

Lord Moria

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My Dear Friend

Ingratious as is the
Office of ushering disagreeable information
to a reluctant ear, I meant to have imposed
upon you the task of representing to the
Prince the importance of his conversing
with the Knight of Kerry. The latter, just
arrived from Ireland, came to me yesterday.
The details which he gave of matters

brought within his knowledge by his confidential
 intercourse with the Catholics had he
 think it essential for him to offer a simi-
 -lar statement to the Prince. Because,
 altho' I had portrayed Vanger as His
 Royal Highness, I found I had not suffi-
 -ciently rated either their magnitude or
 their proximity. I, therefore, told his High-
 -ness that I should submit you to

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bring about an audience for him. His an-
-swer to a note of mine will show the
objections which have since occurred
to him. I feel them force: yet I cannot
reconcile it to myself to forbear im-
-parting to you the quality of that
which he is competent to communi-
-cate. Perhaps your best procedure
will be to mention before the Prince

that the Knight of Kerry is arrived &
that he contemplates the state of affairs
in Ireland as more immediately formidable
than I had considered it. Should the oc-
-casion excite the Curiosity of the Prince
he would probably demand the attendance
of Mr Pitt-Rivers & might give the subject
more serious attention than if ^{it} were in
a manner forced upon him.

I also enclose to you, in perfect

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confidence, a letter from D. Herbert. Fear-
-ing that his father, out of an erroneous
notion of attention to me, might advise
him to quit his station in the Prince's
Household, I wrote most anxiously to him
that he would consider his situation as
purely military & not take a step which
gave the presumption of any change in
our devotion to the Prince. I shall write
again today to combat his resolution, &

I entreat you to keep back his resignation
in case he may have sent it to you. I
trust you with his letter nearly that you
may see there was no objection in his
indicated procedure.

Faithfully yours
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Charles W. Harris
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