

John Walter
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My Dear Sir,

I am favoured with your Reply to my Letter & had I adverted to the Debate which took Place on Friday, should not have sent mine circuitously to Brighton which would have induced Me to suppose you were in Town —

I am at present confin'd with a sore Throat but it seems mending & having been engag'd sometime to dine with Mr. Scott on Wednesday in the Adelphe Terrace, if I am well enough, I will come to Town & have the Honour to pay you my personal Respects. —

As nothing could have tended more to the Celebrity of the Times than the publication of the early Part of the Correspondence, you did Me the Honour to let Me peruse, you may be assur'd I would readily have publish'd it, had I not been withheld by the Delicacy of the Subject — The Personages attach'd to it, & the Blame, which might have follow'd in adding to the Coolness which must naturally be augmented between his Majesty & the Minister apparent to the Throne.

I am told that the Correspondence, has been in the Hands of Individuals for some Time & that the Foreign Ambassadors had a Copy of it from some of whom it might have reach'd the press, as you assure Me. it

was without the privacy of His Royal Highness, or any
of his confidential Servants.

As the Prince's Letters are very popular
& highly spoken of, contrasted to those ~~which~~ that have appeared
from his Brother which are shifting & evasive & as the two
Letters written to Mr Pitt in 1796 & 1797 are illustrative of
his R. H.'s desire of a more active Situation in the State
& were hinted at in the Debate on Friday - I shall be happy
in having his Consent to lay them before the public, if you
will take the Prince's Sentiments on the Subject, as I have
heard Opinions given, that had his Wishes been attained, Ireland
would have been tranquil, & Rebellion extinct in that Arm
of the British Empire -

We will commune together on this
matter when we meet & if your Engagements do not permit
you to remain at Home, if you will have the goodness to
leave Word where I can see you, I will follow your Footstep
if I am able to come to Town -

I remain with great Esteem

Dear Sir

Yours Most Sincerely

John Walter.

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