

St Philip Francis to Col. McMahon AA

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My dear Friend.

Tho' I should be as happy as ever to see you now and then, I do not trouble with my visits, for reasons, for which I am sure you will give me credit. Indeed my own limping State makes me incapable of any exertion. The object I am going to recommend to your Attention will not give you much disturbance, if you will only have the Goodness to bear it in mind. A project for making a Canal, on the North Side of the Town, is now on foot. The Undertakers, for the honour of the Name, but much more to get favour & Protection, are pleased to call it the Regent's Canal. Now this Canal is intended to cut directly thro' the Estate of our friend

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Harry Eyre's ~~Contract~~, and will do him
a most essential Injury. his Trustees
are now in Treaty to let the very
ground, which they want to cut
thro', on building Leases. The
value of it of course would be
reduced to very little; nor is it possible
to give him a Compensation at
all proportioned to his Loss.
What I have to intreat of you is
that you will, if you find that
attempts are made to prejudice
His Royal Highness's Mind in
favour of the Canal, give us your
Assistance, by explaining the Case to
Him, so far forth at least, that
his Name or Authority may not
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be allowed to act against ^{us}, and that
the parties maybe left to fight it
out on the Strength of their respective
interests in the Case, and the merit
of the question.

Yours ever & most
Sincerely Philip Francis:

"Donot give Yourself the trouble to
write; only keep the thing in
your memory."

The Duke of Devonshire
23 Jan 1892