

Ed. Morna to H.R.H.

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Swampton  
August 24, 1889.

Sir

A letter which I yesterday received from London apprized me that application had been made to your legal Highness by the friends of the unfortunate Major Campbell, on the supposition that I had endeavored to to interest your legal Highness in his behalf. From the way in which it is stated to me, there may have been the appearance of some misapprehension.

in my not having laid the matter before you. There was not, however, any such neglect. Sincerely anxious to be useful to the unhappy man, I still could not think myself justified in implicating your Royal Highness, when there was the chance that there might be awkwardness in the application to the King. I only knew in general terms that the circumstances attending the duel were very unfavorable for Campbell; but I could not judge to what extent that color might be

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before you. established by the evidence. I, therefore, confined  
last. sin- by attempts at serving him to other channels,  
unhappy that your humanity might not be irrespectively  
of justifiable committed. The supposition which I then ad-  
dressed you, has been confirmed by every informa-  
-tion since. I mean, that, altho' the precise  
facts of the transaction had a bad appear-  
-ance for Campbell they were wholly imper-  
-table to the redress of intemperance. His  
character was excellent; his disposition had  
at no period of twenty-seven years service

betrayed any thing of captiousness; he had no pre-  
-vious figure against Boyd; the quarrel was a  
-gathered up quarrel; and it took place when few  
of them had remained to finish the wine of  
a Review Dinner when all the rest of the  
Company had retired overcome with the quan-  
-tity they had drunk. The sympathy expressed  
of the Officers for Campbell, & the extraordi-  
-nary interest testified for him throughout  
the County to which he belongs, are not proof  
a strong conviction of the absence of  
any of that real malice which might stamp  
a permanent & detestable character on this

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lamentable business; & I shall therefore be justified in the opinion which I entertained that (tho' it might be necessary to dismiss Campbell the Service for the irregularity with which the Deal was conducted) the infliction of his Sentence was not requisite for example. It is possible that your Royal Highness, in consequence of the application made to you, may have taken some steps on this subject. In that case, it may not be unsatisfactory to you, Sir, to know the persuasion which

I have stated & on which I have been acting  
but after the determination taken of the Cabinet,  
which I have explained to me with  
expressions of genuine sincerity, I fear all  
endeavours are hopeless. The effort, however, will  
not have impeached Your Royal Highness's  
justice while it does honour to your heart.  
Had I been as sure of my ground before as  
I am now I should not have failed to endeavour  
working Your Royal Highness's interest

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at an early period.

With the truest respect, I remain  
Sir, ever

Your loyal Highness's  
most devoted & most  
faithful servant  
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The Prince of Wales.

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The Earl of Arundel

to

Mr. Pinner of Colchester

Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> 1800.