

The Duke of Norfolk

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Sir

Norfolk House Feb. 17th 1842

Permit me, Sir, with humble Duty & respect to express how highly gratifying I feel your Highness's condescension in directing Col. Macmahon to communicate to me what had passed with Lords Grenville & Grenville, in imparting your sentiments to them through the medium of his Highness the Duke of York — and deeply to regret that your Highness wishes to form a vigorous Government on a broad & liberal basis, should (at least for the present moment) be checked & frustrated.

I should be wanting in sincerity, if I did not say I concurred in their opinion on the question of concession to the Catholics of Ireland & the danger of delay.

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Engrafting on the oath of Allegiance, a test of
Security to the established Church, I hold it a
measure, of justice, of right & even of safety
to the Empire.

In this opinion I have thought myself
sanctioned by that of yr R^{ty} Highness, & am sure
of that of Lord Maria, to whom I have ~~been~~ ^{been} ~~an~~ ^{an} ~~ably~~
looked since the death of Mr Fox, as a man
of the most elevated sentiments of virtue
& of Honour & possessing a heart of the
warmest attachment to yr R^{ty} Highness.

Permit me to call your attention to the feeling
of the Irish Catholics, who to a man believe
they have your friendship to their claims,
& in the eagerness of their hopes, believe
they have your assured protection.

Should the inveterate enemy of this country
be able to incite a commotion in the moment
of ~~disunion~~ ^{disunion}, I have no doubt but
the loyalty of the more enlightened, would
be exerted against those who are left so;
I pray heaven their influence might be
successful

yr R^{ty} Highness states the question has had the
deliberate discussion of Parliament unmixed
with any other consideration.

Some persons of weight spoke in favour of
the measure & voted against it on account of
the moment. a believed influence (which perhaps
at the moment could not be avoided) guided
the votes of others
another Parliament may determine otherwise

His Majesty's natural Life may last many
years, his other Life I consider as closed forever.

I fear I am going to far - I write in
the anxiety of the moment, without consulting
or ~~communicating~~ communicating with any one

Should yr. Highness determine otherwise
I shall less regret my advanced period of
Life in withdrawing from politics, which
I never can pursue with satisfaction but
in support of your measures.

Earnestly hoping I do not incur yr. Highness
displeasure, permit me to assure you I
shall retain to the end of it, a gratefull sense
of kindness shown, & particularly for the

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Protection experienced some years past on
a trying occasion.

with duty respect & attachment
I subscribe myself

Yr faithful subject & servant

Norfolk E M

The Prince Regent

