

Bishop of Limerick to Col. Keane

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My Dear Colonel

The Primate has sailed for England to pay his Duty to the Prince Regent, and to entreat the Service of the Royal prerogative in the Appointment of a Coadjutor to the poor Arch Bishop of Dublin, during his Incapacity - an Appointment such the Interests of the Church, and the Discipline of that long neglected Diocese, loudly call for. The Arch Bishop's Incapacity seems to be confirmed, but may live many Years.

I wrote to Lord Meville of the Primate's intentions, thinking it essential that the Prince should be

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appreciated, as well of the Object, as of the Character of the Primate, which from his retired habits, is but little known, and very much misunderstood. -

Lest Lord M. should not be in Town, I feel it right to give you a few Hints for the Prince's information, if you think them at all useful -

It has been the fashion for the Princes in both Countries, to represent the Primate as a most unaccommodating, unamenable person; - which is a very great mistake - He certainly withdrew himself from all Communication with the Court, because he disapproved their management of the Irish Church, and did not receive

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the common attention due to his Station - but from my knowledge, and the rather intimate acquaintance with which Sir B. Gore has honored me for ten years past, I can assure you that the Prince will find him a very sensible, clear-headed man of Business - with the very purest principles - He is thought to be a high, proud man, and probably he has shown a little of it to the present people in power - but we saw nothing of it in the Duke of Bedford's Administration -

perhaps I ought also to mention that he did not go to Court last year when in England, and also in Parliament, -

I believe he had some reason to look to upon the last Vacancy, and thought himself not well treated by Ministry -

It is essential to the Comfort of the
Prince's Government, as it is to the
Interests of the Church, that a good
understanding should be preserved,
and I am persuaded His Grace
will return to Ireland highly gratified
by his Reception at Carleton House

~~and~~ that my motive in
giving you this trouble, renders
any apology unnecessary,
believe me, my Dear Colonel,
your very faithful & obed^t

W. Linnick

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Colonel St. Mahon