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Thank you, my dear friend, for all the information contained in your letter. Before I touch upon other parts of it I will advert to the circumstance of Greenwood's being with you: because it may give you the means of doing a good deed, in which, however, my name is not mentioned. Doctor Rowdolph has written to solicit that I would spare the Duke of York's memory about him, when so many good things in the Church are vacant. The Duke, I know, means well towards him, but what interests me is the Duke of Bedford's attachment to Rowdolph; who

is in himself a man highly deserving to be promoted. I could not write to the V. of York just now. Tho' I do not implicate him of the remotest suspicion in the guilt of personal attack, the late Pamphlet bears strong stamp that encouragement a direction had been given to impress the general sentiment on the Public. The latter has done it in a strain not expected or wished, therefore it is discovered: but a covered hostility may well be inferred. I think you may naturally hint to yourself your surprise (I say that it strikes others equally) at Randolph's not being noticed when

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It is known to be under the special patronage of
the Duke of York. The observation would be commu-
-nicated & would probably have effect, as it is
not likely any obliqueness that has caused
the neglect.

Bellesby seems to have acted with skill
as well as address. In respect to Public Interest,
he did not do right in forwarding any thing
before an whole face was opened. But it
was one that he would endeavor to snatch the
opportunity of distinguishing himself before a
superior court, therefore the fault was in the

Minister for having this day given to him. As
they has succeeded, so there is no plot. You will
see / I judge from the cooperation left when we
had no Cavalry to cut off the Enemy when he
that these actions have been decided by heavy
-mills shells which are new to the Enemy. The
sort of advantage ought to be put to proper
-ity. If you can bring on further battles
-ity in the contest. The French, from their rage
will be taught to provide themselves with these
shells in the time & they will be

equal terms. This is not an observation applied
 to circumstances. The Duke of York takes the com-
 -mand of the Army. How is he to manage us &
 other operations? If we sit down satisfied
 with the conquest of Portugal, we shall be
 all there or near at the commencement
 of this silly enterprise of Bonapartes. & our
 situation was then most unfavorable. by the
 -ed Commerce by the opening of the Ports
 of Spain & Portugal will not correspond
 to augmented Taxes on this growing Country.
 There must be a prospect of termination to

the war, which can only arise from preparing them-
selves home. Now, the jealousy which the Spani-
ards have of union with our troops will not be
diminished by the Duke of York's presence. I fear
it will be extraordinarily increased. The
Spaniards will take their inspection of our
Officers from the Irish Priests. So you it is
no information that four fifths of the Irish
Priests have always been educated in Spain,
& that the sentiment as well as communica-
-tion between the Irish Catholics & the Spaniards

has thence been reciprocally warm & active.
The Catholics regard the Duke of York as having
been the main instrument for overruling the
late Administration & thereby thwarting the
just pretensions of the Catholic Body. With this
prejudice against him, is he likely to
overcome the reluctance of the Spaniards
to cooperation? The probable issue is this.
Bonaparte will withdraw from Spain. The
Spaniards will think their business finished.
They will occupy themselves in interior

enjoyments. We shall be idle in Portugal
I am - expenses will be mounting, & I am
-but will rise to a dangerous height in the
Country. The Public mind is excited by reports
as well as by proceedings of executions
break out in general ferment. And I do
not wish to look beyond.

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Believe me My Dear Friend

Very faithfully yours

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