

Duke of Northumberland to Col the Marquis  
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My Dear Colonel

Many thanks for the Packet  
I received last night. You remember well what I said  
about certain things, which appeared to me to be errors  
in the negotiation. I am very sorry to find that I was  
so right in my Opinion, & that the intervention of others,  
besides the Parties themselves, has already produced  
the misunderstanding, & misrepresentations, which I then  
clearly foresaw would happen. It is now become impossible  
for the Point in dispute to be finally adjusted, to the  
mutual Satisfaction of Both Parties, & our friend Lord  
Howe's next without delay pay another Visit to London.  
Nothing else, short of his Presence, can ever satisfy  
the Prince's Mind, & clear our Friend from the heavy  
Charge brought against him by the Lord Chancellor,  
& Mr. Pitt. How what Accusation can be more severely felt.



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by an honourable mind, than being charged with having  
concealed, or misrepresented those Sermons, which he  
was directed by the Prince to state to these Gentlemen  
in his Interviews with them, in this important &  
delicate Business. Certain as I am that our Friend is  
incapable of such a Conduct, I am convinced his noble  
Mind will not suffer him to allow a scandalous  
to pass without clearing himself from such an im-  
-putation. I shall be extremely anxious to know the  
the Determination of this Business, & shall feel myself  
particularly obliged to you for any future Communi-  
-cations on this Subject. I hope H. K. H. is convinced  
of my Fidelity, as well as Secrecy, in any thing with  
which He is pleased to trust me. The D<sup>r</sup> writes in  
Compliments to you & h<sup>is</sup> Acquaintance & believe me

Ever most sincerely yours  
Northumberland