

Sir J. McPherson to Capt. Payne.

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As I am writing to London, I enclose under
I hope a good cover a few words to you
my pleasure and good friend!

I am delighted with my journey: Its fatigues
are nothing, and indeed from some of its pleasures
a Bird from the Isle of Sky pass not rains
storms nor bad snow. I was five days
at the Hague: Mr. Pitt - our minister was
just polite and guarded: I left him I
think ^{would be} our friend, and happy: I think it
for the public good that he should remain
there. I have given a hint to Mr. Pulteney
whether my friend the Baron de Saffell
write strongly about me or not I know
not - but I waited upon the Pensionary
Mr. van der Speegel to speak as I had promised
in India, about my friends Mr. Altyn the

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Governor General of Batavia and the Mr. The
Vandergraaffs the Governois of Ceylon, and the Mac
Cape of Good Hope and the ingenious Col. enso
Gordon commanding the Troops there. I shewed you
their Letters - for with them I: first began ^{respect me} and
the present good understanding between our India
Companies. - How wise and how on
pleasant is it to do all the good offices of give
justice & Benevolence in our Power. - for
The Personary insisted upon my visiting the
him again, was as open with me as you
could be, and upon him hinges everything with
in Holland. - I had an opportunity of as he
confirming his good wishes to our Court has
by explaining the real Character of the best
Prince. - He informed me of what Nagell
had mentioned of that Personary's good wish
see see - but I stated the whole Truth. of
and

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The effect was astonishing. He adores L.^d Malou - y " nous avons etc dans l'ean-ensemble," says he. L.^d Malou - will tell you the rest of this plain, calm deep and discriminating man. He will go on now with real firmness, and I have given him a Mr. Fitzher - a memorandum for removing jealousies if not worse in writing the rest. -

I was at Cauch and much pleased with his concert & supper. The Prince asked questions about India. and Mr. Fitzher has a high opinion of his judgment - but I could never banish from my ideas at the moment the words of the Cote King of Persia when he saw him & his figure and contrasting his appearance with that of his

stately & then beautiful niece the present
Princess of Orange proclaimed « est que ce
Moyen la doit caucher avec my niece
The little Princess is to my mind beautiful
tho' little so. I wish the Duke of Clarence
and not the young Prince of Brunswick
was to have her. - The Ladies of the
Court asked many questions about our
Princes. You may judge of the force of
truth and the impressions I have left on
the King - Consterdame - the hopes were
a general bander hope de a at Utrecht.
It has been a base act of the ministerial
adherents to spread over the Court what the Duke
communicated by them. For the truth does go
to the cause of our alliances de
I have reason to think Mr. Pitt will be a
little more above party interests de

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I met Lord Elgin & Lord Bruce at
the Hague. The former I know well
and esteem: the latter a fine youth!
I was so pleased with him I visited him
at Leyden where he attends to his studies
and is very well with the young
Hereditary Prince of Orange. Tell L^d
Aylmer I am very well of his son.
The second son of the Prince of Orange
is a fine handsome Lad - I wish
he had one of our young Ladies - I
mean of the Daughters of Britain. It
was all done not to have made his
elder Brother a near Relation to England.
He has figure good Ladness & Talents.

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I dashed off you a rapid note as I was
leaving Harwich - I earnestly hope your
foot has abated, and left you an easy
friend to continue in your good course
of Duty & Affection toward the best of
Princes and the most accomplished of
Gentlemen - It is said of the late King
of Prussia that talking when he was a
young man of the Character of a Prince
who died early and of whom there were
great hopes - he remarked - "no he
could not have been a great man had he
lived - for he was not formed to loose a
Friend who would tell him the Truth,"

you remember the story about the letter
for the oppressed People of Tobago to the King of England

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as to Prudent I will refer to your Sermon
is said - "If it is managed to give them
independence without committing the Triple Alliance
in war well - If war ensues - Hol- can
not pay. Prussia discharges her generals &
spends her money - and Engl? must pay
the Paper. nor will Prus - ask an
English Prince. There is a strong Periodical
a Pamphlet published here - La Republique
Belgique. - It discusses the propriety of
calling an English Prince. - but against it.
The Politicians wisdom consists in w
the scene with patience and information.
and in trying parts when troubles washed
by the folly, zeal, ignorance and disputes
of others give the occasion. a negotiation
here among Jews is much talked of - I said

if there was such it was for a said feature
'and such as the forism Interests of a British
can display in time... and what then? is it
more than a proof of affection! Do call
upon Greville and meet my friends Col North
Promissall and others Adams be there and
take my mad idea - what can I say more
J.M.P.

For J. M. P. to the
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To
Capt. Payne M.P.
&
Carlton House

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