

Duke of Northumberland to Col. McMahon

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Alnwick Castle 16th Nov. 1802

My Dear Colonel

Your Letter of the 13th, which I received last night, gave me infinite Satisfaction, & I flatter myself that the good Understanding which now prevails between the K: & the Prince will not again be interrupted. For this purpose, I hope H: K: H: will intercede His Majesty to permit him in future always to apply immediately to Himself in Person, without passing thro' the Medium of His Ministers, alleging as a reason for this Request, that He wishes always to owe every Obligation ^{solely} to the King himself, & that it will besides be the means from preventing any Misrepresentations, which He has great reason to fear has been a while too much made use of towards both Parties for the worst of purposes. If the Prince can once obtain the King's Permission to apply always directly to Himself on every Occasion, & will make proper use of this Permission, & will frequently go & stay at Windsor with the King for two or three Days at

at home, entertaining H: K: with the different little anecdotes
that come to his knowledge, & without talking on business unless
H: K: commences the subject, I have no doubt but H: K: H:
in the course of a very few months, will become a great
favorite, & say so what he pleases. For a time however he
must be upon his guard not to talk upon Politics, or to
unwarily draw in to promises of supporting Mr. Pitt's measures.
His subject should be wound off as much as possible, & if
such papers, I except I should rather advise H: K: H: barely
to say he should never wish to oppose those of whom his dignity
entertained or high opinion, than positively to promise support
to Mr. Pitt.

I trust by of you to present my Duty to the Prince, &
assure H: K: H: that I feel myself highly pleased at
the support he is pleased to give Mr. Prince in his Campaign
for the Mastership of the Chester House.

I have returned you herewith enclosed

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The Duke you was kind enough to send me; it is a very curious
circumstances.

I hope you are perfectly recovered from your late
illness? The Duke desires to write with me in brief, what
we hope you will present for us likewise to do? MacMahon.

I have the pleasure to be with great regard

Yours most sincerely

Northumberland.

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