

Extract of a letter written to Col. M. Mahon
 Aug. 23 - 1814 - at Cheltenham.

I repeat this to convince you that his Royal Highness was as anxious to ~~secure~~ ^{secure} my Eldest Son's claim to the Earldom of Berkeley as he was upon any of the above occasions, "He knew everything" "Berkeley had never one moment concealed his" "intentions from him, even before he married" "me in 1785, Berkeley had detailed the steps" "which he intended to take, to him and had" "told him he intended to marry me to get possession of my person never intending to acknowledge" "me as his Wife, he even went so far as to say he" "advised Lord Berkeley with the woman —" "and told so much, that the late Lord Thurlow said, "it was a d — d diabolical" "business they had been engaged in to deceive" "an innocent Woman, and the only thing" "that did them credit was their anxiety" "to make all the reparation to me and my" "beloved Son." My dear Friend, Lord Thurlow died with the Idea, from what the Prince Regent said to him, that the Crown, knowing my Eldest

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Son to be the rightful Heir, must guard
his interest, and secure it to him — and Lord
Thurlow suggested that it should be called
Lord Berkeley's Confession to his Royal
Highness, to prevent its being supposed he could
know and approve Lord B's. conduct to me.

Remember I have living Witnesses to
prove what was said to Lord Thurlow
and what was acted on by him —

Extract of a letter
from Lord Berkeley
to Earl of Chatham