

Duke of Northumberland to Col. Mac Mahon
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My Dear Colonel

I can thank you for your letter of the 9th, & 10th, of this month, & am very glad to find that the Dignity & Privileges of the House have been properly ascertained & upheld by the Com^{rs} of the House of Commons to the Government. I am on our part I confess, that all things considered, I should have been better pleased, had he received a severe reprimand from the Speaker. I must however that Pease & Grogan, are restored, & that next Tuesday will not again see the late disgraceful scenes. Why Mr. Daines was not immediately arrested, & carried to the Government as soon as the Speaker had signed the Warrant for that purpose, I cannot conceive. But I believe, & I do not think, I do not think, that it is not generally give up the contest, in some of our members. What is to be done? are we to have a change, or not? and if we have, will it be for the better? These are questions, which I cannot resolve, perhaps you can help me. I was not surprised to learn that the 15th Hussars, were mistaken for fencers. Why are they rather to wear a Hungarian, than a British costume? especially as all the Hussar officers, with whom I have ever conversed, have constantly represented to me that species of clothing as particularly inconvenient on horseback. But fashion is now every thing.

Colonel Mac Mahon -

in an Officer's, as well as a Lady's toilet.

The Duke, my Lord, & myself are all highly sensible, of the great Honour the Prince does us, by the hope H: R: H: has directed you to deliver to us; and its effects are the greatest Satisfaction to us, that H: R: H: has, in the midst of all this Confusion, & such received, such unrequited thanks of the Attachment of the People, as the loyal Cheers with which he was greeted when they passed by Carlton House, so this H: R: H: may be assured nothing contributed more than that quick & strict Impartiality, which he has been pleased to show in this nice & critical, purchase. Allow me to beg of you my Dear Colonel, to present my Duty to H: R: H: & assure Him of my most zealous, & dutiful, Attachment to His Person, and Honour; and accept yourself, & present for me to H: M: here below, my Compliments and best Wishes; in that the Duke, Lord Jersey, and my self then desire to write. Once my Dear Colonel, I believe he ever to be, with the greatest truth,

Your most faithfull Servant

Northumberland.