

Duke of Northumberland to Col. DeCadeau -

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Albion Castle 23^d. July 1804.

My Dear Colonel

I have many thanks to return you for your letter of the 17th. with its enclosure. I am the answer is such such a one as I expected. It says nothing. Mr. Grey called upon me a day or two after I received it, & I offered to fetch it from my room for his perusal, but he declined looking at it, saying it was a matter of no consequence whatever to him.

I sincerely hope the Inclination for a Reconciliation is sincere; & yet if it is so, I cannot conceive why it is to be deferred so long, before it is carried into execution. Can the King be really well, if his Nerves are so easily affected, as not to have an interview with a Person, to whom he anxiously wishes to be reconciled? No such Difficulties were made to his interview with Mr. Pitt. I hope the Prince will keep close, till either the Interview takes place, or He has the Wish for Reconciliation

conveyed to him directly from the King himself. I am anxious as
as you know I have ever been that such a cordial Reconciliation
should take place, yet nothing would grieve me so much, as to see
the Prince defamed by designing Persons holding out such a course
to him falsely, without having any authority to do so.

I see from the Papers that the Duke of Cumberland is appointed
to succeed General Lox in the Home District. I am I do not rejoice
at this Change; I should have liked H: K: H: continuing in his former
Command better. I hope he will make no mistake during this present
trial & election.

The Papers have likewise informed me of Lord Hervey's
departure. I have written to congratulate him on the occasion, & to
express a hope that he will not go thro' alive, without affording
the Duke & me an opportunity of being introduced to Lady Louisa.
If he should come North again (which however Mr. Fox's family says is
not to be the case) & there is any thing to communicate to me, pray
remember that sometimes in his hurry Lord Hervey forgets to do so, as
was the case last year, when he wholly forgot to say one word to

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re about the intended Cooperation.

I suppose the Prince will soon set off for Bingham.

I beg you will present my kindest respects to H: R: H: & assure
him of the continuance of my attachment to him.

We all write in compliments to you, & be assured I ever
am with the greatest truth

your faithful friend
Northumberland.

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Duke of Northumberland

23 July 1064.

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