

Sir John Macpherson to

(Private & confidential)

Brompton-Grove 2^d April
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Dear Colonel MacMahon.

After receiving your very obliging Letter of the 15th ultimo at my Farm, I wrote to you my Intention of a future Communication, to which I alluded at our late meeting near St. James's.

I am now happy to enclose to you, in the utmost Confidence, a Letter I had some time ago from Windsor. I have since, the best Reasons to believe that in every possible change of Circumstances the Royal - confidential - union, so happily established here, will be permanent; and secure the happiest and best Advantages to the Crown & Empire - at home & abroad.

The Prince remembers well that during the Royal Illness in 1788/9 & 1801 I had access to witness his true felial attachment, and most devoted veneration for the King & Constitution. From the close of 1789 to the autumn of 1793, while I was visiting the Continental - Courts, all my communications with Colton - House went

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would to urge His Royal Highness's perseverance
in what I know to be the natural wishes of his
own heart & independently of all Party - Influence.
The late Sovereigns of Austria & Prussia were
at length perfectly convinced relative to our Heri-
-apparent's real political system, and so were their
sons, who now reign at Vienna & Berlin. -

How fortunate is it therefore in a public view?
& how creditable to His Royal Highness that the
Prince has practically & most faithfully realised as
Prince - Regent, what was only urged in his person
as Prince of Wales. - Never was there a nobler
triumph over political - opponents - Personal -
opponents could not exist. - Were you to see
letters, which I addressed to his Royal Highness from
the Continent, at the express desire of the Sovereigns
who met at Olmitz in August 1791 - you could
then fully comprehend how happy I have been
made by the enclosed from Windsor. - But there
is a point of which I wish you to be fully apprised

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It is that every Consideration of prudence & true
Political Policy should confine the Royal Parental
& Royal filial confidence & Commutations as
exclusively as possible to their own Intercourse as
Father & Her - apperant. - The ambition & spirit
of our national Parties will then become more
manageable, and the public good may then be
pursued with more Energy. -

Under those impressions, while delighted
with the best progress of the Royal Family - union
I felt it proper to remain retired, without the
least intrusion at Windsor or Carlton - House.
I still should I receive, what is very probable, some
interesting advices from the Continent or from India
I shall take care to make them properly known

The account, which I have read last night
in the Courier of the Prince Regent's Letter to
General Graham, who is my particular friend, has
delighted me. It is truly the Prince's and worthy
of the Royal mind and Pen. The good which that
Letter will produce not only over the great Peninsula

but in Italy & at Vienna not even our Ministers
can be sufficiently aware of - you will understand
me when I apprise you of certain circumstances in
proof of which I send you two original Letters addressed
to me, some years back, by the Marquis Mombeltrani
the Mentor, who brought up the present Emperor of
Austria the Arch Duke Charles de - yes the personal
friend (whatever has been said to the contrary) of the
true sacred Political understanding between Austria &
his Country. - When this Mentor sent General Graham
& me the Confidential Powers alluded to in the enclosed
you may judge how he & his Royal Selves,
who are representatives of the Throne of Spain, will
rejoice at General Graham's victory! - I had early
advised General Graham & my friend Consul-Duff
at Cadix to open a proper Intercourse by Peace
with Vienna: the Prince Regent has now the
best post open for Vienna via Cadix. - verbum
sab Principi. - after perusing the three enclosed
Letters at your leisure you can return them to me
& I relieve you from any Obligation to this long Letter
which I meant to be short, when I began it. Believe me
my dear Colonel MacMahon, with sincere regard
Yours most sincerely John MacMahon