

Lord Moira to Col. The Mahon

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My Dear General

Whether Lord Clare ever
gave ground or not for the report, such use is made
of the Prince's supposed declaration to him that
it is essential to contradict the same if
it be not His Royal Highness's wish to have
his sentiment quoted as favourable to the Union.
The violence of Party is so great upon it, &
not fair to increase to such extremity that
the most desirable position would be to be under-
stood as not taking part on either side.

cf. month
at head of
letter

I do not write to the Prince about it but I
shall embarrass him & make him think it
necessary to mark some decided line on the
question. Do you, as if entirely for yourself,
learn whether the Prince had any conversation
with A. Clare on the subject; & let me know
independently of what you shall inform me,
will do what may be necessary without in any
degree committing His Royal Highness.

Faithfully yours

W. Pitt Rivers.

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