

Edward Topham to Col. McCracken

Dec. 3 1806

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My dear Sir,

Enclosed I return you Mr. Freeman's letter, and with it the copy of my last letter to Lord Carlisle - which I wish you to lay before the Prince as it contains a statement of the whole conduct of Lord Carlisle and will be an evidence of my own feelings on the occasion. Whatever they may be, if it be the Prince's wish, those feelings shall be restrained and the matter submitted to in silence by me. I will send you likewise, if the Prince should think it worth while, Lord Carlisle's own letters on the subject.

Whatever may be the determination in regard to West Hartsdon I cannot leave it in better or kinder hands than those of the Prince himself. Whatever he decides, I submit to it. But there is one mode (if I might be permitted to say so) of serving Mr. Ford in this County.

The Rev^d Sidney Smith, Lecturer at the Royal Institution has lately had presented to him the Rectory of Boston. As Preferment in Yorkshire does not suit him I am given to understand he would readily exchange it, if he could get a living in the South, in its place. Boston was given to Sidney Smith by the present Lord

Chancellor (Erskine) at the Request of Lord Holland backed (as he
was pleased himself to inform Me) by Mr. Fox himself.

I am giving you a famous deal of trouble - but you are kind
enough.

When this matter has been consider'd - I presume I shall hear
further.

I am my dear Sir,

Yours very truly & ever

Edward Topham

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