

Duke of Northumberland to Col. MacKahou.

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My Dear Colonel

I had the pleasure of receiving your letter last night, & have not a moment's hesitation in recommending it strongly to the Prince to keep his Regiment. His Language on this, as on every Occasion, should be dignified. "Whatever appears the removal of the 10.<sup>th</sup> Reg.<sup>ts</sup> of Dragoons from Brighton to Guildford may have, He has too much reliance of His Majesty's Promise, that should an Invasion take place, he would give Him an Opportunity of distinguishing himself at the head of his Regiment, not to be concerned, that this Removal is intended rather to carry it ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> Guildford to the probable scene of action, than to remove the Reg.<sup>ts</sup> from it." By holding this Language, & appearing easy on this Subject, should the removal have been ordered to notify the Prince, it will appear as if it had failed in its effect, & his unwearied Reliance on H. M.'s Promise, will

force them to employ H. R. H. should any Invasion take place. 10  
At any rate they will completely fail in their principal  
Object, which is to get the Reg. from him by his own resignation. I  
It is for the same reason that I much advise his going to the  
Birth-day. Every body of his, which tends to make the World  
believe that he is not mortified, will best than; as all this  
is done solely with the view to mortify him; & the less he appears  
so, the more will they be provoked. He must on this occasion  
as on all others, show he cannot help himself, endeavour to disguise  
his feelings. For it is the true & proper sense of Conduct in a  
Person of H. R. H.'s Consequence, to appear to suppress it  
impossible that an Indignity or Insult can be intended to be  
offered him, till it is so very gross as to be admit of no palliation  
In such a case as the present, fifty plausible Excuses may be  
offered for the removal of a Reg. of Grievances. All this mischief  
& vexation however proceeds from the ill advised step of publishing the  
Correspondence, & searching help again respecting, that whoever advised  
that step, was certainly so much injured to the Prince, or at best

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so very ill judging a Person, that his Advice ought not to be taken. I sincerely wish the Advice suggested had been adopted by H: K: H: instead of taking a Commission of General, to have asked leave to place herself at the head of the armed Forces & government of the Country, & I think I could have put the Request into such words that it could hardly have been refused. Three or four Hundred thousand British Troops voluntarily following the Standard of the Prince of Wales, would have placed her in a proud situation.

I must oblige to you for what you mention relative to the Living of Strathmore. I shall feel myself much obliged to H: K: H: if he will do me the favour of presenting a particular Friend of mine, the Rev. Mr. John Rowe A: B: to this Living. Mr. Rowe is a Lancashire Man, & son to one of the Elders. & is the Person for whom Mr. Wilson has applied, as I understood from him.

I have entered very fully into the D.'s Business respecting the Navigation, from the desire which you inspired in Mr. D. - to know my Sentiments on the occasion; I have therefore given them very freely. I wish my opinion may have weight in this instance, as I am convinced should H: K: H: resign, he will expect it himself, which he will

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them happy. Let them, if the Lord will, keep him at Guildford unemployed  
if they dare; but I know they dare not do it. They must employ him,  
& they know it; & the only way by which they can escape the consequence  
of not doing so, is to endeavour to make him resign himself in ill  
humour. Adieu my dear Colonel, accept all our best wishes  
& believe me

your most sincerely yours

Northumberland

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John of Northumberland