

Lady Berkeley to Lord Liverpool.

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My Lord

In addressing myself to your
Lordship I have ten thousand fears
that I may be thought wrong, or trespassing
improperly. But if I am I implore your
Lordship to believe I act without advice,
and that in taking this step I have nothing
in view but to get the Sovereign Prince's Evidence
relating to the Berkeley Perage upon the
Journals of the Queen of Scots, for the benefit
of my Eldest Son when my second Son comes
of age. And when I tell your Lordship that
Sir J. Morville says it is Evidence of the highest
importance and of incalculable value,
that Mr Jus^t Barr says, with it for the
entail'd Estate he could obtain a verdict
before any Jury in England - And that
Mr Tomblayne says it is conclusive for my

Eldest Son's Claim, I think with such
opinions your Majesty will feel every
Principle of Honor, and Justice most
impressively requires, such honorable
Testimony should be preserved from
Chance or accident. I venture to send
to your Majesty the Prime's Report
Evidence which is signed, and a Memorandum
which I received from his Royal Highness
himself in his own hand writing of parts
of Lord Berkeley's Confession to him -

I likewise send to you the Letter which
passed between Mr J^r Bert and me
upon the Subject of the omission of Evidence
of such high, such undoubted Authority
with a Letter from me to the Prime's Agent
bearing Date the tenth of June with the result
of that Letter; many, many more I have
in my possession not material at

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present. And I cannot but believe that
I am best consulting the honor and dignity
of that Illustrious Personage in risking
the Constitutional Servants of the Crown
to guide me - lest in any other which
I may be compelled to take in duty to
my numerous Family, I might give offence;
or wound the feelings of any one, My Lord,
his Grace Highness has constantly expressed
his great anxiety to place his Evidence
on record, nay, says his mind will not
be quite at ease till he has done so -
And if you knew half the strong facts
which fell within his knowledge relating
to my private Marriage, or half the
solemn ~~promises~~ ^{pledges of protection} given to me
And my unfortunate Family you
would not wonder at his anxiety -
His Grace Highness appears to have
pointed out the road which his

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Evidence should take, or why was it sent
to the Lord Chancellor² - and I had
heard from his Lordship's known love
of Justice, he would have laid it before
the House of Lords, more particularly
as the Prince Regent's Evidence proves
his Lordship's speech the last day of the
investigation was founded on fallacy.
I had not being the case, I presume
to ask your Lordship if there is any
objection to some Peer of Parliament
getting up in his place and asking the
Lord Chancellor, if in the month of June
1812 he did not receive a document
signed with the sign Manuel stating
to the Earl of Liverpool, if his Lordship
should answer that he did, but ^{did} ~~was~~
not bound to lay it before their Lordships,
then that an address be presented

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At his Charge Myself praying him
A Command that it should lay before
upon the Table, I am not anxious
for the result, further than securing
it for the benefit of my Family. But
my God, I am anxious not to give offence
to any one - I am anxious not to give
my confidence to those who might
savour the feelings of Abhorrence personage
and I have no friends in the present
Administration, which is one reason
for my approaching your Lordship -
The letter which I wrote to Mr Adair
I send to your Lordship confidentially
trusting you will consider it private
and return it to me - that all that I
say does not depend upon my word but
on paper. Should your Lordship think
the Constitutional servants of the

Crown ought not to interfere and that
I should receive no answer to this,
I shall have the satisfaction of having
acted in every thing most strictly as
commanded by the Prince Regent, of having
tried every honorable means in my power
to do justice to my family, preserving
every respect towards his Royal Highness
and all I shall have to request of
your wisdom will be, to offer my most
humble duty to his Royal Highness the
Prince Regent, tell him fairly the
object I have in view, and propose him
either to command ^{that} his Evidence is placed
upon the Journals of the House of Lords
or allow the Crown Lawyers to guide
us in any step it may be advisable
to take to promote the ends of Justice

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on your permission, without offence
being taken to publish in a Supplementary
address to the House of Lords, my letters,
and papers, proving the terms of high
confidence the late Lord Berkeley lived
in with the Prince Regent, that through
the investigation I acted solely by his
advice, the full disclosure of all I
knew of the means taken to suppress
his Royal Highness's Evidence, which
was so fully effected, and lastly
the membership letters and communications
by command of his Royal Highness
which has taken place between
Mr Swan and me
I remain my Lord

Cranford House
Nov 19th
1813

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Copy of a letter
from Mary Countess
of Berkeley -
To the Earl of
Liverpool
White House

Lady Berkeley

19 Nov. 1813