

Duke of Northumberland to Col. Keekahon
A. A. No. 31

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Albion Castle 14th March 1812

My Dear Colonel.

It is impossible for me to express the pleasure I felt at the receipt of your last letter. The Prince Regent has in the most magnificent, as well as concise manner, relieved you from any disappointment you might feel, in consequence of the late Decision of the House of Commons, and the continuance of 800 £ p^a. any of your intended Persian, to Mr MacMahon, should she survive you, at the same time that it marks H. R. H.'s generous attention to the feelings of an Old & most faithful Servant, removes from your mind every uneasy thought with respect to her in future, & will render the remainder of your days tranquil, and happy. If I might presume to suggest any thing to you, my Dear Colonel, on this occasion, it would be, as the two appointments the P. R. seems to confer upon you will bring you 3,000 £ p^a. and as this Income is nearly secured to you by the Persian, which is to take place, should you lose either of these places, for you to request the P. R. to permit you, for the present, to decline the Honour He intends you of naming you one of the Privy Council, & rather to keep this in Reserve, as a further mark of His approbation of your Services upon some future Occasion. Every body I am sure must highly approve of the Rewards which H. R. H. is granting to your long, tried, and most faithful Services; but I fear, this last intended Honour, added to the rest, will raise you up many enemies; & as it is a mere Decree, I should be sorry if it occasioned the smallest wish of adding any alloy to the universal Satisfaction which the Colonel MacMahon -

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other parts of H: R: H: 's Goodness to you cannot fail to occasion
 I am perfectly convinced that the Office of Private Secretary
 to the Sovereign cannot be held with a Seat in Parliament, and
 that on your accepting it, you must give up your Seat. But I am
 certain you know my regard for you too well, to imagine that I can
 allow such a personal Consideration to myself, to stand in the way
 of H: R: H: 's intended Rewards for your Services. I have never allowed
 such Considerations to ~~stand~~ interfere with your Elections, & Re-elections
 when they can be beneficial to you. I own Dr. Crespigny's letter, which
 I return you herewith, I think he clearly consents to select you again
 And for he may consent to take Dr. Jarrold in your Place, I cannot
 tell, for this Parliament, when the Agreement ceases. The Agreement
 of this however I must leave to you, & Dr. Crespigny to settle.
 I beg H: R: H: to be assured at all Events, that I shall have great
 Pleasure in Dr. Jarrold occupying your Seat, if Dr. Crespigny will
 consent to it; and this must be as a personal Compliment to the
 Prince; as otherwise Dr. Airey, for a time, I have been endeavouring to
 procure a Seat, during the whole of this Parliament, might justly be
 disappointed. This being a personal Compliment to the Prince
 will remove the Difficulty.

I shall be very anxious till I hear from you how this
 matter is settled, and whether Dr. Jarrold is accepted. And I hope likewise

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to receive from you, my Dear Colonel, some information, relative to the
Question I asked you in my last, about a certain Noble Lord abroad.
Present of Duty to the P. R. and I hope H. G. H. that I shall feel
a singular Satisfaction in gratifying his Wishes, by the introduction
of Mr. Garrow into Parliament, and that altho' some of those who
H. G. H. formerly honoured with his Countenance, have not seen
him the most gratefull Return for such a distinguished Honour,
He may rely on my constant attachment to His Person, and Zeal
for his Service.

We all write in the best of wishes, to you, & I'm sure
I believe we
Your ever faithful Friend
Northumberland.

If out of Parliament, pray continue to communicate with Lord
Derry, as it is C. H.; and ask the Minister, whose wishes I am
anxious he should follow.

Duke of Northumberland
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