

H. R. H. to Ed. Darvley

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My dear Darvley,

In consequence of what passed  
between us this morning, I had intended  
to have dispatched Foxworth to the Duke  
of Portland the moment he came in, but  
his absence in the House of Commons to  
a late hour, having afforded me time to  
maturely to reflect upon the object of  
his mission, I have no hesitation in  
frankly stating to you that I am anxious  
that such a step would have been attended  
by circumstances that ~~would~~ <sup>would</sup> have been  
productive of feelings highly uncomfortable to you  
by ~~circumstances~~, that ~~would~~ <sup>would</sup> be  
as well as to myself.



Before however I say one syllable more  
upon the subject, I must entreat you to  
believe that there is no one, to whom I  
should be more desirous to allude  
to testify every remark of sincere friend-  
-ship regard than to yourself; that  
if in the present instance, I could visit  
~~point~~ the decision of the Government,  
the arrangement in question should be made  
according to your wishes.

You must be aware, in common  
with all my other Friends, that the peculiar  
circumstances of the Times, have induced  
me to prescribe to myself a decided  
non sine neutrality in Politics, from  
which I deem myself in honor bound



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on no account whatever to desert. Your  
own good sense will point out to you,  
was I merely to authorize a statement  
of my good wishes to be made, what a  
positive deviation, & inconsistency there  
would be apparently, in my part from  
that line of conduct I have laid down  
to myself, as well as how cold such an  
approach would appear to ~~my~~ ~~Smith's~~,  
while on the other hand, were I to make  
any possible solicitation in your favor  
I should be esteemed, as rendering you  
as well as myself decided Partisans  
of the Government, & that of us, thus  
stand completely committed, in the eye  
of the World as forming a part of it.



It is very true, that when a late uncle  
I did apply to the Duke of Portland,  
father of Blomberg whom you know  
But this was done with no political  
view, nor could <sup>it</sup> bear any <sup>such</sup> interpretation  
as you are well acquainted, that ~~Blomberg~~  
was <sup>born</sup> brought up in our family, & the  
application for him therefore, was on  
the joint request of every branch of it.  
Thus, then after repeated disappointments  
I obtained for him a Prebend of Westbury.

My sincere regard & friendship  
for you my dear Scamley have in this  
instance, ~~drawn~~ drawn from one explanation  
& details, that I believe I should not  
have been inclined to enter upon so much



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challenge, with any one else but yourself,  
as I have only to regret that I have been  
wonder the necessity of taking up so much  
of your time, upon which I will not now  
further intrude, than to assure you  
how truly, I remain,

Ever your sincere friend

Wm. Pitt Rivers

Esq. M. P.

May 20<sup>th</sup>. 1808.

George B.



The Prince of Wales

to

Lord Darnley

May 20. 1600.

My  
Lord Darnley

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