

Duke of Northumberland to Col. Mac Mahon

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My Dear Colonel

Admittedly what a great Officer of the  
Crown told the Prince the other day, I have described information  
that he himself has been lately very busy in making such arrange-  
ments, & appointments, as concern those who are about his Lordship  
that a change in his Office at least, is going to take place  
soon; and I have pretty good reason to believe, that the  
Admiral was offered to Lord Castlemaine, & refused by him.  
If these things are true, I fear the great Lord has not been dealing  
ingeniously with the Prince. One thing I have heard, which gives  
me a good deal of uneasiness, as it came to me from a quarter  
that was likely to know it, that they are now trying to the utmost  
of their Power, to prejudice the H: against the P: saying that  
He is deceiving H: H: & that what H: H: H: is pretending that  
He takes no part whatever in Politics, He is every day holding  
a private Council at Carlton House, & endeavouring to his utmost  
to form a Party, which when accomplished H: H: H: will have power  
& control the H: herself. Now, that H: H: H: is upon the Prince's  
day to give a great Entertainment to all the Order of the Garter, &  
Colonel Mac Mahon -

That this is to be the Commencement of the Coup d'etat which he is to make  
How infamous, & scandalous is this kind of Conduct on their Part, when you, &  
I know, how firm H: K: H: has determined to keep his wise Resolution, & not  
to interfere in any way with Dolichets. But there is no Security against  
treason. H: K: H: was once as much, & as falsely, accused, of the most violent  
Proceedings in M<sup>r</sup>. James Burdett's Election, as he now is upon the Subject  
of Dolichets, Pray present my most dutiful Respects to the Prince, &  
console him in any Manner upon the Capture of Goodenough, which  
I find has surrendered to His Majesty's Arms.

Adieu my dear Colonel; long Good, with my Desire to offer  
their Compliments to you, & M<sup>rs</sup>. Macpherson, to which I beg to add my  
own, & to assure you that I ever

your most sincere Friend

Northumberland.