

W. Dundas to Col. J. M. Mahon  
8. Jan 1808.

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Whitehall  
8<sup>th</sup> Janry 1808.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit to you a letter from the Prince of Persia to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, which together with one from the King of Persia to His Majesty, was delivered to Mr. Manesty the East India Company's Resident at Bussorah in July 1804. - It appears that Mr. Manesty intended soon afterwards to return to England, and that he was accordingly permitted by Marquis Wellesley to retain the letters in his possession for the purpose of their being conveyed in safety. - Mr. Manesty having abandoned that intention

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and



and having returned to his situation at  
Bussorah, he was directed by the Governor  
General in Council to transmit the letters  
to Calcutta, and they have only recently  
been received in England. - I also  
inclose a Translation of the letter to  
His Royal Highness, and

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,  
humble servant.

R. D. Dundas,



Duke of Northumberland to Col. Deek Mahon.

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Alnwick Castle 31<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>r</sup> 1808.

My Dear Colonel

I had hoped long before this to have had the pleasure of seeing you in Town, but I have been for some time confined to my room, & partly to my bed by indisposition. I am now recovering, but still fear before I can send off all my baggage & shall myself be able to undertake the journey that it may possibly be ten days or a fortnight. If I am to judge from what I see in the Papers, I should imagine Opposition are getting to act. Neither Lord Grey, nor Mr. Fox, nor Lord Grenville, are likely to have many followers. As to the Copenhagen Business, from Intelligence I received myself, I am confident the Siege of the Danish Fleet was a Act of absolute Necessity, & alone prevented the success from carrying into execution the only reasonable Plan, for the Invasion of this Country & Ireland, that has ever to my knowledge with respect to Britain I am satisfied we have nothing to fear from that Quarter. My good & respectable Friends know their own Intents.



too well to declare War against this Country. People give a  
great deal too much Importance to that Country. I know  
well their Resources, their Force, & their Wealth, & believe  
as they are so very formidable to this Country. Two years  
of War with great Britain would ruin them totally, if well  
& properly conducted on our part. They are apt to appear, & try  
to bully when they can, but if a firm tone is used to them, they soon  
come to their senses, & know their own insignificance. Blockaded  
their Ports strictly - capture all their China Ships, & South Whalers,  
& an Insurrection would take place in the United States within  
five months. As to the Orders of Council I have not yet had time  
enough to give them that Attention which is necessary, & therefore  
have not absolutely made up my mind upon this Subject,  
What says H. K. H. to all these matters, to him of course you  
look up for Directions in Parliament. I hope H. K. H. is  
enjoying a good State of Health, & that your's is perfectly