

Duke of Northumberland to Col. McClellan

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Abinet Castle 6th Oct^r 1866.

My Dear Colonel

As I suppose the Prince will
be in town by the time this reaches you, I beg you will
express H: R: H: from me ~~and~~ that I feel as I ought to
do the support & countenance with which He has been
pleased to honour Lord Derry.

I see a paragraph in the Times, mentioning that
it is H: R: H: His Intention, as soon as Gen^l Fox's General
is over to return again into the North, & complete
his intended tour. I should hardly conceive that
likely in this overcast season of the year. Our
leaves are now falling from the trees & every place

in the North has now lost all its Beauties.

If however the Newspaper is right & H: K: H: really does
mean to return, I shall feel myself particularly obliged to you,
if you will inform me of it, & not particularly if H: K: H:
has any intention of going as far North as this. Our Company
lie scattered at a great distance - they are at this
Season of the Year leaving the County to go Southward, & so
I would induce to stay if they were certain H: K: H: intended
to be known this part of the Kingdom with his presence, &
besides very things necessary for the reception of such a
Guest, are not to be procured without sending to London for them.

Some time ago Lord having written me word that he
would appoint Capt: Goppin Barrack Master at Newcastle.
I find the present Barrack Master is to leave that place

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in about ten days, & as neither Capt. Gopins nor myself, have
heard any more on this subject, do be so kind as to enquire
about this appointment, & let us know how the better stands.

I congratulate you on the Capture of the Live Injokes
from the French, & shall be very happy to congratulate you
further, if the H: of Tripoli will afford me the opportunity, of
a Victory gained by his troops over the French. The English
in Calabria, as well as L. Hukinson in Egypt, have
proved that they are not invincible, & I fancy they have
as little chance to digest a Tripolitan, as an English
Regiment if it is properly used.

There has so often told the Post is waiting, what
I have been writing this letter that you must excuse all
inaccuracies, & omissions. As they have now come to
close you that I ever am
Yours most faithfully
Northumberland.

Duke of Northumberland
6th Decr. 1806