject that
 is already the ad hoc -
 - why, nothing but ~~that~~
 soldiers are prone to the
 commission of various
 disgraceful and atrocious
 crimes, and that, in certain
 situations, and under
 certain circumstances,
 he finds the frequent infliction
 of Corporal punishment
 indispensably necessary,
 whilst whilst under the
 circumstances he finds
 it necessary to resort
 to that punishment but rarely.

I have just had a brief
from Lord Deunannon
He tells me that a letter
has been received this
morning from Sir Henry
Parnell, in which he
announces his determination
to oppose to every extent
in almost every thing,
and that his new constituents
at Dundee, had laid
him under a pledge
of that effect, so that
we have a pretty prospect
before us — Glad always
understand

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that in getting rid of this
 heavy stupid man, as
 Secretary at War, and in
 having him out of
 Parliament, Ministers
 found the greatest advantage
 yet here he is brought
 in again, upon the fact
 interest advanced, and
 here is the consequence -
 - Depend on it this
 matter will be a sad
 blight upon us - Confound
 him, he is, of all public
 men, the least interesting,
 and the most mischievous -
 Yours faithfully
 J. Russell

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Mr John Warburton

April 10 & 11. 1733

As before & Remembrance

to

Apr 9 & 12.

In the same manner