J. B. Laquiere (ajt. Baron) to

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My dear General

at such a crisis, there need no apology — I am writing to a friend, and wish to be guided by better sense than my own.

It is not in human nature to imagine, that under such an accumulation of insult, the prince will be at rest — nor will it be out of the way to suppose, that the people of Ireland may be inclined, to do him better justice — a little wisdom and some management may be necessary, but no loss of strength will be derived from the unpopularity of our

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present chief Governor, who is the
indignation of three fourths of this kingdom.

The history of our prorogation last
Sunday, has no example — nor will it be
believed at a future day, that, a man
whose characteristick bears no
extraordinary vistaces of either
manhood or valour, should have the
temerity, impudently to call us together,
for the purpose of pledging ourselves to
support the measures adopted in England,
altho it was impossible at that time
for any man living to know, what those
measures were — that Lord Buckingham
intended as this Session altho it may be
now denied, I do aver — Even on the
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Saturday, the only day preceding the prorogation, his speech from the throne, received back in our address, were points debated by some of those who had the patience to speak on the subject, of which number I was not one - nor was it till the day following (Sunday) that this preposterous measure was abandoned by his Excellency.

On the 5th of Feb: then, unless we are again prorogued, we shall engage: and to the points of limiting the power & altering the constitution, another must be added and of which the most will be endeavoured to be made, that of separating ourselves from England, if we suffer our proceedings to differ from what has been done

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done there, and upon which some leading men in this country are pledged, and upon this point it is, that our last expectations must fail, for as to the disinheritance and the injurious insult which it implies, were the question entire to us, which it is not, it would be scouted out of the House — But you are still in time for all. You want, and I entertain not the smallest doubt that, with a little common discretion, aided by the unworthiness of the men in whom Mr. Pitt has chose to confide, I mean the marquis of Buckingham; you will attain from Ireland, reparation

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to the injured honor of the prince, & a regency adopted in the Kent ch ought.

These are my principles, and this my creed — inspire me with letter, & tell me how I can most usefully act, & I shall thank you — and tell me too, my dear Lord, are any exertions from so small a man as myself, likely to be acceptable to the prince — it would make me happy if I could think they were!

Ever am
Your most faithful and
affectionate servant
W Maquire

Why wont the Duke of York be our Lord Lieutenant!