

Duke of Northumberland to Col. MacMahon.

29. March

1810.

41345

Weymouth 29th March 1810.

My Dear Colonel

I thank you for your two letters of the 19th and 24th. I confess I thought it right, that the Prince should know how sincerely the Report in the Brazils was affected to this Country. It may be therefore of some use hereafter, if H. R. H. would keep up some little Communication with him, & as I had this information from the fountain head, I was depend upon its correctness. Show for certain that nothing would please the Prince of Brazils so much, as the Prince's Pictures, if H. R. H. would send in over as a Present to him, with a handsome Letter, which he might easily do, thro' Lord Stourton. The Report I am sure would keep it up in his State Apartments & be very proud of it; & should they get into a friendly Correspondence, affected as the Prince of Brazils would be to him, H. R. H. might hereafter find it upon some Occasion or other highly useful to her, when he shall be upon the Throne, to be able to correspond with him, as a friend, without its giving thro' the Medium of this Minister. The Prince of Brazils has a very good, & prettily painted, & would I am certain repay ten fold any little Civility the Prince might be inclined to show him.

I suppose whilst I am writing this, they are hard at work endeavouring to have out the present Ministers; & when they have so done, where Colonel MacMahon

will they find better? Will those who neglected their allies, & left them
in the lurch in Poland, who planned the childish expedition to
Constantinople, or pursued the Dream of conquering Egypt with a handful
of men, do any better? I am certain that the treatment H: K: H:
received from them when in Power, & the language I hear they ~~had~~
have told about him since they are out of Power, will not make
him very anxious to have them again at the head of affairs. He has found
them here, who will promise much, & do very little.

I trust by of you to present my duty to H: K: H:, & assure him of
my most unforgotten attachment.

I have the pleasure to say, that I now begin to see some little
improvement in the health of Lady Elizabeth, & as it appears to come on
so very gradually, I trust it will be lasting. As to myself, I do not expect
to be better, till I leave this place. The Duchess, my daughters, & myself
write in compliments to you & h^m. See below. Adieu

Ever most faithfully yours
Northumberland