

Duke of Northumberland to Col. McCracken.

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Alnwick Castle 31st Jan^{ry} 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 too long & a further one. If I can to judge from what I see in the Papers, I should imagine Opposition are getting to settle. 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 on both of absolute Necessity, & close prevented themselves from carrying into execution the only reasonable Plan, for the Invasion of this Country & Ireland, that has come to my knowledge. With respect to Breve I am satisfied we have nothing to fear from that Quarter. My good & respectable Friends know their own Interest

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