

Lincoln Inn 31<sup>st</sup> Dec: 1812

Madam

Wm Adam  
to  
Lady Berkeley  
&  
J de F  
Foublanque

I should have done myself the honour of presenting to your Ladyship recent letter & enclosure, if a great press of business which in part required my absence from town had not prevented me.

I have now the honour to return the various enclosures. & I can see no objection to your Ladyship imparting them where you propose.

I think it right to mention that it appears to me on enquiry that the idea of creating your eldest son a Baron, must have been a mistake on the part of your Ladyship, arising out of the matter of the territorial Barony, upon which Sir J. Shepherd's opinion was taken, from which it is clear that altho' such a right existed anciently as attached to the Land, yet it seems equally clear that the proprietor of the Land could not enforce it now.

Upon the other subject of our communication I have to request of your Ladyship to have recourse to my answer to Mr Foublanque's letter to me which I enclose, open for your Ladyship's perusal.

Signed W Adam

The Countess of Berkeley.

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My Dear Sir

You perceived by my observations on your Statement, when we last met at Berkeley House that I did not accede to your views. That I was strongly impressed with a conviction that those who have the duty of advising the Prince Regent in the exercise of the Royal discretion would see powerfull objections to your proposal & that they would be but little likely to recommend referring to the House of Lords, a new Petition by Colonel Berkeley founded mainly if not entirely, upon the testimony to be given by *W. H.*

My intervention on this subject as you know was in obedience to the Princes commands when *W. H.* was graciously pleased for the sole purpose of tranquillizing Lady Berkeley's mind to direct me to minute down *W. H.*'s recollections of *D. B.*'s declarations to him respecting his *D. B.*'s marriage & to permit one copy to be deposited in the Office of the Duchy of Cornwall to give it at all times the character of authenticity as coming from the Prince, & another to be given to Lady Berkeley to be limited in its communication in the manner there specified & understood by her. There was not in the commencement or progress of the Transaction any ulterior object intended or suggested.

It is now proposed however to make a further & public use of it for the reasons assigned in your letter to me, to found upon a new Petition by Colonel Berkeley to the King on which the Prince as Regent will have to act by that advice which regulates *W. H.* in all his proceedings for & on behalf of his Majesty. without further conjecture

as to what advice will be given to H.M. as  
I see insuperable objections to the matter being  
brought before the Lords on the grounds  
proposed in your letter, I am bound not to  
practise any reserve by with-holding my  
opinion.

It will not be suspected that it arises from  
any doubt as to the Princes Evidence <sup>but</sup> it will  
be readily seen that it results from a due  
consideration of the peculiar situation in which  
the Prince is placed from the nature & course of the former  
proceeding, from the absolute necessity to the ends  
of Justice that there should be free enquiry & the utter  
impossibility that such enquiry can be attained  
from other circumstances.

These with other considerations which  
attend this case destroy its analogy to the  
proceedings with which you compare it.  
I might perhaps have abstained from entering  
thus into a subject on which it belongs to  
others to advise, but I did consider it as most  
incivill and my part, with these sentiments  
to permit a conclusion to be drawn ~~from~~  
~~my silence~~ by with holding my opinion or  
to <sup>allow</sup> ~~permit~~ a word to escape me that should  
encourage a proceeding so directly against  
my deliberate & decided judgement.

Signed W. Adams

John Forblanque Esq

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to  
Miss Brockley  
&  
Mr. Southam  
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