

Sr John Macpherson to

Private

Brompton-grove

6 April 1811

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Dear Colonel MacMahon

In my letter of yesterday I hinted at the good effects which a letter from the Prince Regent to the King of Sicily would produce: I now send you an extract of a letter addressed to the Prince in Sept^r. 1790 in which the High Regard of His Sicilian Majesty towards the Prince is alluded to together with a pleasing compliment which His Majesty has directed His Ministers to convey to me lately. Mr. Lashes the Sicilian Consul now here, & who has written to me that letter, is superiorly well informed: He has resided years in this Country, & was the select friend of Dr. Johnson & General Paoli - No person can give you better information relative to foreign & especially Sicilian Politics than he can.

The great national & truly beneficial consequences which will necessarily arise from the Prince - Regent's foreign correspondence, in direct communication from His Royal Hand,

to obtain Continental Favours & Prizes -
even you can scarcely conceive - would you to read
my Correspondence with Carlton - having done your
travels from the close of 1789 to August 1793
you would imagine that parts of it were written
for the present day. - Ours to say all in
a short letter - The Prince is better informed
relative to the Concert formed at Pilnitz in
August 1791, than any of our Ministers whether
in or out of office. - It is through a
corresponding System that Peace & Security can
be restored to this Country & to Europe, and
the Prince present is, from many Causes, the
Royal Power to make & effect it.

Do you remember the unanimous
Resolution & Declaration of the City of London
in August 1803? Read the two Papers in
the enclosed observations, which are marked out.
In their Spirit the Prince present can remind

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The Successors of Austria, Prussia & Russia
of the Pilnitz - concert - His Royal Highness by
confirming these Resolutions by his Royal Sanction
& directing their adoption in Parliament will
interate his administration with the original
wishes of the Capital - and open to Europe the
only safe Basis of general Peace. -

The Enemy will feel himself
seriously counteracted, nor can he afterwards
endeavour to mislead Europe & America by
attempts to charge the Continuance of war to
the Commercial apprehensions and factious - ambition
of our Government.

I say no more at present It
is sufficient that I prepare you for hearing
more upon this Subject from my dear Colonel
your most faithful humble servant

John Macpherson

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