

Sir J. McPherson to Capt. Payne

PS dated July 20

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London 18th July 1789

My dear Sir.

I wish you to present the enclosed
of a moment of attention. I have conjoined
my best Ideas to be of use, and have suited
them to what I think the natural turn of
his mind. You know my sentiments fully
and I think that with your improvement
upon my suggestions you may follow.
I will be absent from
London some time. If you write me a
note at any vacant moment you may
direct it to be left at the Post office at
Edin^g.

What a fortunate event for the

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^{20 July}
P. S. I brought the enclosed in my Packet
from London by mistake. I am now with a friend
Mr. Bramwell at Downy Lane Grove near Newbury on
my way to Bath & from thence I proceed to Scotland
through the middle Roads of England.

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To
Capt in Payne
at
Mr. Pitt
~~Brighton~~
Brighton



10th July
1709.
J. M. Pitt
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Sir John Chauncy

10 July 1787

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Terrace Oxford Street
18 July 1787

Your Royal Highness has been so gracious to me that I can not withdraw from your presence without pouring out my wishes of sincerity and duty.

I am going to Scotland for some time, and mean to visit the Isles of which the Prince of Wales is the Hereditary Chieftain and Lord. Whenever I go - my voice, as far as its force can extend, will add to the happiness of public expectation, and upon the best principles of truth.

I have not looked to your Royal Highness with the views of a Politician, or the hopes of a Courtier: I valued me

accept with which I was honoured as an
occasion to admire Dispositions and Sentiments,
which have already a most powerful Influence,
but which are, one day, destined to embrace
the Happiness of the Empire, and to display
their lustre on the Theatre of the world.

I wish I could, without being guilty of
presumption, speak what I believe and hope!

I wish ^{that} their Majesties, I wish that the
best and severest Judges in the Nation could

see the genuine Traits of the Prince of Wales's
minds - as they have occasionally appeared to me!

I wish the Chancellor would venture to declare
how he is impressed! He has had access to catch

the effusions of the Breast and the Precisions of
Judgment, as they rushed - too rapid to oppose a
drop, too honest to be resisted! - Proceed, Sir,

what you have seen of others, and what you
feel in your own heart teach you the part
before you. In proportion to the oppositions

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which are raised against the fairness of your course
your Talents will command the Field, and your
Character will rise. Even at this moment, those
who, on a late occasion, proposed humiliating
Restrictions can not but admire the openness
and manliness of the Prince's conduct - : yet of
them Pope might justly say as a proper translation
of the mil admirare -

"not to admire is all the art they know
To make them happy, or to keep them so."

Having witnessed the political Drama of the last
half year, and examined the scene dispassionately
I venture on a Prophecy - I am not it to
this page to rise against my opinion should
the augurium be, - - but it can not.

1st The more His M^{ty} is divested from
reflecting upon late events - the firmer his final
opinions will take root. The genuine burst
of sorrow from the Heart of the Heir-Apparent,
when the Father's life was in danger must be known.

The subsequent conduct of the Prince can not be concealed; it will be felt in its true light, and worthy of the Heir of the House of Brunswick.

The King will see that the deep and cold designs of ambition are strangers to the heart of the Heir-apparent, and that the real Influence of his mild and ingenuous Character interposed between the Throne and a most powerful opposition is its best fortune - Hence, contrary to former times, the asperities and resentments of opposition are not personal to the Sovereign - They are softened and disarmed by the native dispositions of the Son. He may be said to have charmed the spirit of Party as the Poet attributes virtue to the influence of Letters

Smallit mores, nec sine spe feros.

The result of such natural reflections in the King's mind must be a readiness to grant the Prince, as a favour, that political consideration, which is necessary to his Dignity. acts of obligation conferred upon these Principles would prove the best checks upon ministers, and give hopes disconnected with earthly prevalences to those, who

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wish to be ministers. The K— and the
Kiv—Opponent could then preserve the ^{independent of} Quiet of
the State, and oblige their respective Friends, ^{without}
more violent contentions, ^{of Party} which, at every shock,
bring the constitution into danger. It is time
to think of such managements. The appellations
of Whig and Tory are not mentioned. The
descriptive title of Princes Friend is ^{now} seldom made
use of. Princes Friend is a term not yet
excited. but Pittite and Toxite are resounded in
every quarter, nor is the sound monarchial.

Her Majesty has as yet experienced little
but the admiration and praise of the British
Nation - and what Nation can be more enthusiastic
in admiring domestic virtue and external Decorum
in Public appearance? - But alas! what People
is more credulous or suspicious when their
political interests are concerned? all the virtues
of the King; in many years of his reign, all
the good sense of the late Princess Dowager
did not prevent the ^{unjust} worst suspicions and abuse

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from the supposed political interference of that
Princess: yet, had she interfered, she surely had a
right to give her opinion to her son.
Her Majesty will, in a short time, be convinced
that her sons were not to blame in late affairs,
and that their conduct relative to most matters
has been politically misstated. She will see
that no glory or happiness in power can
equal those which are before her in the union
of her Family: and what she may now think
a Paradox, she will be convinced that the
Prosperity of her Family - the happy union
of the Princesses with the first Protestant
Sovereign, and a liberal Provision for the
Princes her sons are much connected with
the Prince of Wales's influence with the
Party that look up to him, and the strict
Honour of his Political Principles toward them
as a Party. — What a Prospect of glory
to her Majesty! The Repose of the King sweetened
by his confidence in the Prince of Wales! —

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The Princess forming family - Compacts for the
British Empire throughout Europe -! and the Prince
her sons, as Peers, and Princes of the Blood (each
with his circle of personal friends) forming an
Arch round the Throne and protecting it on one
side from the modern Republican - Cause, and on
the other resisting any dangerous onsets of the
aristocratic Party. -

To imagine that Her M^{ty}, with such
a certainty in view, has not too much goodness
of heart and soundness of judgment to be
misled by little political spirits - is to suppose
that sunshine is darkness and virtue Error! -

The Prince of Wales (on whom so
much depends in realising a Prospect (of which
the failure would be public Calamity and
unhappiness to the Royal Family) remembers
the vexation that rushed around him when
the friends and opponents ^{of his cause} saw the Powers of ^{Regency}
devolving on his Shoulders. He has seen enough
to foresee how little use a King of this Country

can do in pleasing himself by obliging others,
and how much he must sacrifice of his power
and his personal ease and happiness to maintain
the peace of his Government. The Prince in
contemplating that prospect knows the real
solid foundations of his present freedom; and discerns
beyond that which is the height of his own
situation does not exist, but where he would
wish it, for his own happiness, to remain. —

It follows therefore that the Prince will give
their fullest scope to those Passions of his
Heart and mind, which will inevitably bring
the affections and opinions of his Royal
Parents to act in unison with his wishes
and to complete the Prospect in view. —

Nothing can be difficult in Politics,
when the affections are the Springs of action;
where the manners of the Prince of Wales are
the medium, and his address the genius of
the undertaking. — what can his most dutiful
and devoted Servant say more —
John Macknesson